



Sunday 6th December 2009
Second Sunday of Advent (C)

Diocese of Brentwood - Registered Charity No. 234092

CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE HOLY CROSS

Holy Cross Church

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SUNDAY COFFEE MORNING

...after the 9.00am Mass **in the Presbytery**, everyone is welcome.

RETIRING COLLECTION

Today our prayers are asked for all those discerning a vocation to the Diocesan Priesthood, as we celebrate the re-launch of www.brentwoodvocations.org with new resources and a "Priests Blog" – share with fourteen Priests of the Diocese as they present a snapshot of living Priesthood, day by day. Today we take the annual collection to pay for the training of students for the Priesthood: please do be as generous as you can. If you are interested in a vocation to the Diocesan Priesthood please speak to your Parish priest, or contact Fr Dominic Howarth or Mgr John Armitage via the vocations website.

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our parish community, **Tobi & Tunde Ogbeide** who will be baptised this weekend.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please pray for **Blessing Oluwaro, Grace Oluwawo and Ileri Osidele** who will be receiving the sacrament of First Holy Communion during 9.00am Mass this Sunday.

SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION

A service of reconciliation is to be held at Holy Cross Church on **Thursday 17th December 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.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

There will be a Christmas dinner held on **Sunday 13th December** in the parish hall. Tickets are priced at £12 for adults, £6 for children (12 and under) and £8 for senior citizens. The menu and booking envelopes are available in the porch of the church. All proceeds will go to our parish charity. Book early to avoid disappointment as spaces are limited. To book your place, please call Carmel 01708 866080.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Thank you to our social committee, their helpers and everyone who contributed anyway to the success of the event. The bazaar was very well supported and raised nearly £1,500.00.

THE BELL FUND

The draw took place on this week. The winner was bell number **2**. Congratulations to Grace Doherty who won **£103!** The draw for December will take place on Monday 4th January.

**ADMISSION TO HOLY CROSS
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
SEPTEMBER 2010**

If your child will be aged 5 between **1st September 2010 and 31st August 2011** they need to start school in **September 2010**.

Application is made by a "Primary School Application Form" – this is available from your local authority or via any primary school or online.

These forms are returned to Thurock, but this can be done via Holy Cross School.

Supplementary forms also need to be completed and returned directly to the school.

The closing date for applications for entry into Reception Class 2010 is **Friday 12th February 2010**.

**HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC
PRIMARY SCHOOL VACANCY**

The school has a vacancy for a mid-day assistant from January 2010.

For further information, please contact Mrs Cathy Reid at the school on **01708 853000**.

**HEALING MASS at ST TERESA
CHURCH, NEWBURY PARK.**

A healing Mass will be celebrated with Fr E. Power on **Tuesday 8th December at 8.00pm**.

The rosary will be said at 7.30pm. There will also be exposition and prayers for the healing.

PLEASE PRAY

For the repose of the soul of **Alma Ralph** who died recently. The funeral service will take place at South Essex Crematorium on Monday 7th December at 1.40pm. May she rest in peace.

PLEASE PRAY for the Sick & Housebound, especially:

Gerard Allison, Jadesola Asaju, Maria Azoba, Kathleen Baucutt, Sandra Barraclough, Ellen Brewer, Grace Bullen, John Cairns, Tony Chubb, Frank Courtney, 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, Brenda Hopper, Kirstin Jones, Quentin Lewis, Eileen Lyons, Rita MacDonald, Gwen McCormack, Molly McGovan, Elsie Masters, Don Migone, Susan Murphy, Christopher Onukwuba, David Orme, Irene Robinson, Ronald Robinson, Ann Rowntree, Pat Saunders, 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

7th Dec. – Patricia Turmel
14th Dec. – Rosemarie Edwards


COFFEE MORNING ROTA

This Sunday – Team C
Next Sunday – Team D


EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS' ROTA

This Sunday - Teams A/F/K (3)
Next Sunday - Teams B/G/L (4)

Offertory Collection

 28th / 29th December £782.53
(£494.06 was gift aided)

Water Fund


 Raised last week – £ 7.18
(£0 was gift aided)

Total from 21st Feb. - £1,149.28

Bell Fund

Raised to date £3,608.06

November Draw Prize Fund =
*£ 103.00

 *(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 weekday morning Liturgies.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 5th December

Mr & Mrs P. McNally R.I.P. 9.30am
People of the Parish 5.30pm

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9.00am *Dec'd Members of the Hewitson & Johnston Families R.I.P.*

11.00am *Russell Crickmore R.I.P.*

Monday 7th December 9.30am
St Ambrose
Alma Ralph R.I.P.

Tuesday 8th December 9.30am
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Eucharistic Service

Wednesday 9th December 9.30am
Private Intentions

Thursday 10th December 9.30am
Russell Crickmore R.I.P.

Friday 11th December 9.30am
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Saturday 12th December 9.30am
People of the Parish

Brigid McNamara R.I.P. 5.30pm

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9.00am *Marie Gadsden R.I.P.*

11.00am *Catherine McDonagh R.I.P.*

Dates for your Diary

Sun. 13th December – Christmas Dinner

Thu. 31st December – New Years Eve Party