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

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Dear brothers and sisters

The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls; it is a special time of prayer. As a parish we have our own book of remembrance with the names of our loved ones. We also have our memory wall, where we bring out the Service sheets used at our loved one's funerals. We should noy however just pray for the souls in purgatory during this month, it is our duty as

part of the church to pray for them every day. One day it will be our turn, and we will be looking to those we have left behind to have masses said and prayers to help ease our pain until we hear the words of the Father telling us our time of exile is over.

As we approach the season of advent, it is a time to reflect on our own sins that keep us from God. So, during the season of Advent sacramental confession will be available on Saturday evenings from 5pm, there will also be exposition of the blessed eucharist. This will also be available between the masses on a Sunday. Let us prepare for our saviour's birth not with tinsel and presents but will worship and confession

God bless you all Deacon Tony

Mass and Liturgies

Saturday 7th November 2026 5.30pm Vigil for 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (For all parishioners)
Sunday 8th November 9.00am 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Que Tran RIP)
Sunday 8th November 11.00am 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Margaret and Dennis Callaghan RIP)
Sunday 8th November 5pm Reception of Que Tran and Mass in Vietnamese
Monday 9th November 2026 11.30am Requiem Mass for Que Tran
Monday 9th November 2026 7.30pm (Eucharistic Service)
Tuesday 10th November 2026 9.00am St Leo the Great (Eucharistic Service) Followed by Holy Hour
Wednesday 11h November 2026 9.00am St Martin of Tours (David Barden RIP) Followed by Holy Hour
Thursday 12th November 2026 9.00am St Josaphat (Rosemary Dunn RIP) Followed by Holy Hour
Friday 13th November 2026 8.15am SMS (Pupils & Staff Intentions) Holy Hour at 1.45pm in the Chapel
Saturday 14th November 2026 5.30pm Vigil for 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (All Souls)
Sunday 15th November 9.00am 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Conti & Giambrone Intentions)
Sunday 15th November 11.00am 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Francis Mapp's Intentions)

Liturgy of the Word

Response to the Psalm: For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God

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 meets 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.

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 her O Lord, may they rest in peace.

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Parish debt: New balance £ 26,694.56.

Collection: 25th October: £523.18p
1st November £550.95p

St Mark's

Year 12 Opportunities Evening: at St Mark's Thursday 12th November 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm