

The Catholic Parish of Ongar & Doddinghurst



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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING (C) Solemnity (Youth Day)

SUNDAY 20TH NOVEMBER, 2022

2 Samuel 5:1-3 Psalm 121 (122) Colossians 1:12-20 Luke 23:35-43

The kingship in Israel was fixed in the Davidic house – a role of continuity that the Gospels regularly indicate of Jesus. The Gospel from Luke's Passion, just in case we had the wrong idea of Christ's kingship, shows Jesus on the cross: jeered, mocked and abused by those around him associated with suffering and humility.

The letter to the Colossians makes clear that Christ's kingship is something transcendent and eternal: 'Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity.'

The heart of the message of this gospel is that Jesus welcomes the repentant sinner, no matter how grievous his offence, into the kingdom, into the arms of the loving Father. Jesus has come to 'bring good news to the poor' and to 'seek out and save the lost'.

God's action, (making Christ) is that kingship is about service and meekness, about accepting rejection, so as to make of himself a free offering for others; and about a cosmic and eternal role from before all time, beyond all time and impacting all of creation. Acknowledging the Lordship of Christ, the Christian faith insists that this is most certainly of importance to all people in all places and all times.

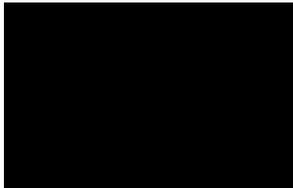
Keep yourself safe and well. Father Emile.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR SICK AT HOME, IN HOSPITAL AND THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME. WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES & PARISHIONERS Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Let us continue to pray for Bill Hamilton, Ruby Woodford, Ken Blackett and for those who are also sick at this time. Lord Jesus Christ, our Most Holy Redeemer, by the grace of your Holy Spirit, grant comfort and healing to your servants who suffer in mind, body or spirit. When they are afraid give them courage, when they are afflicted give them patience, when dejected lift them up with new hope, when alone, assure them of the prayerful support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

First Holy Communions Important Introduction/Registration Meeting for Parents of First Holy Communion candidates to take place on Saturday 19th November at St Helens Church, Ongar at 2:00pm.

Christmas Tabletop Sale - 10 - 1pm 26th November at St. Margaret's Hall
Good news! We have now allocated all the tables for this event and we have a great variety of goods on sale. Christmas cards, Advent calendars, stocking-fillers, crafts, cakes, artwork, books, beauty products and much more. For the children there is an activity table. We also welcome the return of Russell's Famous Pizzas for our Pop-Up Café and would appreciate any donations of cakes or traybakes. **Most important** - please put it in your diary, to come along, have a bit of a get-together and support your parish and local charities.

Christingle Making with the children of the parish will be on Sunday 4th December at 3pm at St. Helen's, Ongar followed by the Carols by Candlelight at 4pm. Please contact Lorraine on 07913109669 or Chloe on 07817227000 if you would like to attend. There will be a collection for Brentwood Catholic Children Society (BCCS).



Carols by Candlelight

We would like to invite you to our Carols by Candlelight on Sunday 4th December 4pm @ St. Helen's, Ongar. Tickets are £5 pay on the door and will include a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie. Children free entry. We will be rehearsing at St. Margaret's after 10.30am masses on Sunday 20th and Sunday 27th November - everyone who would like to sing with the choir is welcome to join us.



CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2022

SATURDAY 24TH DECEMBER

5.30pm Children of the Parish St. Margaret's
10pm Christmas Midnight Mass St. Helen's

SUNDAY 25TH DECEMBER – Feast of the Nativity

8.45am St. Helen's
10.30am St. Margaret's

Christmas Eve Family Mass - Sat 24th December - 5.30pm St. Margaret's

This will be led by the children of the parish and I would like to invite all First Holy Communion Children, past and present to contribute by their presence and to assist with the READINGS, BIDDING PRAYERS, OFFERTORY & SINGING. There will be a REHEARSAL following the 10.30am mass at St. Margaret's on SUNDAY 11TH DECEMBER so your support would be greatly appreciated.

St Helens & St. Margaret's Christmas Hamper Raffle We are now accepting donations to our Christmas Hamper - if you have anything suitable (no electricals pls) that you can donate to the hamper then please either give to Anne Robertson, Bernie Wrobel, Patrick Maher or drop directly into the church or Presbytery. Thank you.

