



11th July 2010
Fifteenth Sunday of the Year (C)

Diocese of Brentwood - Registered Charity No. 234092

CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE HOLY CROSS

Holy Cross Church

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**For Hall and Parish Centre bookings, please ring
01708 853130 during Parish Office hours:
Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 1.30pm –
5.00pm; Saturday 9.00am – 12 noon.**

SUNDAY COFFEE MORNING

after 9.00am Mass **in the Presbytery**. All are welcome!

RETIRING COLLECTION

There is a retiring collection at all Masses **this** weekend for The Apostleship of the Sea. Please gift aid donations where possible.

WELCOME

Welcome and thank you to Fr Stewart Foster will be celebrating Mass on Saturday evening.

PLEASE PRAY

For **Michael Gore** who will be receiving his First Holy Communion this Sunday.

GIFT AID REFUND - THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who participates in our gift aid scheme. We have received a refund of £8,767.89 from HM Customs and Revenue.

If you are not already in the scheme, why not increase your donations to the Church by 25% at no extra cost to yourself? If you, your spouse or your partner pay tax, you can do this by joining the Gift Aid Scheme. No personal financial details are required. If you would like to join or would like more information, please contact the Presbytery on 01708 853130.

ALTAR SERVERS

Following the training session last Saturday morning, we have 18 new servers.

THANK YOU

Harold & Maureen (Cass) Smith

and family would like to thank Fr Philip, the choir and congregation for making their Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass (last Saturday evening) such a joyful and memorable occasion. Thank you all for the lovely cards.

AFRICAN MASS

A Mass will be held on Sunday 25th July at 1.00pm with celebrations afterwards in the Church hall.

All are welcome. There is a fund raising initiative whereby bags of donated unwanted items are sold onward to a company for a fee. This fee received is then to be donated to our Church.

Please read the following information:

AFRICAN MASS JUMBLE APPEAL

If you have any unwanted, Ladies, Gents and Childrens clothing. Blankets, Sheets Pairs of Shoes, Handbags, Curtains, Belts, Bath and Hand Towels, Underwear, Cosmetics, Toiletries and Perfumes. Please donate them to our appeal. Thank you but we **cannot** take plastic toys, bric-a-brac, books, electrical items or furniture.

For further information and possible collection please contact Georgette Polley on 01708 864521.

THE BELL FUND

The draw for July will take place on **Monday 2nd August**. The prize fund currently stands at **£23**. If you haven't entered before, why not give it a try this month! **Each bell costs £2** with £1 allocated to the prize fund and £1 to the bell fund.

BELL FUND – RINGING SPONSORSHIP

Fr Philip plans to ring a Quarter Peal (Approximately 45 minutes of continuous ringing) at as many Holy Cross churches with rings of bells (there are around fifty in total) during this year. The purpose is to raise funds for the installation of the bells in our own Holy Cross Church.

You can sponsor Fr Philip for an amount per Quarter Peal rung, or a maximum amount you are willing to contribute. Progress reports will be made available throughout the year. Fr Philip has the sponsorship forms if you are interested. **Update: He has now rung at ten Holy Cross churches; three more are planned for the coming week.**

JACK PETCHEY AWARD

Congratulations to **Georgina Reid-Ward and Robert Archer** who have won Jack Petchey awards. They both received £200 to donate towards youth projects.

Holy Cross is part of the "Silver" scheme by the Jack Petchey Foundation. This means that there will be a young person's award (Aged 11 – 25 years) a total of £200 in March, June, September and December, and a leader's award of £1,000 in September. You can nominate a young person in recognition of their effort and achievement in a practical and positive way. To nominate a young person or youth leader, complete a form and place it in the nomination box at the back of the church.

THE MARILLAC LEAGUE OF FRIENDS

Will be holding a BOOT SALE at the Marillac, Eagle Way, Warley on **Saturday, 17th July from 7am.** Car - £8.00, Commercial Vehicle - £12.00. No entry to grounds before 7 am. Sellers line up in adjacent Ford Car Park from 6 am. Also free parking for all buyers in Ford car park. Your support is greatly appreciated.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

It is anticipated that this will begin in early November, and that the First Communion Masses will be in May next year. The programme is for children who will be in Year 3 at school in September. Please take an application form from the church porch and return to Fr. Philip or the Parish Office as soon as possible. The deadline for applications is **Sunday 26th September – NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THAT DATE!**

PLEASE PRAY for the Sick & Housebound, especially:

Gerard Allison, John Cairns, Peg Dennison, Peter Gore, Kathy Hillhouse, Josie Holly, Lil Mahoney, Jackie Higginson, Viv Morrison and Robert Shean.

Please also remember in your prayers those who care for them. To add a name to the list, please complete a form available in the porch and return it to the presbytery.

COUNTING ROTA

12th July – **Sheila Higginson**

19th July – **Toyin Edeki**

COFFEE MORNING ROTA

11th July – **Lynne/Nicola/Jo**

18th July – **Carmen**

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS' ROTA

This Sunday - **Teams B/G/L (2)**

Next Sunday - **Teams C/H/M (3)**

Offertory Collection

3rd / 4th July £ 743.71
(£ 504.30 was gift aided)

Water Fund

Raised last week – £ 7.52
(£ 0 was gift aided)

Total from 21st Feb. - £2,332.67

Bell Fund

Raised to date £7,082.17
(Approx. £53,000 still to raise!)

July Draw Prize Fund =
*£23.00

*(This figure goes up as the bells are sold each week)

Thank you for your generosity

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Before Saturday 9.30am Mass
.... or upon request.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:
Each **Monday** in **Holy Cross Church** from **10.00am – 11.00am**

The **Rosary** is said before all week day morning Liturgies.

MASS INTENTIONS

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)

Saturday 10th July

Ernie Cooper R.I.P.

5.30pm

Sunday 11th July

Dec'd members of the

9.00am

Barcoe & Mead Families

People of the Parish

11.00am

Monday 12th July

Michele Williams R.I.P.

9.30am

Tuesday 13th July

Eucharistic Service

9.30am

Wednesday 14th July

Michele Williams R.I.P.

9.30am

Thursday 15th July

St Bonaventure

Michele Williams R.I.P.

9.30am

Friday 16th July

Eucharistic Service

9.30am

Saturday 17th July

Eucharistic Service

9.30am

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)

Saturday 17th July

Bill Starkey R.I.P.

5.30pm

Sunday 18th July

Private Intentions

9.00am

Linda Peat R.I.P. (3rd Anniv.)

11.00am

Dates for your Diary

Sun. 25th July – African Mass

Fri. 10th September – Monthly Quiz Night

Sun. 12th September – Family Fun Day