

A warm welcome to  
 THE PARISH OF ST TERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS  
 ROCHFORD & ST PIUS X HOCKLEY

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that when with delight and tenderness a married couple know each other in love, they strengthen the union of their hearts and lives. Through their daily living, faithful married couples become more holy as they reveal the love of God to one another and to all of us. Today we invite all married couples to renew the vows they made on their wedding day, and to give thanks to God for his presence in their lives.

A very warm welcome to you all as we celebrate Valentine's Day. As our thoughts turn in thankfulness to God for the witness of faithful Married couples, we pray for engaged couples and those embarking on the adventure of love. We pray also of those who, for whatever reason, have borne the sorrow of separation or divorce. The Church teaches us



FOR YOUR PRAYERS

The Sick: Zita Killick, Ross Giza, Tim McGeehan, David Ward, Madeleine Edery, Oliver Kelly, Lucy Fuller, Laura Munden, Harry Clark, Terry & Marie Barrett, Vicki Fage, Daphne Lamb, Jackie Gravestock, Fr William Newton, Drummond & Helen Clapp, Chris Sheehan, Jim Bourne, Shirley Kennenson, Siobhan Taylor, Gareth Lewis, Mark Reilly, Bartly Igoe, Sam Robinson, Collette Hague, Amanda Walsh, Michael King, Elizabeth Reilly, Johanna Packer, Sylvia Carter, Linda Rowland, Sarah Flint, Marylin Friend, Cyril Hall, Marjorie Jay,

Cassie Thompson, Ciaran Freel, Liam O'Conner, Angele DeCan, Ann Francis, Paul Clarke, Maria McFairbairn, Ken Cropley, Dee Fage, Louise Knight, Mary Purcell, Ann Moore, Tony Micallef, Maud Livett, and all who are sick.

The Departed: Ernest Maskell, Martin Barry, Siobhan Phillips, Jim Wise, John Joseph Collins, Alan Churchley, Peter Jay, Kathleen Mahon, Walter T Colvill, and all whose years' mind fall this week.

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. Amen.



PARISH DIARY

Strands Youth Group will not be open tonight, 15th February, but will be open as usual on 22nd February from 7pm until 9pm.

Fr Gerry will be away Monday - Friday this coming week with family

Baby & Toddler Group meets next on Wednesday 25th 10am to 12pm: in the Parish Centre; everyone very welcome.

RCIA meets next on Wednesday 25th at 8.00pm Come and share your faith and learn more about it yourself!

LET THE CHILDREN LIVE!

Pancake Race on Sunday, 22nd February, at approx. 11.50, with refreshments in the Parish Centre. £5 entry fee for team of 4 (adults and/or children). Pancakes supplied. Please sign up after Mass on the poster in the porch. Also Raffle Prize: Environmentally Friendly Shopping Bag and contents To be drawn on Pancake Race Day 22nd February 2009 Tickets on sale after 10-30am and 5-30 pm masses From 7th February 2009.

Our next **confirmation** meeting is on Sunday 1st March after 10.30 Mass. Please also add to your date list for events Sunday 15th March. This is an event at Brentwood Cathedral and is an important part of the programme. There will be Mass but we are not

sure about the timings yet, so please keep from 2 O'Clock in the afternoon free.

Any questions please contact Una on 07950-823058.

**GALS** (Girls & Ladies) The next meeting is Monday, 2nd March, Flower Arrangement by Shirley Perkins. Look forward to seeing everyone then. Maureen 01702 201688

**Mens Group** Following the successful launch of GALS (Girls and Ladies Group), a number of men have asked if they can have their own. There will be an opening meeting at The White Hart Public House, White Hart Road, Hockley, at 8.30pm on Tuesday 3 March.

6 March 2009 at 10.30am **Women's World Day of Prayer**; theme: In Christ There Are Many Members Yet One Body. A Service prepared by Christian Women of Papua New Guinea, Speaker: our very own Christine Thompson! at St Pius X Catholic Church. Friday followed by refreshments. All Welcome, Men Women and Young People

**ATHEISM IN BRITAIN TODAY.** Dr Tina Beattie, professor of Catholic Studies at Roehampton University, and prolific writer and broadcaster, will be talking about 'the New Atheists', who have become so vociferous in modern British society, on Saturday 7th March from 10.30 to 3 p.m. at Brentwood Cathedral Hall. Dr Beattie will explore what they say and reveal how the faith they reject is not the faith

we believe in. Book your place for this free event (sandwich lunch and refreshments provided) by e-mail to [cef@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:cef@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or telephone 01277 265289.

