

THE PARISH OF
ST TERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS
ROCHFORD & ST PIUS X HOCKLEY

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18th Sunday of the Year

My dear people,

Many of us have now enjoyed one of the new generation of 3D films such as *Up*, *Piranha*, or *Toy Story 3*. They are so realistic that it is easy to forget you are simply in the dark watching a movie. Many of the pagan beliefs contemporary with the Letter to the Hebrews were based on the experience of exciting rituals conducted in darkness or by fire or water, even on hill tops in the midst of storms! The experience of these rituals must have made a very deep impression on the believers, and appeared to confirm the bogus beliefs they were taught. Today's second reading explains that faith in Jesus is based on truth, not on the experience of the senses because they can be so very misleading; like 3D films they are only imagination.

The Christian faith is grounded in a deeper experience of God which we know in quiet prayer and contemplation, in celebrating the Sacraments, and in faithful response to his call to holiness. This September we will be greatly blessed by the Pope's visit. This time of blessing should stir us to greater efforts to grow in faith, but we won't grow unless we give God the time to love us into holiness. We have many opportunities in our parish to help us in our journey of faith besides the faithful celebration of the Mass - our monthly celebrations of Mass or Benediction by candlelight at St Teresa's offer a beautiful time of quiet with the Lord. From this September we will also be able to spend a quiet hour at St Pius X, with Exposition and Benediction after the Thursday Mass once a month. Having trouble reading your Bible? This great treasure of the Church draws us ever deeper into the heart of God, so we are pleased to be able to begin a new course in Bible reading and study. Learning more about our faith helps us to understand more fully the mind and heart of God, and also helps us to teach and guide others in the faith. This year we have the great opportunity to learn with the people of Ss Peter & Paul Hockley; as they continue their exciting journey towards full communion with the Catholic Church, they will need our help and guidance, so taking part in this year's RCIA will be a valuable time of growth for us as well.

I hope and pray that this coming year will see all of us growing together in holiness and faith.

With every blessing,

Fr Gerry

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just one world

There will be a second collection at all the Masses this weekend for the Pakistan Disaster Emergency Fund.



We welcome Harry Walton, Masie and Dexter Legon, and Henry Hollings into the family of God's Church as they are Baptised this Sunday.



The Legion of Mary: working and praying for the Kingdom of God in our Parish. Everyone is most welcome to the 5.30pm meeting on Mondays in the Parish Centre - new members are always welcome.



Benediction by Candlelight - Wednesday 1 September 8-9pm.

Come and pray in the quiet presence of the Lord Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament.



Confessions 10.30-11am St Pius X Hockley - 'for all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.' Come and be reconciled to the Lord.



The Essex Recusant Society meets on Saturday, 4th September 2010 at 2.30 p.m. at The Grange, 93, Queens Road, Brentwood. Sr. Dominic Savio Hamer CP, a Passionist Sister and historian, will speak about, 'Elizabeth

Prout: An English Foundress'. For further information please contact the Secretary, Miss Isobel Parks on 01268 289678.



G.A.L.s. (Girls & Ladies) Monday, 6th September, 7.30 p.m. in St. Teresa's Parish Centre: Roger Buxton shares his experiences as

a journalist with BBC Essex. The evening is

open to **everyone**. The £1 entrance fee, (£2 non members) will be donated to his Charity, Canvey Island Disabled Sports Club. A coffee morning at St Teresa's will be held after the 10 O'clock Mass on Sunday, 5th September to support this charity and raise awareness of G.A.Ls. Maureen 01702 201688



Catholicism for the Curious - Tuesday 7 September 2-3pm. meets in St Teresa's Narthex (Porch) for tea, coffee, biscuits

and discussion about faith. To find out more, just come along! All welcome, especially children!



Baby & Toddler Group: Wednesday 10.00am -12 noon Meeting every week during term time in the Parish Centre. With toys for babies and toddlers, and refreshment for the grown-ups. This follows a short (15 Minutes) Mass in church at 9.20 which is very child - friendly! All carers are welcome. Contact: Sandra Stillwell 258929, Sarah Gilbert 530254, or Jenna Hinton 542036 for further information.



St. George's Catholic Primary School, Shoeburyness will be celebrating their 40th Anniversary on Wednesday 8th September.

They would like to invite all ex-teachers, Head Teachers and governors to join them

for Mass at 1.30pm on the day. Please contact the school on 01702 293522 if you are able to attend.

