



Sunday 29th November 2009
First Sunday of Advent (C)

Diocese of Brentwood - Registered Charity No. 234092

CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE HOLY CROSS

Holy Cross Church

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SUNDAY COFFEE MORNING

Is cancelled this weekend, due to the Christmas Bazaar.

BISHOP THOMAS

Congratulations to Bishop Thomas who is celebrating his Golden Jubilee of priestly ordination this weekend.

RETIRING COLLECTION

There is a retiring collection at all Masses next weekend for the Brentwood Education Fund. Please gift aid donations where possible.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Christmas Bazaar is to take place on **Sunday 29th November from 12.00pm**. Please do come along and support of fund raising!

THE REPOSITORY

New stock of Christmas cards, calendars, nativity sets and candles are now on display. Please take a look as we are very much cheaper than other outlets and all profits are given to **our parish**. Thank You.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

There will be a Christmas dinner held on Sunday 13th December in the parish hall. Tickets are priced at £12 for adults, £6 for children (12 and under) and £8 for senior citizens. The menu and booking envelopes are available in the porch of the church. All proceeds will go to our parish charity. Book early to avoid disappointment as spaces are limited. To book your place, please call Carmel 01708 866080.

HOSPITAL VISITS

If you are going in to hospital and would like to see either the Hospital Chaplain or Fr Philip or to receive Communion, it is necessary to let the hospital know. At the back of the church there are some forms, which can be handed to the hospital staff, either by yourself or a relative, to ensure that the Chaplaincy Team visits you. Unfortunately the hospital authorities are no longer allowed to pass on any information without prior consent from either the patient or their next of kin.

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. Even the smallest amount given would mean a great deal extra for our parish.** Your records are kept in the strictest confidence and are known only to the gift aid organiser and the finance office in Brentwood. If you would like to join or would like more information, please contact the parish office on 01708 853130.

THE BELL FUND

The draw for October will take place on **Monday 30th November**. The prize fund currently stands at **£94** 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.

QUIZ NIGHT

The monthly quiz night will take place on **Friday 4th December** in the parish centre at 8.00pm. The bar will be open from 7.30pm. Teams of up to 8 are welcome to join, just come along on the night.

ADVENT SERVICE OF LIGHT

There will be a service of Light at South Ockendon Methodist Church at 4.00pm on **Sunday 29th November**. All are welcome.

HEALING MASS at ABBOTSWICK HOUSE OF PRAYER, celebrated by Fr John Glynn on **Wednesday 2nd December at 7.30pm**. Please visit www.abbotswick.org or call 01277 373959 for details.

PLEASE PRAY

For the repose of the soul of **Teresa Piszczek** who died recently. Please also pray for her family. May she rest in peace.

PLEASE PRAY

For the repose of the soul of **Russell Crickmore** who died recently. Russell had been a school governor and former member of our parish council. His funeral service will take place in Church on Thursday 3rd December at 10.30am. Please also keep his wife Linda and their children in your prayers. May he rest in peace.

PLEASE PRAY for the Sick & Housebound, especially:

Gerard Allison, Jadesola Asaju, Maria 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, Alma Ralph, 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

30th Nov. – Lisa Knight

7th Dec. – Pat. Turmel

COFFEE MORNING ROTA

This Sunday – Cancelled

Next Sunday – Team C

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS' ROTA

This Sunday - Teams E/J/O (1)

Next Sunday - Teams A/F/K (3)

Offertory Collection



21st / 22nd Nov. = £737.13
(£506.50 was gift aided)

Second Collection

£205.72 (£152.60 was gift aided)

Water Fund



Raised last week – £ 22.21
(£0 was gift aided)

Total from 21st Feb. - £1,142.10

Bell Fund

Raised to date £2,223.66



October Draw Prize Fund =

*£ 94.00

*(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 28th November 2009

Dec'd Members of the Treble & O'Brien 9.30am
Families R.I.P.

People of the Parish

5.30pm

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9.00am *In Thanksgiving (Toyin Edeki)*

11.00am *Kathleen Lanigan and Dick Kavanagh*
R.I.P.

Monday 30th November

9.30am

St Andrew

Veronique Prescott R.I.P. (Anniv.)

Tuesday 1st December

9.30am

Eucharistic Service

Wednesday 2nd December

9.30am

Rose Benson R.I.P.

Thursday 3rd December

10.30am

St Francis Xavier

Requiem Mass for Russell Crickmore R.I.P.

Friday 4th December

9.30am

Holy Souls

Saturday 5th December

9.30am

Mr & Mrs P. McNally R.I.P.

People of the Parish

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9.00am *Dec'd Members of the Hewitson & Johnston Families R.I.P.*

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

Dates for your Diary

Sun. 29th November – Christmas Bazaar

Sun. 13th December – Christmas Dinner

Thu. 31st December – New Years Eve Party