

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

Ss Peter and Paul Year A

Dear Friends

We can think of tradition as a rather dry and dusty thing. Often it can seem as if tradition is something that we have always done and for which no one can really remember the reason why. Even worse tradition can sometimes seem to get in the way of progress. We end up with some way of acting that does not really meet the needs of modern society, and all because we have done it in a particular way. Tradition, however, does not have to be a dead weight. Understood properly, it is a dynamic thing for it should be the means we not only safeguard our cherished beliefs but also allow them to grow and develop to meet the needs of a modern church and society because tradition is not static open brackets it is something that can be applied in different ways according to different circumstances close brackets it is able to keep the inner meaning of

our faith without binding asked to outdated customs and practises. Tradition is not so much the thing that is handed over as the act of passing it on in a relay race the baton is handed on from one athlete to another so that the same baton arrives the finishing line, tradition is not simply the baton it is the running it is not a gold nugget that we keep in the safe from the time of Jesus until he comes on the last day is more like an acorn that we plants and water over the centuries so that at the second coming we can have an oak forest to present to God.

In order to remain faithful to God's call Peter and Paul had to change the way they thought and acted Peter had to change his mind about Christ as the Messiah for open brackets he thought Jesus was going to be a political leader closed brackets and about whether it was right to eat with pagans Paul had to abandon his reliance on the law and alter his views about whether Christians needed to be circumcised the feast of Peter and Paul reminds us that tradition is not the same as customs it matters little what language we used to worship God it is not crucial to faith whether priests are married or celebrates when we meet on Fridays what colour the vestments are and so on what is important is that we keep alive the meaning of Jesus message and we're not afraid like Peter and Paul to pass it on to future generations

God bless you all Fr Bernard

Saturday 27 th June 5.30pm Vigil for Ss Peter and Paul (For all Parishioners)
Sunday 28 th June 9.00am Ss Peter and Paul (Betty Hurley's Intentions)
Sunday 28 th June 11.00am Ss Peter and Paul (Giuseppa Dimaria RIP)
Monday 29 th June 7.30pm Feria (Special Intention)
Tuesday 30 th June 2026 9.00am Feria (Peter Quang RIP) Followed by Holy Hour
Wednesday 1 st July 2026 9.00am Feria (Eucharistic Service)
Thursday 2 nd July 2026 9.00am Feria (Holy Souls) Followed by Holy Hour
Friday 3 rd July 2026 8.15am Feria in St Mark's School (Eucharistic Service)
Saturday 4 th July 5.30pm Vigil for Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yas Kamberani RIP))
Sunday 5 th July 9.00am Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Carole McBride's Intentions)
Sunday 5 th July 11.00am Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Quick Recovery)

Liturgy of the Word

Response to the Psalm: From all my terrors the LORD set me free.

Collection: £716.43p

Collection for Day for Life £137.81p

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.

First Holy Communion

The programme will begin on 5th September where pictures will be given out that will be needed for the programme, this will be every week. Enrolment is online through the Parish website. The cut-off date for this is 27th September. All work must be completed before then. You and your child will be expected to attend Mass each week. There will be a meeting with Fr Bernard, Dn Tony and Dn Michael. Parents Meeting 8th January, the lesson will begin 22nd January, then February 27th, March 20th, March 26th, April 17th. The communion Mass will be in May.

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.

Manager of Walsingham House

Please see the noticeboard for more details

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>

