

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

All Saints

Dear friends.

The month of November can be a gloomy time of year, especially the long, dark evenings, chill winds and bare trees. But the church gives us this timely feast of All Saints which we celebrate today, this reminds us of our divine calling that God has created us and blessed each of us with his grace. We celebrate the fact that we are joined in a communion of Saints

with all those whom God has called to this life. In creating us and calling us to be his children, God offers us his own divine nature. No one is excluded from this calling. Our sin and weakness do not cause the father to turn away from us, but he wants to form us according to the desires and intentions of his own heart.

Every Saint in heaven testifies to the fact that transformation into the image of Jesus is God's work. It doesn't rely on our strength. The countless host of hoodie men and women were ones like us and even now on earth we enjoy with them a foretaste of what God has prepared for us.

This month we also pray for the holy souls that they also, through God's mercy and love, in offering purification after death, might be able to stand before God's throne holy and blameless.

God bless you all Father Bernard

Mass and Liturgies

Saturday 31 st October 2026 5.30pm Vigil of All Saints (For all parishioners)
Sunday 1 st November 9.00am All Saints (Albert and Cherry Bridle RIP)
Sunday 1 st November 11.00am All Saints Giambrone and Lombardi family Intentions)
Monday 2 nd November 2026 7.30pm All Souls (All Souls)
Tuesday 3 rd November 2026 9.30am SLS (Teacher and Pupils Intentions)
Tuesday 3 rd November 2026 Funeral Service for Joan Lowe
Wednesday 4 th November 2026 9.00am St Charles Borromeo (Eucharistic Service) Followed by Holy Hour
Thursday 5 th November 2026 9.00am Feria (Birthday Intentions) Followed by Holy Hour
Friday 6 th November 2026 8.15am SMS (Pupils & Staff Intentions) Holy Hour at 1.45pm in the Chapel
Saturday 7 th November 2026 5.30pm Vigil for 32 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (For all parishioners)
Sunday 8 th November 9.00am 32 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Que Tran RIP)
Sunday 8 th November 11.00am 32 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Margaret and Dennis Callaghan RIP)

Liturgy of the Word

Response to the Psalm: Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

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
Lewes Road
Cross in Hand
East Sussex
TN21 0TS

Snatts Road
Uckfield
East Sussex
TN22 2AL

(The Red Room)
Station Road
Buxted
East Sussex
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.

If you are unable to attend you can live stream this at Holy Cross Priory Chapel

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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

We regret to announce the death of Que Tran, her funeral Mass will be on Monday 9th November

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