



Sunday 20th December 2009
Fourth Sunday of Advent (C)

Diocese of Brentwood - Registered Charity No. 234092

CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE HOLY CROSS

Holy Cross Church

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Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve – Thursday 24th December

Christmas Eve Family Mass at 5.00pm - Carols at 4.30pm

Christmas Midnight Mass - Carols at 11.30pm

Christmas Day – Friday 25th December

9.00am & 11.00am



Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th December – Normal Mass Times

SUNDAY COFFEE MORNING

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

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Just a little reminder that the collection at the Christmas Masses is your gift to your parish Priest, who would like to thank you in anticipation of your generosity. All cheques should be made payable to "Holy Cross Church".

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE

A reminder to the parents of children who have already applied to join the course. The first session of the course will be held on **Saturday 9th January 2010 at 10.00am in the parish centre**. There will also be a parents meeting and all children must be represented by an adult at the meeting.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Leaders are holding a final practice session for children who would like to take part in the Christmas Eve Mass will take place on **Monday 21st December at 3.30pm until 4.45pm. Please arrive promptly.**

CHRISTMAS PICTURE QUIZ

This year Janice and Gary Green have set another challenging Christmas Quiz is based on pictures taken from an unusual angle! The quiz cost £1 with a first prize of £10. All proceeds go to the water fund. Deadline for entries is **4th January**.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Thank you to Carmel, Michael, Kathy, all their helpers and everyone who attended last Sunday. The Christmas dinner was fantastic and was enjoyed by all.

The proceeds of £850.19 are being donated to the parish charity which is the water fund.

NATIVITY COSTUMES

Children are welcome to dress up in nativity themed costumes at the Christmas Eve 5.00pm Mass if they desire. If you have any unwanted nativity costumes, it would be useful to make them available to use for the nativity play at the Christmas Eve Mass. If you would like to donate them, please deliver them as soon as possible to the presbytery.

GIFT AID

The envelopes for the next year are available at the back of the Church in alphabetical order.

THE BELL FUND

The draw for December will take place on **Monday 4th January**. The prize fund currently stands at **£49** so far. **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.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE

The church tree will be delivered on the morning of **Monday the 21st December at around 10.30am**. If anyone is able to help decorate the tree and prepare the Church, it would be very much appreciated.

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

Tickets are now available for the party with disco, which will be held in the church hall and centre on **31st December from 8.00pm until 12.30am**. The tickets are £8 for adults, £4 for concessions and young adults (13-17 years) and 12 and under free. Bring your own nibbles. There will be a licenced bar – so drinks consumed must be purchased from the bar only. There are a very limited number of tickets available and must be paid for in advance only. To book, please call Jane on 01708 680510 or Jo on 01708 670109 or the parish office on 01708 853130. **Deadline for booking is 30th December 2009.**

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 of 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**.

PLEASE PRAY for the Sick & Housebound, especially:

Gerard Allison, Jadesola Asaju, 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

21st Dec. – Lisa Knight
28th Dec. – Patricia Turmel

COFFEE MORNING ROTA

This Sunday – Team E
Next Sunday – Team F

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS' ROTA

This Sunday - Teams C/H/M (5)
Next Sunday - Teams D/I/N (1)

Offertory Collection

12th / 13th December £829.29
(£614.55 was gift aided)

Water Fund

Raised last week – £ 12.50
(£6 was gift aided)

Total from 21st Feb. - £1,149.28

Bell Fund

Raised to date £3,626.06

Dec. Draw Prize Fund =
*£ 49.00

*(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 19th December

*Bernard Turmel R.I.P. &
Michael Bullen R.I.P.* 9.30am

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Virginia Ajibo R.I.P. 5.30pm

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9.00am *William McLoughlin R.I.P.*

11.00am *People of the Parish*

Monday 21st December 9.30am
Eucharistic Service

Tuesday 22nd December 9.30am
Kitty & Taffy Jones R.I.P.

Wednesday 23rd December 9.30am
Diane McCormack

Thursday 24th December
The Birth of Jesus Christ the Lord
Alma Ralph R.I.P. 9.30am

Christmas Masses

Private Intentions 5.00pm
People of the Parish Midnight

Friday 25th December
Christmas Day
Teresa Piszczek R.I.P. 9.00am

People of the Parish 11.00am

Saturday 26th December
St Stephen
Private Intentions 9.30am

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and
Joseph (C)**
Annie Phillips R.I.P. 5.30pm

SUNDAY 27th December 2009
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary
and Joseph (C)

9.00am *People of the Parish*

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