

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter Year A

Dear Brothers and Sisters

Today is Vocations Sunday, we are asked to pray particularly for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. We should also include vocations to the permanent diaconate as well. This calling from God to this state of life is even more important now. We have a lot less priests and churches are closing. This means that the Gospel message will not reach those who need to hear it. Evangelisation is the key to the growth of the church. Bishop Alan reminds us often of the need to discernment. Pray and ask God for guidance, is he calling you to something special. I remember Bishop Thomas saying in a homily once, I could have done anything with my life, but there was a part of me that only God could fill and so he listened to the voice of God and became a priest.

Please think about this vocation, do not dismiss it and think I am not worthy. If you ask any ordained minister whether they are worthy, they will all give you the same answer. No, I'm not, I am certainly not worthy, but God makes me worthy. He called me for over twenty years until I stopped listening. Then he sent others to remind me that he was calling me. I could no longer say no to God and I thank him for his graces and for the privilege of being able to serve such an amazing parish.

May God bless you all abundantly, please pray for your clergy, we need your prayers and pray that God calls more people to serve him in the sacred ministry. Deacon Tony

Upcoming Masses

Saturday 25 th April 2026 5.30pm Vigil for Fourth Sunday of Easter (Marion Howard)
Sunday 26 th April 2026 9.00am Fourth Sunday of Easter (Margaret & Frank Barrett RIP)
Sunday 26 th April 2026 11.00am Fourth Sunday of Easter (For all Parishioners)
Monday 27 th April 2026 7.30pm Feria of Easter (Mary Hooker RIP)
Tuesday 28 th April 2026 9.00am Feria of Easter (Maria Luan RIP) Holy Hour
Wednesday 29 th April 2026 2.30pm Requiem Mass for Ollie McPherson
Thursday 30 th April 2026 9.00am St George (Eucharistic Service) Holy Hour
Friday 1 st May 2026 8.15am St Mark at SMS (Staff/Pupils Ints)
Saturday 2 nd May 2026 5.30pm Vigil for Fifth Sunday of Easter (For all Parishioners)
Sunday 3 rd May 2026 9.00am Fifth Sunday of Easter (Brian Newell RIP)
Sunday 3 rd May 2026 11.00am Fifth Sunday of Easter (Joseph Maria Luong RIP)

Liturgy of the Word

Response to the Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Collection: £627.17

Baptism Key Dates

Next Baptism Registration Meeting: Monday 11th May 2026, 6pm.

Next Baptism Catechetical Talk: Monday 18th May 2025, 6pm.

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.



Brentwood Diocese - Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine & Co. Mayo

Led by Bishop Alan Williams Monday 15th June 2026: Depart London Stansted 07:05 - Arrive Knock 08:30 Friday 19th June 2026

Depart Knock 09:35 - Arrive London Stansted 11:00 Monday 15th June 2026 Depart UK. 20 Minutes transfer to Knock Shrine.

Mass in Apparition Chapel celebrated by Bishop Alan. Tour of Museum and Grounds. Hotel check in. Dinner. Tuesday 16th June 2026 Morning Mass in Ballintubber Abbey with Tour of Grounds. Onwards to Croagh Patrick and Famine Memorial. Self-Guided tour of Kylemore Abbey. Return to hotel for dinner. Exposition in Apparition Chapel. Wednesday 17th June 2026 A Day in Knock. Mass in Basilica celebrated by Bishop Alan. Prayer Guidance. Confessions. Dinner & Free evening. Thursday 18th June 2026 Morning Mass in Fr. Peyton Centre with tour. Lunch. Afternoon in Knock. Farewell Dinner and Entertainment. Friday 19th June 2026 Return flight to London Stansted Price of £799.00 per person Package includes: Return flight from Lon Stansted - 10kg check in bag. 4 nights Dinner, B&B in Knock House Hotel. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours. Assistance from Knock Pilgrimages representative. Single room supplement £250.00. Maximum 3.

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Vocations Sunday

On this Vocations Sunday we ask you to please take a card and pray each day for more priests.

St John Bosco Children's Camp. Summer 2026.

Applications are now open for children currently in school year 5 - 7 (i.e. aged 9-12 in August 2026) to spend a week at camp. 25th July - 1st August or 1st - 8th August. Activities include archery, fishing, AquaPark visit, football, kayaking and much more. The camp is especially for children who may not otherwise have a summer holiday. Suggested donation £200, but full bursaries are available. All application details are at <https://boscocamp.co.uk>. Places are likely to go quickly - early applications are encouraged.

Local Business Notice:

A few months ago, we told you about a new local business that was starting in the area and would be doing some work around the Church and the grounds also, that business being Aaron's affordable Painting Services. As I'm sure you will agree, there have been some wonderful changes to both the Church and the grounds, including renovating and painting of the gutters and facias, clearing and tidying of the hall roof and transforming the front. To name just a few. Although Aaron is a qualified painter and decorator, he also has many years' experience in various other jobs too, including different outside and garden-based work. Lots of you took his card previously, but we have many more cards available that can be collected at the end of Mass or can be found in the porch.

His contact details are 07902837170 and his e mail address is apaints97@hotmail.com

Free quotes are available and he will get back to you as soon as he can.