

The Parish of Holy Cross and St Luke's

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The Brentwood Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 234092

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, 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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Dear Friends,

This section is sometimes called the Sermon on the Plain as opposed to Matthew's Sermon on the Mount. Notice some of the differences in each of these episodes. Matthew says blessed are the poor in spirit, whereas Luke simply says blessed are the poor. Remember Luke has lots of stories about the honour we should place on the poor.

The widow's mite being a great example. She is honoured by Jesus not because she gave two coins, but because she gave all she had to live on. Luke is not saying that everybody who is poor will receive eternal life but those who give generously. Similarly, being hungry does not automatically fit us for heaven.

However, if we see our brother is in need and do nothing about it we too shall be condemned. Just think about Matthew's parable of the sheep and goats, the sheep who will inherit eternal life are those who fed the hungry or visited the sick or gave drink to the thirsty. The goats are the ones who ignored the plight of others and so are sent to punishment. As a parish we know how to be generous, may God bless you abundantly for this.

God bless you all.

Deacon Tony



Upcoming Masses

Saturday 15 th February 2025, 5.30pm, Vigil for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Deceased Member of Antinoro Family RIP)
Sunday 16 th February 2025, 9.00am, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (For All Parishioners)
Sunday 16 th February 2025, 11.00am, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Margaret McGuane RIP)
Monday 17 th February 2025, 7.30pm, Feria (Vincente Luan RIP)
Tuesday 18 th February 2025, 9.00am, Feria (Joseph Maria Luong RIP)
Wednesday 19 th February 2025, 9.00am, Feria - Eucharistic Service
Thursday 20 th February 2025, 9.00am, Feria (Margaret & Ray Slee RIP)
Friday 21 st February 2025, 9.00am, Feria (Baby Michael RIP)
Saturday 22 nd February 2025, 5.30pm, Vigil for the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (For All Parishioners)
Sunday 23 rd February 2025, 9.00am, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Ian Heard RIP)
Sunday 23 rd February 2025, 11.00am, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Sharon Siracusa's Int's)

Liturgy of the Word

The response to the Psalm is: *Blessed the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.*

Collections

The totals for last week are as follows:

1st Collection: N/A

2nd Collection: N/A

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.

Baptism Key Dates

Next Baptism Registration Meeting: Monday 17th February 2025, 6pm.

Next Baptism Catechetical Talk: Monday 24th February 2025, 6pm.

Confirmation Key Dates

Next Confirmation Meeting: Monday 3rd March 2025, 6pm.

Adult Confirmation

If you are an adult and have not been confirmed, we will be giving you the opportunity to be confirmed this year. You must have a Baptism certificate and have made your First Holy Communion. You will need to fill in a registration form beforehand. Please see Deacon Tony to do this. The meeting for this is on Saturday 10th May 2025, beginning at 10am and finishing at 4.30pm, with attendance at the 5.30pm Mass that evening also necessary. Please bring a packed lunch and tea and coffee will be provided. The date of the Confirmation will be on Sunday 8th June 2025 at the 11.00am Mass. Any questions regarding this, please speak to Deacon Tony.

Youth Group

The next youth group meeting will be on Friday 28th February 2025 at 6.00 - 7.30pm. Please bring £2 to cover the cost of snacks and activities. Youth Group is for children in Year 4 or above.

Tabletop Fundraiser

So far, the Tabletop Sale has raised £646.27 to go towards the parish funds. We still have some items left over so they will be available to buy this weekend only. If you took part in the raffle, please see Daniella and she will be able to let you know if you are one of the lucky winners! Finally, a big thank you to all of those that supported in some way, and continue to support the parish! 😊