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

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Dear Friends

It would be easy to think that the parable of the talents is about making the best of what you have got so that you can get on in the world. For example, practise the piano has become a concert pianist or brush up on your cooking skills and end up as a top-class chef. But this is so self-centred that it has nothing to do with Christ's message. Someone who do not believe

in God would do just the same. What Christ is pointing out is that each of us is expected to make our contribution to furthering the day when the Kingdom of God will be fully established on earth. And so Abdullah had three sons. The oldest was in charge of the family oil refinery, the middle sun ran the farm and the youngest son made beautiful oriental rugs. On the day Abdullah flew abroad on business, war was declared against the country and he was prevented from returning home for several months. When he eventually got back, he found that the eldest son had given away many barrels of oil to help the ordinary people with their cooking and heating. The middle sun had slaughtered most of the animals to feed the locals when flu food supplies were cut off. And the youngest son had followed the war on TV. He could see no point in making rugs during a war, since people had other things on their mind. Can you guess what the father Abdullah had to say?

The youngest son was actually the only one to preserve something of the family fortune, but he had made no use of his talents. Using our talents does not simply mean getting better at something or storing up wealth and fame for ourselves. God gives us talents to use for the benefit of others. That's what the older two sons did what is the point of having a talent if we do not use it to seek the Kingdom of God to benefit other people? When we meet God face to face at the gates of heaven, he would not mind if we have nothing in our hands to show for our lives, as long as we have given it away generously.

God bless you all Father Bernard.

Mass and Liturgies

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)
Monday 16th November 2026 7.30pm St Edmund of Canterbury (Deceased members of the Leion of Mary)
Tuesday 17th November 2026 9.00am Feria (Debbie Roberts Intentions) Followed by Holy Hour
Tuesday 17th November 2026 2.30pm St Luke's Year 2 Prayer Service (SLS)
Wednesday 18h November 2026 11.00am Memorial Mass for Deceased Priests of Brentwood Diocese) at the Assumption Old Harlow
Thursday 19th November 2026 9.00am Feria (Eucharistic Service) Followed by Holy Hour
Friday 20th November 2026 8.15am SMS (Deceased Pupils & Staff of St Mark's) Holy Hour at 1.45pm in the Chapel

Saturday 21st November 2026 5.30pm Vigil of Christ the Universal King (Private Intention)
Sunday 22nd November 2026 9.00am Christ the Universal King (Que Tran RIP)
Sunday 22nd November 2026 11.00am Christ the Universal King (All Souls)

Liturgy of the Word

Response to the Psalm: ***Blessed are all who fear the LORD.***

Baptism Key Dates

Next Baptism Registration Meeting: Monday January 2027, 6pm.

Next Baptism Catechetical Talk: Monday January 2027, 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.

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 £3,305. 44p thank you for your continued generosity.

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.

