



**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2010**  
The Ascension of the Lord (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 World Communications Day. (There was an error in last weekend's newsletter which had the collection as last weekend). The funds raised will assist the work of the Catholic Communications Network which provides support for the bishops of England and Wales in promoting the gospel in the media. Please gift aid donations where possible.

## **WELCOME**

Welcome and thanks to the Priest from Our Lady of La Salette, Rainham who will be celebrating all Masses this weekend. Fr Philip and three catechists are away at our diocesan retreat centre, with the young people who will be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday.

## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE**

The next session of the course will be held on **Saturday 22nd May at 10.00am in the parish centre**. There will be no sessions on the 29<sup>th</sup> of May or the 5<sup>th</sup> of June.

## **CONFIRMATION COURSE**

The next session will take place on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2010 at 7.30pm** in the parish centre.

## **APF MISSION BOXES**

The red collection boxes are now due for emptying and counting. Please would you hand them to Patricia Turmel as soon as possible.

## **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 six Holy Cross churches, the latest being Bearsted (Kent) and Seend, Chiseldon and Ramsbury (all Wiltshire.)**

## **REPOSITORY**

A selection of cards gifts and other religious items are available to purchase on Saturday and Sunday before and after Masses. The prices are very competitive with local shops and suppliers and all the profits go to our Church.

## **HOLY CROSS SCHOOL**

If you have any unwanted Sainsbury's active kids or Tesco school vouchers, please hand them to Fr Philip.

## **THE BELL FUND**

The draw for March will take place on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June**. The prize fund currently stands at **£30**. 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.

## **SVP ST JOHN BOSCO CAMP**

Offers children aged 8-13 a sports and activity based holiday on a campsite in the Essex countryside. Run with a Catholic ethos, the camp is especially for children who may not have any other holiday this year. For all the details, including possible financial support, contact the parish office. **Helpers** for the Camp are also needed; it is a brilliant experience and just a week of your time could make a massive difference. Helpers aged 16+ are welcome; helpers aged 18+ are especially needed. For many more details and for application forms log onto **[www.svpboscocamp.org.uk](http://www.svpboscocamp.org.uk)**

## **GRAYS CONVENT SCHOOL**

The school has the following vacancies: Teacher of English (0.6 FTE) Maternity Leave Cover (Sept 2010-August 2011) and Cover Supervisor, 32½ hours per week, term time only. For an application pack for either post please contact Jackie Reynolds on 01375 376173.

## **PLEASE PRAY**

For the repose of the soul of **Grace Modupeola Koleoshe and Agnes Sina-Inakoju**, who have died recently, and **Felicia Olaronke Oyejola**, whose anniversary is at this time: all members of the same family. Please also remember their loved ones in your prayers at this difficult time. May they rest in peace.



## **PLEASE PRAY for the Sick & Housebound, especially:**

Gerard Allison, Peg Dennison, Josie Holly 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

17<sup>th</sup> May – Lisa Knight  
24<sup>th</sup> May – Mandy Baldrey

## COFFEE MORNING ROTA

This Sunday – Team B

Next Sunday – Team C

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS' ROTA

This Sunday - Teams C/H/M (5)

Next Sunday - Teams D/I/N (1)



### Offertory Collection

8<sup>th</sup> / 9<sup>th</sup> May £ 877.78  
(£ 596.45 was gift aided)



### Water Fund

Raised last week – £ 7.72  
(£ 5.00 was gift aided)

Total from 21<sup>st</sup> Feb. - £2,289.54

### Bell Fund

Raised to date £4,117.20



**May Draw Prize Fund =**  
\*£30.00

\*(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

### THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (C)

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May**

*Imelda Musa - Birthday Thanksgiving* 5.30pm

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

*Kath. Treble R.I.P.* 9.00am

*Patrick Lally R.I.P.* 11.00am

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May**

*Eucharistic Service* 9.30am

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May**

*Simeon Sado R.I.P.* 9.30am

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

*Margaret & James Mower R.I.P.* 9.30am

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May**

*Fr Terence Makings R.I.P.* 9.30am

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May**

*Fr Gerard Ryan R.I.P.* 9.30am

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

*Fr David Everitt R.I.P.* 9.30am

### PENTECOST SUNDAY (C)

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

*Joseph McNamara R.I.P.* 5.30pm

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

*Matthew Monksfield R.I.P.* 9.00am

*People of the Parish* 11.00am

*Confirmation Mass* 2.00pm

### Dates for your Diary

Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Pentecost Sunday  
(Confirmation – 2.00pm)

Fri. 4<sup>th</sup> June – Monthly Quiz Night

Sun. 6<sup>th</sup> June – P.P.C Meeting

Sat. 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> June – First Holy  
Communion Masses – 2.00pm

Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> July – Summer Fete

Sun. 25<sup>th</sup> July – African Mass