



Sunday 7th March 2010
Third Sunday of Lent (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 COURSE

The next session of the course will be held on **Saturday 13th March at 10.00am in the parish centre**.

CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in our parish on **Sunday 23rd May 2010**. The retreat has been booked for the weekend of **14th - 16th May 2010**. If you will be fourteen years old (or older) this year and would like to be confirmed, please take a form from the church porch, and complete and return it, with a copy of your baptism certificate, as soon as possible. **The deadline for applications is Sunday 14th March 2010.**

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**. More volunteers for the coming weeks are still required! If you would like to take part in the Stations of the Cross (and perhaps help lead!), please speak to Fr Philip, indicating your preferred day and time for it to take place.

PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting is to be held on **Sunday 7th March** after the 11.00am Mass in the Parish Centre.

ST PATRICK'S NIGHT SOCIAL

There will be a social event on **Saturday 13th March** from 7.30pm to 11.00pm, in the parish centre. There will be delicious Irish food, live duo, Irish dancing and licensed bar. Tickets cost £6 for adults, £3 for children (6-11 yrs) and £15 for a family ticket (2 adults and 2 children (6-11 yrs)). **Tickets are only available in advance**. If you are interested in booking, please call Jane Gore on 01708 680510 or Jo Mills on 01708 670109.

THE BELL FUND

The draw took place on Monday 1st March. The winner was bell number **55**. Congratulations to Antonella Ekwegh who won **£82!** The draw for March will take place on Wednesday 7th April. **Each bell costs £2** with £1 allocated to the prize fund and £1 to the bell fund. The prize fund will increase as the bells are sold.

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

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

ORIGINAL ARTWORK STATIONS OF THE CROSS – SR MARY STEPHENS – at St Basil the Great, Luncies Road, Basildon SS14 1SD

This is a Deanery event for the Year for Priests and includes a wonderful chance to see some original artwork. Sr Mary Stephens, CRSS, has painted a set of Stations of the Cross that are beautiful and evocative. The original canvases will be on display at St Basil's as an event for the whole of our Deanery on **12th March**, with the following programme:

Display opens at 11.30am, **Stations of the Cross at 12.00 noon**. The display is open throughout the afternoon for private prayer and reflection. **5.30pm - Holy Hour, with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.**

The intention for prayer is for Priests and Vocations to the Priesthood, as this event is part of the Year for Priests. **Mass with Priests of the Deanery at 6.30pm** with the display ending at around 7.30pm.

THE LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF THE MARILLAC will be holding an 'AUCTION' on **Saturday 13th March 2010** at the Marillac Hall, Eagle Way, Warley, Brentwood. Viewing 9am to 10am. Bidding commences 10.00 am. Free parking in adjacent Ford's car park. Please come along. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

OUR LADY OF RANSOM SCHOOL RAYLEIGH – CLASS TEACHER

The school is seeking to appoint a permanent Teacher (NQT /Experienced), for a Year 1 or 2 class for September 2010.

Candidates should be familiar with current good practice. Further details are available from Mr J. F O'Brien (Headteacher) at the school. Visits are strongly encouraged. Closing date is 22nd March 2010. Telephone: 01268 785741

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, Susan Murphy, Christopher Onukwuba, David Orme, Irene Robinson, Ronald Robinson, Ann Rowntree, Louise Scott, Robert Shean, Brenda Stephenson, Jean Stowe, Ciarann Stukins, Kath. Treble and Dot Wooding.

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

COUNTING ROTA

8th March. – Sheila Higginson

15th March – Patricia Turmel

COFFEE MORNING ROTA

This Sunday – Team D

Next Sunday – Team E

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS' ROTA

This Sunday - Teams A/F/K (1)

Next Sunday - Teams B/G/L (2)

Offertory Collection



27th / 28th Feb. £ 763.19
(£ 480.03 was gift aided)

2nd Collection – Family Fast
£220.75 (£170.50 was gift aided)

Water Fund



Raised last week – £ 6.28
(£ 5.00 was gift aided)

Total from 21st Feb. - £2,266.29



Bell Fund

Raised to date £3,996.00

March Draw Prize Fund =
*£ 9.00

*(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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

Saturday 6th March 2010

Matthew Monksfield R.I.P.

5.30pm

Sunday 7th March

Book of Remembrance

9.00am

Edward G. Hemley R.I.P.

11.00am

Monday 8th March

Mgr David Donnelly R.I.P.

9.30am

Tuesday 9th March

Eucharistic Service

9.30am

Wednesday 10th March

Matthew Monksfield R.I.P.

9.30am

Thursday 11th March

Ralph Fuller R.I.P.

9.30am

Friday 12th March

Matthew Monksfield R.I.P.

9.30am

Saturday 13th March

Fanny Grafton R.I.P.

9.30am

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

Saturday 13th March

People of the Parish

5.30pm

Sunday 14th March

Grace Wallace R.I.P.

9.00am

*Angela Toomey & Sean McMahon
R.I.P. (Anniv.)*

11.00am

Dates for your Diary

Sat. 13th March – St Patrick's Night