

# The Parish of Holy Cross and St Luke's

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### Weekend Mass Times

Saturday 5.30pm, Sunday 9.00am, Sunday 11.00am

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

After Saturday 5.30pm Mass, prior to Sunday 9.00am Mass, and by appointment

### Parish Schools

Holy Cross Preschool, [Holycrosspreschool50@gmail.com](mailto:Holycrosspreschool50@gmail.com), Natalie

Holy Cross Catholic Primary Academy, 01279 424452, Headteacher: Mrs Alison Kerrell

St. Luke's Catholic Primary Academy (part of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Multi Academy Trust), 01279 423499, Executive Headteacher: Mr Ian Kendall

St. Mark's West Essex Catholic Academy, 01279 421267, Headteacher: Mr John Taylor

### Safeguarding

For any safeguarding concerns, please contact Rev. Anthony Rowley by email only (please see above).

### Hall Hire

For any enquires to hire the hall, please contact Sheila Underdown, by text only, on 07590533511

## ***Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B***

Today's Gospel reading is all about service. Jesus asks us to put others first and make ourselves servants of all. Jesus does not leave us without an example to follow; at the Last Supper, he washed the feet of the disciples, making himself their servant. On the Cross, he died in place of us all so that we could live forever. This is opposite to the

way in which the world tells us. It's about getting ahead, being the best, doing as little as possible and achieving the most money.

Does this bring us happiness? I would argue that this is not the way to happiness. Happiness comes with serving God. God calls us to do a specific task. As St. John Henry Newman said, "He has given me some specific service to do that can be done by no other." Life is about finding what God wants us to do.

May God bless you in your pilgrimage of faith.

Deacon Tony



## ***Upcoming Masses***

Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> September 2024, 5.30pm, Vigil for Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (For All Parishioners)
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2024, 9.00am, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Len Rebello RIP)
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2024, 11.00am, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Angelo Autinoro RIP)
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2024, 7.30pm, St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Tony and Bridget's Int's)
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2024, 9.00am, Our Lady of Walsingham (Vincent Diem RIP)
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2024, 2.30pm, St. Luke's Year 6 Class Mass (Teachers/Pupil's Int's)
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September 2024, 9.00am, Feria - Eucharistic Service
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September 2024, 9.00am, Feria (Vincent Huynh RIP)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2024, 8.15am, St. Vincent de Paul (Teacher's & Student's Int's) St. Mark's School - Parishioners Welcome
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> September 2024, 5.30pm, Vigil for Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vitus Vogl RIP)
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> September 2024, 9.00am, Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Jim Wall RIP)
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> September 2024, 11.00am, Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (For All Parishioners)

## ***Liturgy of the Word***

The response to the Psalm is: The Lord upholds my life.

## ***Legion of Mary***

Legion of Mary meet up every Wednesday at 10.30am. New members always welcome. For more information, please contact Steven on 07930304001.

## ***Parish Partnership SVP Group***

As a Parish Partnership, we are looking to start up an SVP group that covers the Harlow parishes. This is an important way that our ministry of helping the poor in our communities can be lived out. Please think about this, and in the Autumn, we will be having a short talk in our parishes over two weekends. Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> September and 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> October.

The initial meeting will be on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October in Our Lady of Fatima.

### ***Baptism Process***

The new process for Baptism enquiries is as follows: There will now be allocated times for you to approach Deacon Tony to enquire about baptisms and to fill out the blue form. Please can you email Deacon Tony on the email address above to inform him that you will be attending. Once these forms have been completed, you will then be asked to attend a baptism talk. Please ensure that you have your preferred dates for the baptism and all godparents' names ready by the initial meeting. This is to ensure that there is sufficient time to complete the certificate. If you have any questions regarding this, please speak to Deacon Tony.

### ***Baptism Key Dates***

Next Baptism Registration Meeting: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2024, 6pm.

Next Baptism Catechetical Talk: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024, 6pm.

### ***Hall Hiring***

Our newly refurbished Hall is now available to rent. So don't forget us when you are organising parties etc. If any of you attend 'classes' - Pilates weight watchers or similar, please can you mention our facility to the organisers as we need to find regular lets. Please contact Sheila Underdown, by text only, on 07590533511.

### ***Gift Aid Boxes***

If you have taken one of the following gift aid boxes (numbers: 54, 59, 79, 29, 67), please can you see either Daniella or Finola to fill out a form. Thank you.

### ***Parish Council Meeting***

The next meeting is on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024 at 8pm. If anyone has anything they would like to share, please write this down and give to Fr Bernard, Deacon Tony, Deacon Michael or Eamonn.