



Sunday 17th January 2010
Second 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!

RETIRING COLLECTION

There will be a retiring collection this weekend for Pax Christi. Please gift aid your donations, where possible.

BAPTISM

We welcome into our parish community, **Shae Kavanagh** who will be baptised this weekend.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE

The next session of the course will be held on **Saturday 23rd January at 10.00am in the parish centre**. There will also be a celebration Mass **at 11.00am on Sunday 24th January**.

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.

APPEAL ON BEHALF OF CAFOD – HAITI EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

CAFOD will be working closely with Caritas International - a group of Catholic agencies from around the world - to get help to those who need it most. The money you raise will help our partners supply water, food, medicines and shelter to people in the worst affected areas and help people to rebuild their lives in the long term. We know that you are busy preparing to support us during the season of Lent, but hope that you will understand the people of Haiti need our help urgently. We greatly appreciate your continued support and ask you to keep those affected by this disaster in your prayers.

If you are able to make a donation to CAFOD, please place the money in a yellow gift aid envelope and clearly mark it "HAITI CAFOD APPEAL". If you are able to gift aid that donation, please complete the details or write your envelope number on the front. If you are unable to gift aid your donation but would like to make a donation, please use the same yellow envelopes marking it "HAITI CAFOD APPEAL" but **do not complete** your name and address etc.

THE BELL FUND

The draw for January will take place on **Monday 1st February**. The prize fund currently stands at **£30**. **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.

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**.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

There will be a service at All Saints Church, Foyle Drive, South Ockendon at **4.00pm on Sunday 24th January 2010**. All are welcome.

PLEASE PRAY

For the repose of the soul of Matthew Monksfield who died recently. His Requiem Mass will be held on Thursday 28th January at 10.00am. Please also pray for his family. May he rest in peace.

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, 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

18th Jan. – Sheila Higginson

25th Jan. – Patricia Turmel

COFFEE MORNING ROTA

This Sunday – Team C

Next Sunday – Team D

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS' ROTA

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

Next Sunday - Teams D/I/N (2)



Offertory Collection

9th/ 10th January £ 607.45
(£ 407.66 was gift aided)

Water Fund



Raised last week – £ 12.50
(£ 0 was gift aided)

Total from 21st Feb. - £2,182.64

Bell Fund



Raised to date £3,626.06

Jan. Draw Prize Fund =
*£ 30.00

*(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

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)

Saturday 16th January

Russell Crickmore R.I.P.

5.30pm

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People of the Parish

9.00am

Russell Crickmore R.I.P.

11.00am

Monday 18th January

Lil Green R.I.P.

9.30am

Tuesday 19th January

Eucharistic Service

9.30am

Wednesday 20th January

Eucharistic Service

9.30am

Thursday 21st January

St Agnes

Eucharistic Service

9.30am

Friday 22nd January

Eucharistic Service

9.30am

Saturday 23rd January

Lil Green R.I.P.

9.30am

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)

Saturday 23rd January

Patrick McLoughlin R.I.P. (Anniv.)

5.30pm

Sunday 24th January

Eugene O'Sullivan R.I.P. (Anniv.)

9.00am

People of the Parish

11.00am

Dates for your Diary

Fri. 5th February – Monthly Quiz Night