



27th June 2010
Thirteenth 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!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please pray for Sidney Efe, Whitney Efe, Jarrod Francis-Collins, Daniel Finn, Oluchi Onyenka-Harris, Megan Martin, Timi Ogunrin, Olugbenga Olusesan, Anthony Onukwuba, Divine Osazee, Destiny Osunde, Isoken Osunde, Bukunmi Olatunji-Oyelaja, Rebecca Patt, Kieran Quartey, Ibilola Sode, Monique Talbott, Nchemty Tanyi and Eyongta Tanyi of our parish who will be receiving their **First Holy Communion on Sunday at 2.00pm**.

RETIRING COLLECTION

There is a retiring collection at all Masses **this** weekend for St Peter's Pence. Please gift aid donations where possible.

NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Our church desperately needs more people to carry out this ministry within our Church at all Masses including the weekday services. A training course is to be held later this month. If you would like more information, please see Fr Philip or contact the Presbytery.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

There will be a training session for children who have received their First Holy Communion and would be interested in this ministry. The session will be held on **Saturday 3rd July** in the Church. If you are interested, please speak to Fr Philip.

PARISH FINANCES

Not all of you will be aware that our parish has a considerable debt due to essential works carried out some time ago to the buildings. In addition to this, offertory giving has fallen whilst the cost of the day to day running of the parish has risen. Last year on average it cost £2,359 a week to run the parish whilst the average weekly income was £2,070. This is without any unforeseen expenditure for repairs etc. I would ask that you review your offertory giving and consider increasing the amount if you can afford to do so.

If you are a tax payer you can increase the value of the amount you give at no extra cost to you, by joining the gift aid scheme. Forms are available near the newsletter or if you would like more information, please contact the parish office.

THANK YOU

Fr. Francis would like to thank Fr. Philip and the parishioners of Holy Cross Parish for their hospitality and kindness on the occasion of his 25th anniversary to the priesthood. It made my day to be able to invite my friends and celebrate Mass with them and several of my priest-friends. We had a lively time in the parish hall afterwards and it would not have been possible without your support. On a personal note I would like to thank Peter, Sheila, as well as Tracy the parish secretary for all their hard work. Thank you so much!!!

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 nine Holy Cross churches; the most recent was last Monday at Woodchurch, Cheshire. Others to follow in the next few weeks!**

THE BELL FUND

The draw for June will take place on **Monday 5th July**. The prize fund currently stands at **£56**. **Each bell costs £2** with £1 allocated to the prize fund and £1 to the bell fund.

QUIZ NIGHT

The next monthly quiz night will take place on **Friday 2nd July**. Bar opens at 7.30pm and the quiz starts at 8.00pm. All are welcome, just turn up.

GRAYS CONVENT HIGH SCHOOL

The school has a full-time vacancy for a PA to Headteacher/Support Manager. For an application pack and job description please telephone Jackie Reynolds on 01375 376173.

PLEASE PRAY

For the repose of the soul of **Alice Jacobs** (the mother of Clare Alo) who died recently. A Requiem Mass will be held on **Friday 23rd July at 2.00pm**. Please also pray for her family. May she rest in peace.

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For the repose of the soul of **Mary Winston** who died recently. A Requiem Mass will be held on **Thursday 5th July at 10.00am**. Please also pray for her family. May she rest in peace.

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For the repose of the soul of **Michelle Williams** who died recently. The body will be received into **St Thomas of Canterbury, Grays** on Wednesday 28th June at 5.00pm. A Requiem Mass will be held at St Thomas of Canterbury, Grays on Thursday 29th June at 2.30pm. May she rest in peace.

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

28th June – Lisa Knight
5th July – Mandy Baldrey

COFFEE MORNING ROTA

This Sunday – Jane G
Next Sunday – John / Cathy

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS' ROTA

This Sunday - Teams D/I/N (2)
Next Sunday - Teams A/F/K (1)

Offertory Collection



19th / 20th June £ 1,098.23
(£ 364.08 was gift aided)

Water Fund



Raised last week – £ 21.19
(£ 0.00 was gift aided)

Total from 21st Feb. - £2,325.15

Bell Fund



Raised to date £4,525.20

June Draw Prize Fund =
*£56.00

*(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

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)

Saturday 26th June
Ellen McNamara R.I.P. 5.30pm

Sunday 27th June
People of the Parish 9.00am

Osi & Francesca Onukwuba 11.00am
(10th Wedding Anniversary)

Monday 28th June 9.30am
St Irenaeus

Michelle Williams R.I.P.

Tuesday 29th June
SS Peter & Paul 9.30am
Michael Leighton R.I.P.

Dec'd Members of the Healy Family 7.30pm

Wednesday 30th June 9.30am
Private Intentions

Thursday 1st July 9.30am
Private Intentions

Friday 2nd July 9.30am
Private Intentions

Saturday 3rd July 9.30am
St Thomas
Private Intentions

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)

Saturday 3rd July 5.30pm
Harold & Maureen (Cass) Smith
Golden Wedding Anniversary

Sunday 4th July 9.00am
People of the Parish
Peter Reid R.I.P. (Anniv.) 11.00am

Dates for your Diary

Sun. 27th June – First Holy Communion Mass – 2.00pm

Fri. 2nd July – Monthly Quiz Night

Sun. 25th July – African Mass

Sun. 12th September – Family Fun Day