

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

Thirtieth Sunday Ordinary Time (A)

Dear brothers and sisters.

Today's gospel reading is the third of four times that the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, if you remember last week's gospel which ended with Jesus saying give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, you will understand that Jesus sums up his teaching in just one sentence. This week when they tried to trap him by asking him which is the greatest commandment. If Jesus

chooses 1 then the Pharisees would argue that he is ignoring all the others, if he chooses them all then he has not been able to decide which is the greatest. Once again, instead of picking out one he chooses two, to love God and to love our neighbour as ourselves. What the Pharisees did not understand, was that Jesus did not come to abolish the law but to fulfil it. We are asked to do two things firstly we must love God we show that when we come here to mass to pray and to receive communion. The second is to love our neighbour we show that in many ways the food bank in the porch seems to be filled up with an alarming rate, and when we ask for money for charities these are once again given without hesitation. As a parish we know how to give, we are trying our hardest to reveal the commandment of Jesus to love God and to love our neighbour as ourselves.

May God Bless you all, Deacon Tony

Mass and Liturgies

Saturday 24 th October 2026 5.30pm Vigil for 30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (For all parishioners)
Sunday 25 th October 9.00am 30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Tony Copeland RIP)
Sunday 25 th October 11.00am 30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Doreen Brennan's Intentions)
Monday 26 th October 2026 10.00am Ss Cedd and Chad (Birthday Intentions)
Tuesday 27 th October 2026 9.00am Feria (Eucharistic Service) Followed by Holy Hour
Wednesday 28 th October 2026 9.00am Ss Simon and Jude (Eucharistic Service) Followed by Holy Hour
Thursday 29 th October 2026 9.00am Feria (Vincent Hugnh RIP)
Friday 30 th October 2026 9.00am (Steven Autinore RIP) Followed by holy Hour
Saturday 24 th October 2026 5.30pm Vigil for 30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (For all parishioners)
Sunday 25 th October 9.00am 30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Albert and Cherry Bridle RIP)
Sunday 25 th October 11.00am 30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Giambrone and Lombardi family Intentions)

Liturgy of the Word

Response to the Psalm: I love you LORD, my strength:

Collections:

11th October 2026 £583.73p

18th October 2026 £500.09p

Prisoners Sunday £130.22p

World Mission Day £117.39p

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.

School Governors Our Catholic 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.

Christmas Bazaar

We will be having a Christmas Bazaar on 6th December. This will be between at 10-10.45 and from 12-2. We would be glad of any donations of bottles and sweets and any good quality items for the stalls. There will be an opportunity to buy a stall as well, please see Daniella about this. We will also need volunteers to help set up and help on the day.

Parish Fundraising:

After the first week our fund stands at £89.44p thank you for your continued generosity.

We regret to announce the death of Willie Roche, a former member of this parish. Willie was in charge of the APF (Red boxes) for many years and contributed to the parish in many ways including as an extra-ordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

Funeral Mass at 11am on Monday 2nd November

Holy Cross Priory Church	Snatts Road	(The Red Room)
Lewes Road	Uckfield	Station Road
Cross in Hand	East Sussex	Buxted
East Sussex	TN22 2AL	East Sussex
TN21 0TS		TN22 4AY

Burial at

Snatts Road Cemetery

Celebration of Life at

Buxted Park Hotel

Please let me know if you wish to attend for catering purposes, and if you have any allergies or dietary requirements.

Family flowers only - donations to the Alzheimer's Society via Richard Green funeral Service, Uckfield <https://rgreenfs.co.uk/donate-in-memory/>

Dress code- smart, traditional

We also regret to announce the death of Joan Lowe; her Funeral Service will take place here at Holy Cross at 11am on Tuesday 3rd November followed by burial at Parndon Wood.

Mrs Chizoba Ann Iwuaba

There will be a commemoration of the life of the late Mrs Chizoba Ann Iwuaba on Friday 20th November here at Holy Cross at 6.00pm till 10.00pm. Please RSVP Ifeanyi Iwuaba on 07903384975

Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord, may they rest in peace.