The Commission for Justice & Social Responsibility will be hosting an event in the Conference Hall, Cathedral House, Brentwood on Saturday, 9th October, 10am - 3pm, on Marriage and Family Life - everyone is welcome. More information regarding the format of the day will be available soon but, in the meantime, please make a note of this date in your diary.

Ride & Stride 11th September

The annual sponsored Ride & Stride is the main fund-raiser for the Friends of Essex Churches Trust. Half of the money raised goes to the church or chapel of your choice, and the other half is credited to the FECT grants fund. Ride & Stride Day is a special Open Day for churches throughout Essex and East London: it is a wonderful way to visit churches which might otherwise be closed and the event usually coincides with Heritage Open Days. Sponsorship forms can be had from Fr Gerry or David Whines.

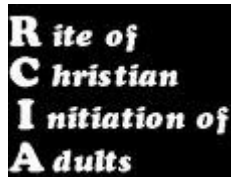


Deanery Mass - Monday 13th September 2010 -

4.15 pm. Any parishioners who work in Education are invited to the Deanery Mass at St Bernard's High School and Arts College, Milton Road, Westcliff on

Sea, on . We shall also be pleased if, following the mass, you would be able to join us

for refreshments. Please note there are no parking facilities within the school site so visitors need to allow time to find a parking space in the roads in the vicinity of the school.



RCIA. Begins on **Tuesday 1st September 7.30pm at Kilnfield House**, Foundry Business Park, Station Approach, Hockley, SS5

4TW (Just by Hockley Station), and will continue most Tuesday's in term time until Easter. If you would like to come to these sessions to find out more about the Catholic faith (with no obligation!), please see Fr Gerry after Mass or get in touch with him through the week.

Taking part in this year's RCIA will be a valuable time of growth for us all. Learning more about our faith helps us to understand more fully the mind and heart of God, and also helps us to teach and guide others in the faith. This year the people of the Church of England parish of Ss Peter & Paul Hockley will be joining us. As they continue their exciting journey towards full communion with the Catholic Church, they will be sharing fully in our RCIA programme this year. *It is therefore very important* that as many of us as possible come and join in RCIA. Please make ever effort to come to as many sessions as possible to support our friends at Ss Peter & Paul.

Offering	1st Collection
	for 15th Aug
Total	was £877.71
	1st Collection
	for 22nd Aug
	was £840.03. Our Parish needs
	£1620 per week to break even.



Exposition & Benediction - after the usual 10.00am Mass on **Thursday 23 September 10.30-11.30am**. Stay and pray, or come along for a few minutes' quiet in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

and Tuesday's Mass will move to 9.20am at St Teresa's. All other Masses remain the same.

Greetings from Osizweni!

Notices



Notices should be sent to Fr Gerry by Thursday morning for inclusion in the bulletin the following Sunday.



Fr Gerry has been asked to take a group of very sick pilgrims to Lourdes on the Jumbulance from 9 -19 September this year. If you would like him to

take your prayers to Our Lady of Lourdes as well, please take an envelope from the back of Church. Your prayers will be offered at the Masses in Lourdes and at the Shrine Prayers.

Dear Fr. Gerry

last week the last three parish priests of Osizweni were together celebrating with the people from the left see the photo: Rocco, Tarcisio and José. I would be very pleased if you could remind your people that Osizweni (near Madadeni-Newcastle) is your twin parish. It would be good for us to have joint prayer intentions, e.g. this month for vocations.

blessings

Fr. Rocco Marra

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You will be sorry to hear of the death of John Warren, of Waxwell Rd, Hullbridge in 5 August. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

St Teresa's visiting group go out to visit parishioners in their own homes. If anyone knows of somebody who would like a visit from members of the group, please inform Carol Wilson tel 01702 545781.



Changes to the weekday Masses Please note that when Father returns from Lourdes on 20th September, his day off will revert to Friday to allow him to attend Legion of Mary Meetings more regularly. This means that there will not normally be a Mass on Friday.

Monday's Mass will be at 7.30pm at St Teresa's,

CAFOD Volunteers wanted! Join our team of fully trained School Volunteers and help children and young people become aware of poverty and injustice, and how they can create a fairer world. Experience in school not essential but may help. Are you interested in Media and can spare a few hours a month to help promote CAFOD in local newspapers? We need you too! Training and support for both roles given. Contact the office: brentwood@cafod.org.uk or call us on 0208 502 9722 for more details.

