

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, 01God279 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

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Dear brothers and sisters.

This story continues straight on from last week, Jesus had fed the 5000 and then let the disciples go to the other side of the sea of Galilee while he himself went off to pray. Once again, we are left with people trying to say that he was walking on rocks or things like that, but once again we have a miracle. This identifies Jesus as God, only God had the power over the sea and therefore Jesus demonstrates this power. Peter says to Jesus say the word and I will walk to you sadly; his faith lets him down as it does for all of us particularly in moments of fear. God will give us the strength to overcome all adversities; all we need to do is to keep on praying and trusting that God loves each one of us. As we continue to walk on this earth, we ask God to be with us to care for us and to not let us sink into the water.

May God bless you all

Deacon Tony

Saturday 8 th August 5.30pm Vigil for Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Maria Luan RIP)
Sunday 9 th August 9.00am Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vincent Luan RIP)
Sunday 9 th August 11.00am Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (James Galvin RIP)
Monday 10 th August 10.00am St Lawrence (Deacons Ordained in 2021, Southern Diaconate)
Tuesday 11 th August 2026 9.00am St Clare (Georgia Flynn & Family RIP) Followed by Holy Hour
Tuesday 11 th August 2026 1pm Funeral Service for Sue Karolak followed by burial at Parndon Wood
Wednesday 12 th August 2026 9.00am Feria
Thursday 13 th August 2026 9.00am Feria (For all Parishioners) followed by Holy Hour
Friday 14 th July 2026 10.00am St Maximillian Kolbe (Thanksgiving to the Lord and Mary Mother of God, peace for all our family)
Saturday 15 th August 5.30pm Vigil for The Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary (Christopher McGurr RIP)
Sunday 9 th August 9.00am The Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary (Vivian Maddison's Ints)
Sunday 9 th August 11.00am The Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary (For all parishioners)

Liturgy of the Word

Response to the Psalm: Show us, O LORD, your mercy and grant us your salvation.

Collection: £522.58p

Baptism Key Dates

Next Baptism Registration Meeting: Monday 7th September 2026, 6pm.

Next Baptism Catechetical Talk: Monday 14th September 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.

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>

HEADTEACHER

Join Our Team at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Upminster

Are you ready to lead a joyful, ambitious Catholic school community where children are known, loved and inspired to flourish?

The governors of St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Upminster, are seeking to appoint an inspirational, practising Catholic Head Teacher to lead our happy and welcoming two-form-entry school from January 2027. Rooted in Gospel values and with Christ at the centre, St Joseph's is a

school with strong foundations, delightful children, dedicated staff, supportive families and an ambitious governing body.

This is a wonderful opportunity for a visible, faith-filled and values-led leader to build on all that is already strong, while shaping the next stage of our school's journey with confidence, warmth and vision.

CLOSING DATE 5PM ON 2ND SEPTEMBER 2026

[Headteacher Advert](#)

[Letter from the Chair of Governors for HT Recruitment](#)

[St Joseph's Headteacher Job Description](#)

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[Headteacher Application Form](#)

[Notes for Applicants](#)

[Consent to Obtain References Form](#)

[Recruitment Monitoring Form](#)

[BDES Guidance on Definition of Practising Catholic for Reserved Posts](#)

VISIT OF STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA - The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, accompanied by relics of Saints Francisco and Jacinta will be coming to Brentwood Cathedral on **Saturday 12th September 2026**- the Feast of the Holy Name of Mary [Patronal Feast of the Society of Mary].

WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA: *On Saturday, 12th September* the Diocese of Brentwood will host the Visitation of the National Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and the relics of Saints Jacinta & Francisco, at the **Cathedral Church of St Mary and St Helen, Brentwood**. This will be a Day of Prayer & Devotions, with the opportunity for the veneration of the relics. Bishop Alan accompanied by Priests of the Diocese will concelebrate Holy Mass, this will be followed by the Consecration Prayer of the Diocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary by Bishop Alan.

As this is a Day of Prayer, we ask all those participating to bring a packed lunch, teas and coffees will be available in the Cathedral Parish Hall. Following lunch, there will be a Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with recitation of the Chaplet of Adoration and Reparation. Communal Recitation and reflection on the Joyful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed, and then a Docu-film and Talk in the Parish Hall on "Fatima Message for the World." Finally, the Enrolment and Investiture of the Brown Scapular will be facilitated in the Parish Hall. Please see poster for full details.