



Sunday 14th March 2010

Fourth Sunday of Lent (C)

Diocese of Brentwood - Registered Charity No. 234092

CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE HOLY CROSS

Holy Cross Church

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Holy Week Services

Thursday 1st April at 8.00pm

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday 2nd April at 3.00pm

Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord

Friday 2nd April at 8.00pm

Way of the Cross

Saturday 3rd April at 7.30pm

Easter Vigil

(Please note there is no Mass at 5.30pm)

Sunday 4th April at 9.00am and at 11.00am

Easter Sunday Mass



SUNDAY COFFEE MORNING

after 9.00am Mass **in the Presbytery**. All are welcome!

BAPTISM

We welcome into our parish community, **Francis Malewezi** who will be baptised this weekend.

MISSION APPEAL

Next weekend we will have a visiting priest who will be making an appeal on behalf of the Comboni Missionaries.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE

The next session of the course will be held on **Saturday 20th 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. **Today is the deadline for applications.**

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

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

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.**

AFRICAN MASS

There will be an African themed Mass which will be held on **Sunday 25th July**. In order to plan the Mass, there will be a meeting on **Sunday 28th March after the 11.00am Mass** in the Parish Centre. All are welcome to attend.

THE BELL FUND

The draw for March will take place on **Wednesday 7th April**. The prize fund currently stands at **£28**. **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.

GIFT AID 25% INCREASE IN GIVING AT NO EXTRA COST!

Why not increase your donations to the Church by 25% at no extra cost to yourself? If you, your spouse or your partner pay tax, you can do this by joining the Gift Aid Scheme. In addition if you pay tax at the higher rate, you can claim back more when you complete your tax return. No personal financial details are required. If you would like to join or would like more information, please contact the Presbytery on 01708 853130.

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

THURROCK GOSPEL CHOIR

The Thurrock Gospel Choir is presenting "No Other King" at All Saints on **Thursday 15th April at 7.30pm**. Please come and join them.

OASIS OF PEACE (MEDJUGORJE) DAY:

On **Saturday April 24th 2010** at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, 11, Church Hill, Epping, Essex, CM16 4RA, from 10.30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Includes Mass, Adoration, Rosary and discussion. Bring packed lunch – drinks provided. For more information, please contact Susan: 01992 575017 or marys_nook@talktalk.net

PLEASE PRAY

For the repose of the soul of **Ernie Cooper** who died recently. Please also remember his family in your prayers at this time. A Requiem Mass will take place on **Thursday 18th March at 1.00pm**. May he rest in peace.

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For the repose of the soul of **Patrick Lally** who died recently. Please also remember his family in your prayers at this time. May he rest in peace.

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

15th March. – Patricia Turmel
22nd March – Rosemarie Edwards

COFFEE MORNING ROTA

This Sunday – Team E

Next Sunday – Team F

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS' ROTA

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

Next Sunday - Teams C/H/M (1)



Offertory Collection

6th / 7th March £ 699.08
(£ 448.97 was gift aided)



Water Fund

Raised last week – £ 33.71
(£ 2.01 was gift aided)

Total from 21st Feb. - £2,300.00



Bell Fund

Raised to date £3,996.00

March Draw Prize Fund =
*£48.00

*(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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

Saturday 13th March 2010

People of the Parish 5.30pm

Sunday 14th March

Grace Wallace R.I.P. 9.00am

Angela Toomey & 11.00am

Sean McMahon R.I.P.

Monday 15th March

Michael Byrne R.I.P. & Family 9.30am

Tuesday 16th March

Eucharistic Service 9.30am

Wednesday 17th March

St Patrick
Patsy Murphy R.I.P. 9.30am

Thursday 18th March

Phyllis Cooper R.I.P. 9.30am

Requiem Mass for Ernie Cooper 1.00pm

Friday 19th March 9.30am

St Joseph
Kitty & Taffy James R.I.P. 9.30am

Saturday 20th March 9.30am

Eucharistic Service

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

Saturday 20th March

Christopher Duffy R.I.P. (Anniv.) 5.30pm

Sunday 21st March

People of the Parish 9.00am

Dec'd Members of the Donohoes Family

Dates for your Diary

Fri. 9th April – Monthly Quiz Night