In your 30s? There is a group for Catholics your age from parishes around London and the South East. 'The 30s' organise a variety of social, spiritual and Charitable events as well as weekends away, holidays, Pilgrimages and retreats. If you would like to receive our programme and get involved please email [hugh@project2030.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:hugh@project2030.fsnet.co.uk), text Clare on 07530 926497 or visit [www.project2030.org.uk](http://www.project2030.org.uk).



1st Collection for 8th Feb was £984.88.

2nd Collection for Catholic Education service raised £49.80

Our parish costs approximately £1800 each week to run. Thank you all for your continued generosity.

Save money on your utility bills and support the Parish! The Utility Warehouse pay us a one off fee for everyone who joins, plus up to 5% of your monthly bill every month that you are a member. We now have our own page on their website: you can find out more information and sign up at [www.telecomplus.org.uk/B51428](http://www.telecomplus.org.uk/B51428), or follow the link from our website: [www.rcrochford.org](http://www.rcrochford.org), or you can join by Tel. 0800 1313000 Ref. B51428

We are now collecting ink and toner cartridges for recycling. There will be bins at the back of church for your empties, so don't forget to bring them along and help us raise a few pounds in the process!

CHURCH SHOP, 222 Leigh Road, Leigh- Please remember the shop for all your cards, gifts (including Classical CDs) etc. We need your support during these difficult months so please don't forget us. WE ALSO NEED MORE VOLUNTARY STAFF-We have a vacancy on Friday morning 9.45-1.00 and the first Saturday of the month 9.30 - 1.00. Please contact the shop on 01702 710409, leave your details and we will contact you.

**Missing Altar Cloth Shock!**

We have lost two altar cloths, one is a flat sheet and the other rather like a fitted single sheet but without elasticated corners. If you have very kindly taken cloths home to wash in the past, please could you check your linen. Thank you very much.

**Altar Linen Raffle**

The altar linen at St Teresa's is now very old and therefore there will be a raffle held for the cloth. Tickets and a display of the many exciting prizes are at the back of the church. Please be generous.

It is with great sorrow that we have to announce the death of the sound system at St Pius X. After a long life of service, the amplifier has died following a short illness. It is very important that everyone can hear services clearly and there are a number of people who I know are finding it difficult while we do not have any amplifier. It will cost around £400 to replace with a modern and more appropriate system. Donations or fund raising events for this project would be very much appreciated. Please speak to Fr Gerry for further details.

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

Sat	14	5.30pm	Sixth	The People of the Parish	
Sun	15	9.00am At S Pius X	Sunday of	Martin Barry RIP	M&S S
		10.30am	The Year	Fr John Gordon RIP	FM
Mon	16	No Mass Today			
Tues	17	No Mass Today			
Weds	18	No Mass Today			
Thurs	19	10.00am At S Pius X	Eucharistic Service		
Fri	20	No Mass Today			
Sat	21	No Mass this morning			
		5.30pm	Seventh	Clara Buck RIP	
Sun	22	9.00am At S Pius X	Sunday of	The People of the Parish	
		10.30am	The Year	Silvy Childs RIP	

**Catholic Deanery of Southend-on-Sea**  
**EVENINGS OF RECOLLECTION FOR LENT 2009**  
 at Nazareth House, London Road, Southend SS1 1PP  
**based on the Seven Last Words of Our Lord on the Cross**

Each evening begins at 8.00pm and includes a talk/meditation followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Compline Night Prayer and Benediction. Priests will be available for Confession, bookstall and refreshments afterwards in the hall.

Wednesday 4th March: It is accomplished; Father into your hands I commend my spirit  
*Mr Mark Lambert (Parish Catechist, theology student at Maryvale Institute, Husband & Father of four)*

Wednesday 11th March: Father, forgive them; today you will be with me in Paradise  
*Fr Paul Keane (Assistant, Brentwood Cathedral)*

Wednesday 18th March: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me; I thirst  
*Fr Graham Smith (Parish Priest of Shoeburyness)*

Wednesday 25th March: Behold your Mother; Mother, behold your son  
*Fr Hugh Allan OPraem (Prior & Parish Priest of Our Lady Immaculate, Chelmsford)*