



Sunday 10th January 2010
The Baptism of the Lord (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 16th January 2010 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.

R.C.I.A.

Any adults who are considering joining the Catholic Church, or Catholic adults who have not been confirmed but would like to receive this sacrament, please speak to Fr. Philip as soon as possible.

REPOSITORY

A selection of cards gifts and other religious items are available to purchase on Saturday and Sunday before and after Masses. The repository has just donated £800 to the Church. Thank you to all who help to run repository. Please support this facility!

HOME VISITS

If you would like Fr Philip to visit you at home, he is more than happy to make arrangements to come and see you. You can of course speak to Fr Philip directly or alternatively phone the parish office to make an appointment.

HOSPITAL VISITS

If you are going in to hospital and would like a visit from the Hospital Chaplain, or to receive Holy Communion, you must specifically request this. Please take and complete a form from the back of the church, which may be handed to the hospital staff, either by yourself or a relative, to ensure that a member of the Chaplaincy Team visits you. The hospital authorities are no longer allowed to pass on any information without prior consent from either the patient or their next of kin. Fr. Philip is also willing to visit parishioners in hospital, on request.

THE BELL FUND

The draw for December has taken place. Congratulations to C. McGettigan who won £66.00. The next draw will take place on Monday 1st February. **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 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**.

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**.

THE 'LIFE IN THE WORD' CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

This prayer group is based at St Thomas Grays and meets for praise and worship every Friday at 7.40pm. There is also a healing Mass every first Friday of the month at 8pm.

All are welcome to attend.

PLEASE PRAY for the Sick & Housebound, especially:

Gerard Allison, Christopher 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, Matthew Monksfield, 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

11th Jan. – Toyin Edeki
18th Jan. – Sheila Higginson

COFFEE MORNING ROTA

This Sunday – Team B
Next Sunday – Team C

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS' ROTA

This Sunday - Teams B/G/L (5)
Next Sunday - Teams C/H/M (1)



Offertory Collection

2nd / 3rd January £832.64
(£ 459.18 was gift aided)

Water Fund



Raised last week – £ 183.27
(£ 26.01 was gift aided)

Total from 21st Feb. - £2,182.64

Bell Fund



Raised to date £3,626.06

Jan. Draw Prize Fund =
*£ 0

*(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

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (C)

Saturday 9th January

John McGrath R.I.P.

5.30pm

Sunday 10th January

Phyllis Turmel R.I.P. (Anniv.)

9.00am

People of the Parish

11.00am

Monday 11th January

9.30am

Eucharistic Service

Tuesday 12th January

9.30am

Dec'd Members of the Doherty & Ward Families

Wednesday 13th January

9.30am

Mary Leighton R.I.P. (1st Anniv.)

Thursday 14th January

9.30am

Philip Bendon R.I.P.

Friday 15th January

9.30am

Russell Crickmore R.I.P.

Saturday 16th January

9.30am

Lil Green R.I.P.

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)

Saturday 16th January

Russell Crickmore R.I.P.

5.30pm

Sunday 17th January

People of the Parish

9.00am

Russell Crickmore R.I.P.

11.00am