

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

Twenty Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time (A)

Dear brothers and sisters.

It's sometimes very hard to do the will of God, our gospel reading today gives the sons an opportunity to follow their father's instructions or to do their own thing. The first one says yes father I will do your will, but does not do it the second one says I won't do your will, and does it. For each of us we are asked to follow God's will, but sometimes it is very difficult to understand what God wants from us. I spent many years wondering about my vocation to the diaconate, eventually after much persuasion and prayer and soul searching, I went forward for formation.

God calls many workers into his vineyard, in some ways all of us are called to a specific task. My vocation is my vocation it's no one else's vocation. I do not know what your vocation is, but there may be some of you out there who are called to a specific way of life by becoming a priest in the Catholic Church. After last week and our understanding that there is a lack of vocations in our diocese, I am urging you, to pray, to pray hard for more priests to work in our vineyard. Ask God to fill the vineyard with people who speak to this generation with insights with wisdom and with courage.

God Bless you all Deacon Tony

Mass and Liturgies

Saturday 26 th September 2026	5.30pm Vigil for 26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Elizabeth May Cooney RIP)
Sunday 27 th September 2026	9.00am 26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (For all Parishioners)
Sunday 27 th September 2026	11.00am 25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Gerald Reilly RIP)
Monday 28 th September 2026	7.30pm Feria (Elizabeth O'Connor's Ints)
Tuesday 29 th September 2026	9.00am Ss Micael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels (All Souls) Followed by Holy Hour
Tuesday 29 th September 2026	2.30pm St Luke's School Yr 5 Mass
Wednesday 30 th September 2026	9.00am St Jerome (Eucharistic Service) Followed by Holy Hour
Thursday 1 st October 2026	9.00am St Therese of Lisieux (Fr Bernard's Ints) followed by Holy Hour
Friday 2 nd October 2026	8.15am Feria (Intentions of Staff and Pupils) SMS Adoration and Rosary at 1.45pm in School Chapel
Saturday 3 rd October 2026	5.30pm Vigil for 26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (John Lindley RIP)
Sunday 4 th October 2026	9.00am 26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Gioan Hoa RIP)
Sunday 4 th October 2026	11.00am 25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (For all Parishioners)

Liturgy of the Word

Response to the Psalm: Remember your compassion, O LORD.

Collection: £703.70

Second Collection for Catholic Education Service:£102.02

Baptism Key Dates

Next Baptism Registration Meeting: Monday 2nd November 2026, 6pm.

Next Baptism Catechetical Talk: Monday 9th November 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.

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. The meeting for registration will be on 12th October at 5.30pm in the Church. Please bring your Baptism Certificate.

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.

Chizoba Iwuaba RIP

We regret to announce the death of Chizoba Iwuaba. May her gentle soul Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory. Please pray also for Ife and the family at this trying time.

School Governors

13th September marks Education Sunday, a time when we celebrate and pray for the brilliant work of our Catholic schools. These schools rely heavily on good governance, and on this special day we are asking if you, or anyone you know, may be able to support our schools by becoming a foundation governor. There are leaflets at the back of the church and/or you can scan this QR code for more



information.

Please contact sandramoss@brcdt.org if you would like to have a conversation about becoming a school governor.