ENERGY COSTS are a concern for all of us at this time and this includes the parish. Our current energy contract rates have increased very substantially and a recent maintenance and energy efficiency review of St Helens and the Presbytery was carried out to agree what practically we can do. This has produced a targeted list of measures that we are in the process of implementing. However, one of the largest urgent maintenance and energy efficiency measures is to repair the current poorly fitting and energy inefficient seven windows at the front of the Presbytery. Some are in a poor state of repair and do not fit properly. The presbytery is grade two listed and to do nothing will likely lead to higher energy bills and ultimately a higher eventual maintenance cost. The work needed is to remove, repair and draught proof the windows . The Parish finance committee is acutely aware that we are currently rebuilding our Parish financial position, but have agreed we need to act now to prevent further issues and costs arising in the future. A parishioner has agreed to kindly donate funds for part of the cost, but if anyone does feel able to help with the sizeable cost please contact the Parish secretary in the first instance. Thank you.

New to our parish?

Please say 'hello' to Fr. Emile and fill in a Register/Census Form (in porch)

Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals

Please arrange by prior appointment with Fr. Emile. Baptism application forms are available in the church porch or from Kelly at the parish office.

100 Club The 100 Club is a nice way to contribute to our parish. If you would like to join, there are forms available on the website, at both churches or contact the parish office.

November Dead List It has been a long-standing tradition in the Catholic Church to pray for our dead during the month of November. If you have a loved one who has died who you would like to be remembered during the Masses in November please take one of the paper crosses or just write the name of the person you wish to be remembered and place it in the basket which will be in front of the altar. If you wish you can also put a donation in an envelope in the basket.

Repository Shop Our repository shop now has a lovely selection of cards and gifts available for Christmas, Baptisms, First Holy Communions etc. Please pay by using box on wall at St. Helen's for cards and bookmarks or get in touch with Ann Jackson after mass at St. Helens or text her on 07753661636 for any other special purchases you may need. Thank you.

Volunteers needed: To keep our parish a vibrant, welcoming community we rely on parishioners offering their services. Please consider helping with any of the following:

Cleaning Rota - Volunteers Needed! We are currently setting up a new rota for St. Helen's Church Cleaning and are asking if anyone else would be able to join the group. If we have a number of people then we could each be allocated a week and then we can choose which day of that week best suits each of us to fit in with our busy lives. If you wish to volunteer your help then please contact the parish office. Your help is always much appreciated.

Bidding Prayers If anyone can volunteer a little time to join the rota to help with writing the bidding prayers each week then please do get in touch with parish office. Thank you for your help.

First Holy Communion Catechists

If there is anyone, preferably with some catechist experience, who could assist with this year's First Holy Communion Programme starting in January then please do get in touch with the parish office.

DO YOU HAVE A LARGE VAN OR ESTATE CAR? We have an old double mattress in the presbytery that needs to go to the rubbish tip. If any Parishioner is able to help, could you please let Fr Emile know. Thank you for any help you can give.

Missio Update Many of us have red Missio boxes tucked away somewhere that we may be in the habit of emptying loose change into. First of all, a special thank you to our parish representatives for counting that money and sending it on to Missio in the past. No matter how small the amount, the money is a valuable source of income to Missio. Missio is the Pope's special charity for World Missions. For further details to collect your Missio red box or to start you off on a new box please contact Mary Cox on 01277 374145 or 07752467027.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023 The annual diocesan pilgrimage, led by Bp Alan, will take place from Monday 24 – Saturday 29 July. All are welcome, including those of us who need assistance. Details regarding booking and costs will follow soon.

INVITATION from Fr. Emile of behalf of SOCOA

Please, join us to a New Year Vigil Eve Party Event!

Come to enjoy Food , Dance and Drink free of Charge. However, bring us your donation for SOCOA Charity no.1040548 Box Fundraising Meal to raise money for our local charity

Date: Saturday 31st December 2022

Time: 8: 15pm m to 12:15 am.

