



25th July 2010
Seventeenth 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 A Day for Life. Please gift aid donations where possible.

BAPTISM

We welcome into our parish community, **Freya Hudson** who will be baptised this weekend.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Jodie McCarthy and Eddie Hadley** who were married in our church on Saturday.

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!**

FIRST COMMUNION PHOTOGRAPHS

The photographs will be available for viewing and ordering **next Saturday** morning in the weekday chapel from **10.00am until 11.00am** or by appointment only.

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 twelve Holy Cross churches. More to follow shortly!**

THE BELL FUND

The draw for July will take place on **Monday 2nd August**. The prize fund currently stands at **£47**. 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.

SUMMER QUIZ NOW ON SALE

This years challenging summer quiz is entitled "A taxing threesome" devised by Janice & Gary Green. If you would like to have a go, they cost £1 and are on sale in the porch of the Church. The proceeds go to the bell fund. The winning prize is £10 and must be returned no later than **6th September** to Janice, Gary or Fr Philip.

PAPAL VISIT

The visit by Pope Benedict XVI is the first ever state visit by a Pope to the United Kingdom. As part of the visit, our parish has received an allocation of tickets for the Vigil of Prayer on **Saturday 18th September** in Hyde Park which will begin at 2.00pm and finish at 8.00pm (Please note there is no seating). There are also a much smaller number of tickets for the Beatification Mass for Cardinal Newman in Birmingham on **Sunday 19th September at 10.00am**. Anyone who wishes to attend either of these events will need to register for a Pilgrim pack. Registration will cost £10 per person for Hyde Park and £25 per person for Birmingham.

A registration form is printed inside the parish information leaflet. The tickets will be allocated to **parishioners** on a first come first served basis, with other names held on a waiting list. Please complete the registration form inside the leaflet (**even if you have already given your names to Fr Philip**) and return it to the presbytery as soon as possible with your payment. (Note: Payment will only be refunded if you are not allocated a place).

We also need help with the following:-

One parish co-ordinator to read and action the information regarding the visit from the Diocese (you do not have to be attending the events).

Two Pilgrim leaders, one for Hyde Park and one for Birmingham (you must be attending the event)
(Details are in the leaflet).

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY

For the repose of the soul of **Lil Mahoney**, who died recently. Please also remember her family in your prayers at this difficult time. Her funeral service will take place at South Essex Crematorium on **Tuesday 27th July at 12.00pm**. May she rest in peace.

PLEASE PRAY

For the repose of the soul of **Gladys Sullivan**, who died recently. Please also remember her family in your prayers at this difficult time. May she rest in peace.



PLEASE PRAY for the Sick & Housebound, especially:

Gerard Allison, Christopher Azoba, John Cairns, Peg Dennison, Peter Gore, Kathy Hillhouse, Josie Holly, Jackie Higginson, Viv Morrison, Christopher Onukwuba 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

26th July – Patricia Turmel
2nd August – Rosemarie Edwards

COFFEE MORNING ROTA

25th July – Deborah
1st August – Tracy

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS' ROTA

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

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

Offertory Collection

17th / 18th July £ 697.85
(£ 414.80 was gift aided)

Water Fund

Raised last week – £ 18.40
(£ 5.00 was gift aided)

Total from 21st Feb. - £2,361.33

Bell Fund

Raised to date £7,236.27
(Approx. £53,000 still to raise!)

July Draw Prize Fund =
*£47.00

*(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

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)

Saturday 24th July

People of the Parish

5.30pm

Sunday 25th July

Private Intentions

9.00am

Book of Remembrance

11.00am

African Mass

1.00pm

Monday 26th July

SS Joachim and Anne

Private Intentions

9.30am

Tuesday 27th July

Lil Mahoney R.I.P.

9.30am

Wednesday 28th July

Private Intentions

9.30am

Thursday 29th July

St Martha

Intentions of Joan Chapman

9.30am

Friday 30th July

Private Intentions

9.30am

Saturday 31st July

St Ignatius Loyola

Ethel Thomas R.I.P.

9.30am

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)

Saturday 31st July

People of the Parish

5.30pm

Sunday 1st August

Betty Joy R.I.P.

9.00am

Private Intentions

11.00am

Dates for your Diary

**Fri. 10th September – Monthly Quiz
Night**

Sun. 12th September – Family Fun Day