

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

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23rd Sunday of the Year

My dear people,

Professor Stephen Hawking is without doubt a remarkable mathematician and thinker, but he is no theologian. In his latest book to be published on 9th September, he confidently asserts that 'God did not create the universe' because the law of gravity means that the universe 'can and will create itself from nothing'. He also suggests that philosophy as a science is dead. Our first question is: 'Why are the laws of physics the way they are, such that they produce a self-creating universe?' Hawking says that science suggests there may be an infinite number of universes with different laws of physics operating in them. But all he has done is answer the question 'How', not the question 'Why'. This is a philosophical, theological question, not a scientific one; science is not equipped to answer it any more than theology is equipped to answer scientific questions.

Science can never answer the question 'Why?' because 'why' implies a motive - 'why did the chicken cross the road?' Science can only tell us how - walking, flying, helicopter, tunnel, but never why - to get to the other side.

The opening line of our first reading this week leads us straight into these deep waters: 'What man can know the intentions of God?' Certainly not the man who elevates human wisdom to the status of a god. Those who invite the Holy Spirit to teach them true wisdom, and who approach the Lord humbly in prayer and sacrament will learn the mind of God, and discover the answer to the question 'Why?'

Albert Einstein wrote that 'Science without religion is lame, religion without science is blind.' (Science, Philosophy and Religion: a Symposium, 1941) each needs the other to form a balanced view of the world and our place in it. Science reveals the universe in all its wonder and grandeur, and in doing so reveals the hand of the Creator who has loved us and the world into being and who continues to sustain us from second to second.

With every blessing,

Fr Gerry



We extend our heartiest congratulations to Matthew and Pat Schembri as they celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary and Mal & Siobhan Smith as they celebrate their 50th wedding Anniversary next week.



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.



G.A.Ls. (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 10.30 Mass on Sunday, 5th September to support this charity and raise awareness of G.A.Ls. Maureen 01702 201688



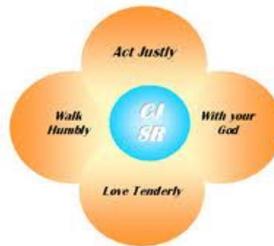
Catholicism for the Curious - Tuesday 7 September 2-3pm. meets in St Teresa's Narthex (Porch) for tea, coffee, biscuits and discussion about faith. To find out more, just come along! All welcome, especially children!



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.



Hockley Residents meeting on Friday 10 September at 8pm at Kilnfield House (by Hockley station) when Mark Francois MP can hear residents' and traders' concern about Hockley Area Action Plan and local redevelopment schemes.



Fosts Boot Sale - Saturday 11th September 10 am - 1 pm - Refreshments available. To book call Sue Childs on 0759 8580118

Cars £6
Small Vans £8
Large Vans £10

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.



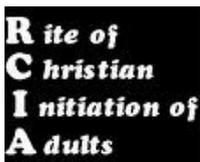
Legion of Mary - September Function The Rayleigh Legion of Mary has invited members of Rochford and Hockley Legion to join them in this year's function which will be held in the Bethany Room on **Sunday afternoon on 12th**

September. All Auxiliary and Junior members are invited, or anyone interested in the Legion of Mary. For more information contact Olive - 2540418 or Clare - 200353.



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

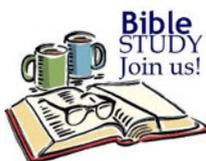
Sea, on . We shall also be pleased if, following the mass, you would be able to join us for refreshments.



RCIA. Begins on **Tuesday 21st September 7.30pm at Kilfield House, Foundry Business Park, Station Approach, Hockley, SS5**

4TW (Just by Hockley Station), and will continue on Tuesdays 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.

This year our friends at Ss Peter & Paul Hockley will be sharing in our RCIA programme as they continue their exciting journey towards the Ordinariate and full communion with the Catholic Church. *It is therefore very important* that as many of us as possible make every effort to come along.



Wednesday 23rd 8.00pm Bible Study in St Teresa's Narthex (Porch). By popular demand, Fr Gerry will be leading a monthly Bible

Study course to help you drink more deeply from the fountain of Holy Scripture. Come, taste and see that the Lord is good! And so are the refreshments!



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.

The Commission for Justice & Social Responsibility (CJSR) will be holding their Annual Conference on **Saturday, 25th September** in the Cathedral Halls, Brentwood from 10am – 1pm. The keynote speaker is Fr Nicholas King, SJ whose talk will focus on Matthew 25:vs 35-37 and how this relates to the two main areas of CJSR's work: Marriage & Family Life and Social Justice. For more information please contact CJSR on 01277 265290. Everyone is welcome.



Our celebration of **Harvest will be over the weekend of 25 & 26th September**, and children from St Teresa's School will be helping

to lead our worship. The harvest gifts will be sold to raise money for Cafod's Pakistan Emergency Appeal, and there will be a second collection for this cause as well. Please make sure you come well prepared!