Venue: St Margaret of Scotland Doddinghurst Road, Doddinghurst CM15 0QJ

Programme:

8:15 pm Mass at St Margaret of Scotland Doddinghurst

9pm Setting of the tables and chairs, Speech - Purpose for the Evening

Drinks, Food, Dancing, Songs, Sharing of Food, Socoa box of Fundraising for the evening Raffle, Dance for Children & Young people, Dance African for Everyone, other Songs and favourite ones with **DJ Wally**

Anyone please, give us your favourite song in YouTube.

12am Blessing for families and greetings to each other

12am15: End of Everything

Telephone landline of the Parish: 01277362645, **Fr Emile 07956115572**

Wally Tshimanga: 07957781758 Joseph Bonkoto 0797728976

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society BCCS - Child and Family Counselling Services

Parents are now able to access direct support for their child by referring them into the safe hands of our Child and Family Counselling Services (CFCS).

We have a team of highly experienced Counsellors, Specialist Child and Adolescent Counsellors and Play Therapists available within the counselling team who work in our specially adapted therapy rooms. We offer support to children, young people and parents through talking, play and art therapy. If you are worried about your child and would like to talk to us further, please either email Catherine cmunns@bccs.org.uk or call on 07792 732206 and we will be pleased to help. Posters with more information can be seen on church noticeboards.

BCCS Virtual Christmas Tree

This November, Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is pleased to re-launch their virtual Tree of Angels which will allow you to light up an angel on a virtual Christmas tree in memory of a loved one who has died while making a donation to the work of BCCS. Please visit www.bccs.org.uk and click on the Christmas tab where you will see 'Tree of Angels'. You can read more about this initiative and can click onto the Tree of Angels portal to make your dedication and secure donation. If you have any questions about lighting an angel, please contact Julie jabbott@bccs.org.uk

BCYS Summer Lourdes 2023 Applications are now open for the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service pilgrimage to Lourdes, from 23rd – 30th July 2023!

The week is spent travelling alongside the main Diocesan pilgrimage to assist the elderly and infirm, and for those travelling with the BCYS, the week will also include a retreat, reconciliation service, the chance to visit the baths, a trip to a UNESCO World Heritage site, social nights and party as well as experiencing the Lourdes Torchlight Procession and Blessed Sacrament Procession. Open to anyone in school year 10 and above, all information and details on how to apply can be found at www.bcys.net/events/sl23

Diocese Second Collection: World Youth Sunday, 20th November 2022

World Youth Sunday is a unique opportunity to celebrate the role and significance of young people in the Catholic Church in England and Wales, along with the global Church. There will be a second collection on this weekend. You can also donate online at www.bcys.net/donate

Anything you can give is so greatly appreciated, as any money raised on this day will go towards supporting those in need of financial support to go on pilgrimages and to events, as well as allowing us to continue running our events, provide support and training to those working with young people and so much more.

And of course, please do pray for all young people in your parish, in our Diocese and around the world.

SVP1833 Young Adult's Retreat

An opportunity for students and young adults, a weekend retreat of prayer, reflection and mission in the Vincentian Spirituality. During the weekend, we will have talks by inspirational speakers, moments of prayer and reflection as well as a visit to Leeds Community Support Project where we will experience some of the vital work of the SVP.

Dates: 25th-27th November 2022 at THE BRIERY RETREAT CENTRE, 38, Victoria Avenue, Ilkley, West Yorkshire, LS29 9BW

Cost: £35 To book, email: youngvincentians@svp.org.uk or follow the link: https://SVP1.formstack.com/forms/young_adult_s_retreat_application

THE ADVENT LECTIONARY

On Wednesday 23rd November from 7 pm there will be an **in-person** Faith Talk at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest in Gidea Park (410 Brentwood Road, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH). Fr Adrian Graffy will speak about the Advent lectionary, and present the website pages on www.whatgoodnews.org which give the text of all the readings, accompanied by a short commentary. The event is free of charge and there is no need to register. Refreshments in the hall from 6.30. The event will also be **live-streamed** – simply go to www.whatgoodnews.org on the day or visit the website later once the programme has been uploaded.

The Friends of Westminster Cathedral are holding the following events to support Westminster Cathedral. Both events are to be held at 7 pm in Westminster Cathedral Hall, Ambrosden Avenue, London SW1P 1QJ.

