

# 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

## Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Dear Brothers and sisters

Today might also be another vocations Sunday, the calling of the twelve and the need for prayer for more labourers. Jesus began his work on earth about 2,000 years ago and left these twelve with a mission to go out to all nations and baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. At Pentecost there were 120 people present, including Mary the Mother of Jesus, Mary Magdalene and the others who ministered to him. It is not clear who or where they were from, but we can possibly say that some of these women like Joanna were named in the Gospel. Of the men perhaps Clopas was there who walked with the risen Lord to Emmaus, some have suggested that the unnamed companion was his wife. The early Church then had twelve Apostles and a number of other people who were to help with this spread.

Later in Acts of the Apostles the Deacons were ordained and as Paul and others went throughout Europe on their missionary work, they ordained Presbyters. This gives us the clergy nowadays of Bishop, Priest and Deacon; but I feel that the work of spreading the Gospel, is not solely up to the clergy, it is the responsibility of the whole Church. Even if we do not go out to preach or even talk to others about Jesus, our lives must reflect this. If we are unable to do that then we need to pray for more

Priests, Deacons and Religious who will do this work. As members of the clergy the three of us ask you to pray for us in our work, just as we pray for our flock. As Pope Leo says in Magnifica Humanitas, the “mission entrusted to the Church prompts her to address the real suffering of the men and women of our time.” Therefore, he suggests that “it stems from evangelical charity, which impels the Church to draw near to the wounds of humanity.” (MH21) The work we do in helping the poor is our vocation and as usual this parish should be proud of the generosity it shows.

God bless you all in everything you do Deacon Tony

### ***Upcoming Masses***

Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 5.30pm Vigil for Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (For all Parishioners)
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> June 9.00am Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Victor Keviee RIP)
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> June 11.00am Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Jacqueline Vyapory RIP)
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2026 7.30pm Feria (June Collins RIP)
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2026 9.00am Feria (Christos Paraliki RIP) Followed by Holy Hour
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2026 2.30pm St Luke's Prayer Service
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2026 9.00am Feria (Paul Song RIP)
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2026 9.00am Feria (Eucharistic Service) Followed by Holy Hour
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2026 8.15am Feria (Staff and Pupils of St Mark's School)
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 5.30pm Vigil for Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (For all Parishioners)
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> June 9.00am Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Keith Maddison RIP)
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> June 11.00am Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Ian Heard RIP)
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> June 3.00pm Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass in Vietnamese

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

*Response to the Psalm: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.*

***Collection:*** £509.28p

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

Next Baptism Registration Meeting: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2026, 6pm.

Next Baptism Catechetical Talk: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **RCIA**

We will be starting the new RCIA course in September on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## **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>

## **Education Positions**

[Headteacher - Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School & Nursery, Southend-on-Sea](#)

Deadline for application: 09:00 Wednesday 17th June 2026

[Headteacher - St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Chingford](#)

Deadline for application: 09:00 am Friday 26th June 2026

[Deputy Director of Education - Diocese of Brentwood](#)

Deadline for applications: 5pm, Monday 29th June 2026

## **St John Bosco Children's Camp, summer 2026 - places filling fast.**

Applications are open for children currently in school year 5 - 7 (i.e. aged 9-12 in August 2026) to spend a week at camp. 25<sup>th</sup> July - 1<sup>st</sup> August or 1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> 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 and full information are at [www.boscocamp.co.uk](http://www.boscocamp.co.uk). Places are going quickly - you are encouraged to apply this week.

## **Day for Life 2026**

On Sunday, 21 June, we mark the Day for Life under the theme "The Wonder of the Child in the Womb." The theme also recognises the loss of children who died before birth and the grief of their parents. The bishops' message and prayers can be found on the Day for Life website: [www.dayforlife.org](http://www.dayforlife.org). The second collection will go towards the Day for Life Fund, which distributes grants to organisations that promote respect for life from conception until natural death. You can also donate online via the Day for Life website."

< Barry's post ...

start of the world cup today - 20 year old Milton Viera, the inside right of the Uruguay football team, alone in prayer at a church in Harlow before the opening game of the World Cup against England. 11th July 1966. The church is the Holy Cross Roman Catholic on Tracyses Road , which is just down the road from where they were staying at the Saxon Inn..

