

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

Trinity Sunday Year A

Dear Brothers and sisters

I know I am repeating myself, but with the Trinity, there are three things that Stephen Bullivant says must be kept in mind. In his book 'The Trinity: how not to be a Heretic' he says, there is only one God; the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are all God; the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit are not the same. In the past there have been many challenges to this, notably Arius who claimed "there was when he was not" suggesting that although Jesus is God, he is a lesser God and was made by the Father. This position is held today by Jehovah's Witnesses. The problem here is that if Jesus is not fully God and consubstantial with the Father then how can he save us? If he is not fully human, how can he save us? At the end of the Council of Nicaea in 325AD, Jesus was stated as being God from God and light from light, of one being with the Father.

The final statement of this Creed was simply 'I believe in the Holy Spirit' and that was it. In 381AD the Church Fathers met again and reaffirmed Nicaea and also defined more clearly the work of the Holy Spirit, who was of the same substance of the Father and the Son and proceeded from the Father. One Godhead was again professed. At the Council of Toledo, between the 5th and 7th Centuries a number of synods stated that the Holy Spirit proceeded from the Father and the Son. All of these decrees were meant to stop the reemergence of Arianism which was corrupting the Church. So, when we begin our Mass, or our prayers and we say 'In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit' or we say the Glory Be prayer we are in fact stating that God is one and that the Tri-Unity is made up of three persons who are all God and yet all the same and all distinct.

God bless you all, Deacon Tony

Upcoming Masses

Saturday 30 th May 5.30pm Vigil for Trinity Sunday (Carole Hyde's Ints)
Sunday 31 st May 9.00am Trinity Sunday (Mary Borganah RIP)
Sunday 31 st May 11.00am Trinity Sunday (Yan Wodzislawski's Ints)
Monday 1 st June 2026 7.30pm Dedication of Brentwood Cathedral (Amanda Palmer's Ints)
Tuesday 2 nd June 2026 9.00am Feria (Jane Edward Ints) Followed by Holy Hour
Wednesday 3 rd June 2026 9.00am St Charles Lwanga and Companions (Eucharistic Service)
Thursday 4 th June 2026 9.15am St Luke's Going Forth Mass for First Holy Communion at St Luke's School
Friday 5 th June 2026 8.15am St Boniface (Staff and Pupils of St Mark's School)
Saturday 7 th June 5.30pm Vigil for Corpus Christi (For all Parishioners)
Sunday 8 th June 9.00am Corpus Christi (Maureen Porter's Ints)
Sunday 8 th June 11.00am Corpus Christi (Moesha Anna Rose Chalawila)

Liturgy of the Word

Response to the Psalm: To be praised and highly exalted forever!

Collection: £505.40p

Baptism Key Dates

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

Next Baptism Catechetical Talk: Monday 13th July 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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RCIA

We will be starting the new RCIA course in September on Thursday 3rd at 6pm. This is an introductory session and a chance to register your interest. If you are an adult and are not a Catholic, then this is your opportunity to explore the Catholic faith with no commitment. There may be others who have been baptised, and you are more than welcome to join the course and receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at Easter.

Confirmation

For anyone who is in year 9 and under the age of 18 you may wish to be confirmed. Details about the course for next year will be available later in the year as soon as we know when the bishop's visitation is going to be.

Holy Hour

Just to remind you that we do have a Holy Hour on a Tuesday and Thursday after the 9am Mass, please however check the newsletter as due to other things it may have to be cancelled. We begin with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by a Rosary. Then we have the Divine Mercy at about 10am followed by Benediction. If you are free you are warmly invited to join us.

Hospital Lay Chaplain- Basildon Hospital

A vacancy has arisen for a Hospital Lay Chaplain.

All applicants should have strong communication skills and be able to deal with the private and confidential nature of the role.

The post will be part-time working 5.25 hours per week - during the hours of 8am - 8pm. One day per week.

The salary is £13.45 per hour

The closing date for applications is 29th May 2026 and suitable applicants will be invited to attend an interview.

If you have any queries or if you would like to apply, please send your CV to basildon@brcdt.org

GIFT Conference: September 19th 9.30am-5pm at the Most Holy Redeemer Church, Billericay

- Are you disillusioned with your existing First Holy Communion Programme?
- Would you like to place families at the heart of parish renewal and support them to engage and connect with their faith?
- Does the idea of approaching sacramental preparation in a fruit-bearing way excite and inspire you?

Join us for this **one-day conference** which explores the GIFT (Growing in Faith Together) model of family catechesis. GIFT re-imagines how parishes can accompany and encourage families in their faith journey and prepare them for the sacraments.

Whether you have already started your GIFT journey or are looking for a different way to support your families, this conference will share what the GIFT model could look like in your parish and explore why it is transformative for the Church.

You and your catechists can book a place by following this link:

<https://brushfire.com/divinerenovationministry-uk/GIFTConference/627818>

Father, we adore You,
Lay our lives before You,
How we love You

Jesus, we adore You,
Lay our lives before You,
How we love You

Spirit, we adore You,
Lay our lives before You,
How we love You