Eucharistic

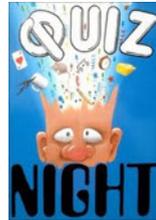


Minister

Eucharistic Ministers meet at 8.00pm on Tuesday 28th in St Teresa's Church. This is to help us get to know one another better, and to organise Sick Communion visits

and training. It is very important that you attend whether you are a new or an experienced Eucharistic Minister. There will be re-

freshments. Fr Gerry will need to know if you cannot attend.



St Teresa's Day celebrations! Parish Quiz Night on **Saturday 2nd October at 7.30** in the Parish Centre. £4.00 per person. Raffle and Prizes! Bring your own refreshments.

Notices

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



Chris Bryant, a Labour MP, plans to introduce a ten-minute rule bill to make sex education compulsory in schools. The proposal will be debated on 8th Sep-

tember. While this bill has little chance of success it is still vital that we do not sit back and do nothing. For more details about this bill see; <http://spuc-director.blogspot.com/2010/08/labour-mp-plans-renewed-assault-on-our.html> There will be a National Day of Prayer & Fasting on 7th September, Vigil of Our Lady's Birthday for the defeat of this bill and the end of abortion and euthanasia. Please let others know about this, as it is short notice.



Fr Gerry is taking a group of very sick pilgrims to Lourdes on the Jumbulance from 9 -19 September. **If you would like**

him to take your prayers to Our Lady of Lourdes as well, please fill in an envelope at

Altar Servers next week:

Saturday 11th September

Sunday 12th September 2010

MC	Dean
Crucifer	Alice
Thurifier	Charlotte H
Boat	
Acolytes	Val, Danielle H

Saturday 18th September: 5:30pm

Sunday 19th September: 10:30am

MC	Alice
Crucifer	Rebecca S
Thurifier	James
Boat	Dean
Acolytes	Charlotte H, Danielle H, Brandon, Val

Any questions please contact Debbie on 07549 529643

the back of Church and place your offering inside. Your prayers will be offered at the Masses in Lourdes and at the Shrine Prayers.



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

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 call 01702 545781.

PAPAL VISIT



The Handbook for the Papal Visit is now being distributed. For those attending a Papal Mass or the Hyde Park Vigil, please do make sure you take a copy. There are enough for one per family. We invite you to make a donation towards the Handbook.

Prayer of Preparation for the Visit

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.
- St David - pray for us



If you have a red APF Missio box can you please bring it to church for emptying and returning? Thank you.

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.

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- **Conscience and Newman**
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Offering 1st Collection
for 15th Aug
was £877.71

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

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Our Armed Forces serving abroad.

Our Children beginning the new School, College or University Year.

Those who live in Sovereign Close, Union Lane, The Boulevard, and Westbury Lane.

The people of Hockley Methodist Church and Rev Brenda Gutberlet their minister.

The Sick: Bridie Mullany, Betty Allen, C1 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, Drum-

mond & 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, Rosa Coleman, Peter Connor, Derrick Crisp, Ann Carter, Gabrielle Whines, Sylvia Yeadell, William Catling, Douglas Gullick, Mary Pike, Catherine Whittlesey, Fred Whittlesey, Ernie Greenburgh, Niall McNamee, George Hanagan, Anny Kuchly, James McKinney, Eileen Smith, and all whose anniversaries fall at this time.

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

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.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat	4	5.30pm		Mary Cooney RIP
Sun	5	9.00am S Pius X	Twenty third Sunday of the Year	John Warren RIP
		10.30am		People of the Parish
Mon	6	No Mass Today		
Tues	7	7.30pm		John Warren RIP
Weds	8	9.20am	The Birthday of Our Lady	
Thurs	9	10.00am S Pius X		Josephine Micallef RIP
		2.00pm	Votive of Our Lady of Lourdes	
Fri	10	No Mass Today		
Sat	11	No Mass Today		
		5.30pm	Twenty fourth Sunday of the Year	People of the Parish
Sun	12	9.00am S Pius X		
		10.30am		
Mon	13	7.30pm	St John Chrysostom, Bishop & Teacher of the Faith	Eucharistic Service
Tues	14	9.20am	The Exaltation of the Cross	Eucharistic Service
Weds	15	9.20am	Our Lady of Sorrows	Eucharistic Service
Thurs	16	10.00am S Pius X	Ss Cornelius, Priest & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs	Eucharistic Service
Fri	17	No Mass Today		
Sat	18	No Mass Today		
		5.30pm		
Sun	19	9.00am S Pius X	Twenty fifth Sunday of the Year (Home Mission Sunday)	People of the Parish
		10.30am		
Mon	20	7.30pm	Ss Andrew Kim Taegon & Paul Chong Hasang & Companions, Martyrs	
Tues	21	9.20am	St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist	
Weds	22	9.20am		
Thurs	23	10.00am S Pius X	St Pius of Pietrelcina, (Padre Pio), Priest	
Fri	24	No Mass Today Our Lady of Walsingham		
Sat	25	9.30am		
		5.30pm		
Sun	26	9.00am S Pius X	Twenty sixth Sunday of the Year (Our La- dy in Harvest)	
		10.30am		People of the Parish