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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

Christ the Universal King Year A

Dear Brothers and Sisters

One of the ideas that are highlighted by non-believers is the ten commandments. These are the way that many see the rules of the Christian faith. However, these are really Jewish rules, it does not mean we can break these rules, but we are asked to go much further than this. Jesus summed these ten commandments up in two 'love the Lord your God with your

whole being and your neighbour as yourself.' He gave further instructions on how to live this new life by giving us the beatitudes; blessed are we if we follow these new rules.

There is in today's Gospel from Matthew a further dimension for us to think about. Our shepherd King will at the end of time judge us on account of these rules he gives us. These are the Catholic Social Teaching of the Church. We are given the commandments to avoid through Moses, but through Jesus comes the commandments of love. To feed the hungry and give drink to the poor. These are the way we should live our new life in Christ. For those unable to do this we are given the seven-spiritual works of mercy, which involves praying for those in need.

God bless you all for you generosity Deacon Tony

Mass and Liturgies

Saturday 21st November 2026 5.30pm Vigil of Christ the Universal King (Private Intention)
Sunday 22nd November 9.00am Christ the Universal King (Que Tran RIP)
Sunday 22nd November 11.00am Christ the Universal King (All Souls)
Monday 23rd November Requiem Mass for Margaret Castle
Monday 23rd November 2026 7.30pm (Intentions of Confirmands)
Tuesday 24th November 2026 9.00am Ss Andrew Dung-Las and Companions ((All Souls) Followed by Holy Hour
Wednesday 25h November 2026 Feria (Eucharistic Service) Followed by Holy Hour
Thursday 26th November 2026 9.00am Feria (Ancestral Souls) Followed by Holy Hour
Friday 27th November 2026 8.15am SMS (Deceased Pupils & Staff of St Mark's) Holy Hour at 1.45pm in the Chapel
Saturday 28th November 2026 5.30pm (For All Parishioners)
Sunday 29th November 2026 9.00am (Anna Justa Rebello RIP)
Sunday 29th November 2026 11.00am (Mary Borganah RIP)

Liturgy of the Word

Response to the Psalm: ***The LORD is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.***

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.

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Parish debt: New balance £ 26,694.56.

nvitation to a Mass of Thanksgiving

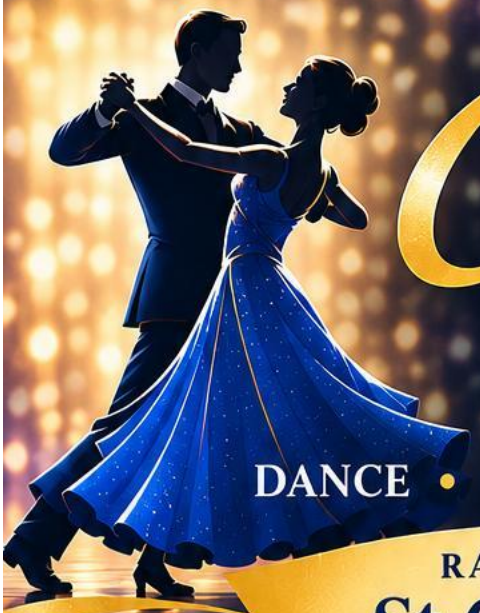
All parishioners from across the diocese are warmly invited to attend a Mass of Thanksgiving to be Celebrated by Bishop Timothy Menezes following his appointment as Bishop of the Diocese of Brentwood. Join us as we gather in prayer and thanksgiving to welcome our new Bishop and seek God's blessing upon his ministry. All are welcome.

Masses will be celebrated in three locations:

Tuesday 8th Dec: 11:00 a.m – Cathedral Church of St Mary & St Helen, Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AT
Tuesday 8th Dec: 7:30 p.m – St Antony of Padua Church, St Antony's Road, Forest Gate, London E7 9QB
Wed 9th Dec: 7:00 p.m - St James the Less and St Helen Church, Priory Street, Colchester CO1 2QB

CHAPTER OF CANONS MASS will take place in the Cathedral Church of St Mary & St Helen, Brentwood on Monday, 14th December at 10.30am Celebrated by Bishop Timothy Menezes. All are very welcome to attend.

In the New Year there will be an opportunity for each deanery to welcome Bishop Timothy.



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