



Sunday 21st February 2010
First 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 27th February at 10.00am in the parish centre**.

There will also be a celebration Mass on **Sunday 28th February at 11.00am**.

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.

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.

OFFERTORY GIVING

Some of you may not be aware that it is possible to make your offertory giving via standing order. Standing order payments can be gift aided too. Payment via standing order, greatly reduces the amount of administration associated with cash payments. If you are interested in using this method, please complete a form and return it to the parish office. If you **do not** wish to gift aid your standing order payments, please indicate this on the form. Forms are available in the porch. For other ways to help the parish or diocese raise funds visit the Diocese website:

<http://dioceseofbrentwood.net/donate>

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 for February will take place on **Monday 1st March**. The prize fund currently stands at **£48**. **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.

VACANCY DEPUTY HEAD TEACHER

Holy Cross School is looking for an excellent practitioner who is a practising Catholic to join the school at an exciting time of change and development. You will have the chance to lead the school forward with the new Headteacher and leadership team in a positive and supportive environment.

We have friendly, keen and enthusiastic children. We can offer you a non-class based position with good opportunities for CPD within the school and LA.

You will have some leadership experience, aspire to headship and have good interpersonal skills with the ability to lead and inspire staff and secure school improvement.

For an application pack, please contact Mrs Reid in the school office.

Visits to the school are warmly welcomed.

**Closing Date: February 24th
2010**

Interviews March 18th 2010

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE

Will be held on **5th March at
2.00pm Aveley Christian
Centre.**

This year's service is entitled '*Everything that has Breath Praise God*' and is written by the Christian women of Cameroon.

All are welcome.

PLEASE PRAY

For the repose of the soul of **Florence Alderman** who died recently. Please also remember her family in your prayers at this time. The body will be received into the Church on **Tuesday 23rd February at 5.00pm**. The Requiem Mass will take place on **Wednesday 24th February at 10.00am**. May she 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, 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, 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

22nd Feb. – Mandy Baldrey

1st March – Toyin Edeki

COFFEE MORNING ROTA

This Sunday – Team B

Next Sunday – Team C

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS' ROTA

This Sunday - Teams C/H/M (2)

Next Sunday - Teams D/I/N (3)



Offertory Collection

13th / 14th Feb. £ 716.36
(£ 506.05 was gift aided)



Water Fund

Raised last week – £ 30.92
(£ 0 was gift aided)

Total from 21st Feb. - £2,250.04

Bell Fund

Raised to date £3,847.00



Feb. 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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

Saturday 20th February 2010

Maureen O'Sullivan R.I.P. (Anniv.) 5.30pm

Sunday 21st February

Betty Joy R.I.P. (Anniv.) 9.00am

People of the Parish 11.00am

Monday 22nd February

The Chair of St Peter 9.30am

Charlie Mahoney R.I.P.

Tuesday 23rd February

Eucharistic Service 9.30am

Wednesday 24th February

Requiem Mass for Florence Alderman 10.00am

Thursday 25th February

Annie Denny & Martin O'Grady R.I.P. 9.30am

Friday 26th February

Patrick Reddan R.I.P. (3rd Anniv.) 9.30am

Saturday 27th February

Nora Darmody R.I.P. (Anniv.) 9.30am

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

Saturday 27th February

Cornelius Doherty R.I.P. 5.30pm

Sunday 28th February

Breda Graves 9.00am

People of the Parish

11.00am

Dates for your Diary

Fri. 5th March – Monthly Quiz Night

Sun. 7th March – Parish Council Meeting

Sat. 13th March – St Patrick's Night