



# Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2010

## Fifth Sunday of Lent (C)

Diocese of Brentwood - Registered Charity No. 234092

### CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE HOLY CROSS

#### Holy Cross Church

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#### Holy Week Services

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 8.00pm**

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 3.00pm**

Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 8.00pm**

Way of the Cross

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 7.30pm**

Easter Vigil

(Please note there is no Mass at 5.30pm)

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 9.00am at 11.00am**

Easter Sunday Mass



## **SUNDAY COFFEE MORNING**

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

## **MISSION APPEAL**

This weekend we welcome Fr Benito De Marchi, who will be making an appeal on behalf of the Comboni Missionaries at all Masses this weekend.

## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE**

The next session of the course will be held on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 10.00am in the parish centre**.

Please note there **will not** be any sessions on 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> April.

## **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

The stations are a traditional devotional service, led by parishioners during Lent. **The stations will be led this Sunday at 4.00pm in the Church.**

## **SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION**

A service of reconciliation is to be held at Holy Cross Church on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm**. If you are unable to attend this service but would like details of services in other parishes, please ask Fr Philip for details.

## **ST. PATRICK'S NIGHT SOCIAL**

Thank you to everyone involved in the preparation and organisation of this very successful and well supported event. The food was excellent. The band and Irish dancers provided wonderful entertainment.

## **AFRICAN MASS**

There will an African themed Mass which will be held on **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July**. In order to plan the Mass, there will be a meeting on **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March after the 11.00am Mass** in the Parish Centre. All are welcome to attend.

## **THE BELL FUND**

The draw for March will take place on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April**. The prize fund currently stands at **£51**. **This month there will also be a second and third prize of an Easter Egg**. 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.

## **GIFT AID 25% INCREASE IN GIVING AT NO EXTRA COST!**

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. In addition if you pay tax at the higher rate, you can claim back more when you complete your tax return. No personal financial details are required. If you would like to join or would like more information, please contact the Presbytery on 01708 853130.

## **HOLY CROSS SCHOOL**

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

### **PLEASE PRAY**

For the repose of the soul of **John Skliros** who died recently. Please also remember his family in your prayers at this time. May he rest in peace.

### **PLEASE PRAY**

For the repose of the soul of **Kath Treble** who died recently. Kath helped to run the repository and was an APF co-ordinator for many years. She attended Mass daily and was a Eucharistic Minister and reader. Please also remember her family in your prayers at this time. The body will be received into the Church On **Tuesday 23rd March at 5.00pm**. A Requiem Mass will take place on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30pm**. (**Family flowers only, donations invited to any of the following; Brentwood Catholic Children's Society, Columban Fathers or the Stroke Association – via the parish office**). May she rest in peace.

### **PLEASE PRAY**

For the repose of the soul of **Patrick Lally** who died recently. The body will be received into church on **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 4.45pm**. A requiem Mass will be held on **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 1.00pm**. Please also remember his family in your prayers at this time. May he rest in peace.

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

Gerard Allison, Christopher Azoba, Kathleen Baucutt, Sandra Barraclough, Grace Bullen, John Cairns, Tony Chubb, Patricia Clancy, Minnie Cummings, Monica Daley, Rose Deighan, Peg Dennison, Grace Doherty, Tracy Edmeades, Veronica Edmund, Flora Elliot, Ian Gledell, John Gore, Val Griffiths, Alan Hamer, Josie Holly, Kirstin Jones, Quentin Lewis, Eileen Lyons, Rita MacDonald, Gwen McCormack, Molly McGovan, Elsie Masters, Don Migone, Helena Montague, Susan Murphy, Christopher Onukwuba, David Orme, Irene Robinson, Ronald Robinson, Ann Rowntree, Louise Scott, Robert Shean, Brenda Stephenson, Jean Stowe, Ciarann Stukins, and Dot Wooding.

Please also remember in your prayers those who care for them.

## COUNTING ROTA

22<sup>nd</sup> March. – Rosemarie Edwards

29<sup>th</sup> March – Lisa Knight

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## COFFEE MORNING ROTA

This Sunday – Team F

Next Sunday – Team A

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## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS' ROTA

This Sunday - Teams C/H/M (3)

Next Sunday - Teams D/I/N (4)



## Offertory Collection

13<sup>th</sup> / 14<sup>th</sup> March £ 794.53  
(£ 553.05 was gift aided)



## Water Fund

Raised last week – £ 7.24  
(£ 0 was gift aided)

Total from 21<sup>st</sup> Feb. - £2,307.24



## Bell Fund

Raised to date £4,044.00

**March Draw Prize Fund =**  
\*£51.00

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

**Thank you for your generosity**

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**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

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2010**

*Christopher Duffy R.I.P. (Anniv.)* 5.30pm

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March**

*Patrick Lally R.I.P.* 9.00am

*Dec'd Members of the Donohoe* 11.00am

*Family R.I.P.*

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

*Colin Sadler R.I.P.* 9.30am

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

*Eucharistic Service* 9.30am

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

*Requiem Mass for Kath. Treble* 1.30pm

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

*The Annunciation of the Lord*  
*Alan Browne R.I.P.* 9.30am

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

*Ernie Cooper R.I.P.* 9.30am

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

*Matthew Monksfield R.I.P.* 9.30am

### PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF LORD

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

*Fred Evans R.I.P.* 5.30pm

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

*Dec'd Members of the Treble* 9.00am

*& O'Brien Families*

*People of the Parish* 11.00am

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## Dates for your Diary

**Fri. 26<sup>th</sup> March – Reconciliation Service**

**Fri. 9<sup>th</sup> April – Monthly Quiz Night**

**Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> April – Quiz Night**

**23<sup>rd</sup> May – Pentecost Sunday**  
**(Confirmation)**

**6<sup>th</sup> June – Pastoral Parish Council Meeting**

**20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> June – First Holy Communion**  
**Masses**