Pilgrimage to Fatima 10-15 May 2011

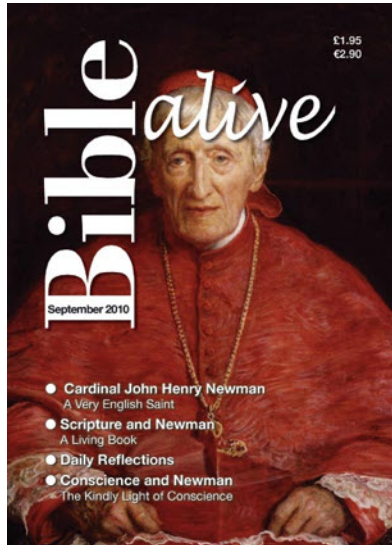


5 Nights' Full Board at Casa Beato Nuno in Fatima

- Flight from Stansted to Porto
- Airport transfer from Porto to Fatima
- 5 nights full board accommodation in Fatima (continental breakfast in Beato Nuno)
- Full mass itinerary.
- Guided tour of the Sanctuary of Fatima with local guide.
- Guided tour to Aljustrel and the Stations of the cross with coach and local guide
- Return flight from Porto to Stansted.

Price per person in a twin share approx £ 515.00
Single Supplement approx £ 15.00 per night

See Fr Gerry for full details
Savings club available



Out today! Get your copy
NOW!

PAPAL VISIT



The Handbook for the Papal Visit is being distributed throughout England, Scotland and Wales over the coming weekends. For those attending a Papal Mass or the Hyde Park Vigil, please do make sure you take a copy. Although there are not copies for everyone, there are enough for one per family or household. We invite you to make a donation towards the Handbook if you are able. £2-00 per copy would help to cover the costs. Please use the Handbook when following the Pope's visit on television or the internet.

Prayer of Preparation for the Visit of Pope Benedict XVI

God of truth and love,
your Son, Jesus Christ, stands as the light
to all who seek you with a sincere heart.

As we strive with your grace
to be faithful in word and deed,
may we reflect the kindly light of Christ
and offer a witness of hope and peace to all.

We pray for Pope Benedict
and look forward with joy
to his forthcoming visit to our countries.
May he be a witness to the unity and hope
which is your will for all people.

We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Our Lady, Mother of the Church
- pray for us.
St Andrew - pray for us.
St George - pray for us.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat	28	5.30pm		Patrick Reilly RIP
Sun	29	9.00am S Pius X	Twentysecond Sunday of the Year	The People of the Parish
		10.30am		
Mon	30	No Mass Today		
Tues	31	7.30pm		
Weds	1	9.20am	St Sebbi King of the East Saxons	
Thurs	2	10.00am S Pius X		Noel Lennon RIP
Fri	3	9.20am	St Gregory the Great, Pope & Teacher of the Faith	
Sat	4	9.30am		
		5.30pm		
Sun	5	9.00am S Pius X	Twentythird Sunday of the Year	
		10.30am		The People of the Parish

PARISH PRAYER

Heavenly Father, send out your light and your truth.
 Open our eyes to the opportunities you give us;
 Open our ears to hear your call;
 Open our hearts to your love, That we may serve you
 And bring others to your light, Through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Our Armed Forces serving abroad.

Our Children beginning the new School Year.

Those who live in Southview Road, Ulverston Road, The Avenue, and Westbourne Close.

The people of St. Thomas of Canterbury CofE, and Rev'd Harvey Reed their minister.

The Sick: Dee Fage, Vicky Fage, Joseph Merceica, Lisa Hughes, Constance Longman, John Quinn, Joyce Hall, Len Smith, Mary Plews, Dexter Jackson, Yvette Grimes, James Robinson, Sianne Robinson, Claire Dean, Samantha Robinson, Collette Hague, Margaret Hennessy, Sarah Fisher, Delia

Cheek, William McArthur, Gail Airey, Joan Hauser, Antoinette Cane, Christopher Carr, Sarah Knight, Ross Giza, Oliver Kelly, Lucy Fuller, Harry Clark, Marie Barrett, Drummond & Helen Clapp, Chris Sheehan, Jim Bourne, Shirley Kennenson, Gareth Lewis, Mark Reilly, Bartly Igoe, Dexter Govia, Michael King, Elizabeth Reilly, Marjorie Jay, Cassie & Christine Thompson, Ciaran Freel, Angele DeCan, Paul Clarke, Ken Cropley, Louise Knight, Ann Moore, Tony Micallef, Maud Livett, and all who are sick.

All the Departed, and in particular: Patrick Reilly, Norah Bailham, Vic Gooding, Aoife Treacy, Bartholomew Buckley, John Graham, Veronica McKinney, Fr Pat Cavanagh, Eleanor Spiers, Luke Kavanagh, and all whose anniversaries fall at this time.