22 November: Katharine Parr: The Sixth Wife. Talk by Alison Weir 7pm £10

23 November: Cathedral Quiz with fish and chip supper. 7pm £18

Tickets from friends@rcdow.org.uk

Brentwood Cathedral Parish Hall Manager – St Mary & St Helen and

Holy Cross The successful applicant will ideally have administration experience and be able to demonstrate good numeracy skills. Excellent communication skills is also a requirement and Microsoft office skills, including Word and Excel and financial experience. Hours: 3 hours per week.

Apply by sending a CV and covering letter (no longer than A4)

to cathedralbrentwood@gmail.com. Closing date for applications is 16 December 2022. Job description: [Cathedral Parish Halls Manager – Brentwood](#)

[JD](#) (full job description is contained on www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us).

Quiz Night taking place at St Mary's, High Ongar on 19th November It is a General Knowledge quiz in aid of the Christian charity Tearfund. It be wonderful to see some local Christians from other churches there. 7.30pm start Bring your own Nibbles and Drink £5.00 a ticket, Tables of 8, Raffle, Tickets from Stewart 01277 366047

Standing Orders, QR Codes and Contactless Giving

We are very grateful that many of our parishioners now donate to the Parish using standing orders to support us, particularly in this very difficult time. If you wish to set up a standing to our bank account please use Account Number 01017616, Sort Code: 40-13-22 and quote your gift aid number as a reference. For alternative ways to donate, QR codes have also been sent up to make it easier.

To make a donation please scan the QR code with a QR code scanner app for the appropriate amount using your mobile phone. The amount will be deducted from your bank account electronically and sent to the Parish bank account. If you wish to Giftaid-it please scan the codes in the Giftaid-it section after reading the declaration. Codes are also available at the back of the church.



Please treat as gift aid donation, all qualifying gifts of money made from the date of this declaration. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that, if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in the current year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations, it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Donate £3.00	Donate £5.00	Donate £10.00	Donate £20.00

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If you are unable to donate with Giftaid-It then please use the codes below.

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WEEKLY ROTAS

Date	Mass	Reader & BP	E M	Sick Rota
Sat 19 Nov	5.30pm	Elaine		
Sun 20 Nov	8.45am 10.30am	Anne Brendan Dunn Bernard Adams (BP)		(A) Lauren (D) Sheena
Sat 26 Nov	5.30pm	Stan		
Sun 27 Nov 1st Advent Year A	8.45am 10.30am	Dolores Graham Bateson Jane Gay (BP)		(A) Dolores (D) Lorraine

Prayer List: Josie Biggs, Carmen Blackett, Ken Blackett, Carla Brennan, Matthew Dansey, Richard Denton, Kathleen Donovan, Chris Easter, Lucy Gay, Emma Harnett, Harry & Family, Ron Hawkins, Jane & Family, Joanie, Nawal Freij, Douglas Jason, Veronica Kass, Joanna Keen, Sharon Lewis, Vivian Levett, Anna Lumley, Dean Macaree, Ian Maxwell, William Mortimer, Billy Nurse, Paul Nyman, Leslie Pay, Elizabeth Sainsbury, Ann Rayment, Verone Rontganger, Kathy Scott, Margaret Simons, Sophie, Adrian Smith, Amelia Solomon, Mary Sage, Dave Speller, Jean Thurston, Pam Townsend, Michael Weaver, Frances Wiseman, Ellen Witt, Ruby Woodford, Harrison Wybow, John Harris, Mary Adams, Sonia Denton, Mike Barrett, Marvin Bourke and all those afflicted by Covid-19.

INFORMATION

Sick/Housebound: Sheena Mackintosh - 01277 821524

Hall Bookings: Kelly Love - Parish Office 01277 362645

PPC Chairman: Patrick Maher 01277 823750

New Parishioners: Please introduce yourself to Fr Emile after mass

Steward of the Gospel: Alan Chapman 01277 822793

Safeguarding Officers: Audrey McGill 823485 & Margaret Payne 362203

Gift Aid Organiser: Bernard Adams 01277 823511

St Helen's Repository Gift Shop: Ann Jackson (at mass or text 07753661636)

Parish Administrator: Kelly Love 01277 362645

or email ongar@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Weekly Offerings: Offerings may be made at Mass or posted through the door of the Priest's House marked with your Gift Aid number or you can use your Gift Aid Envelopes if you have them. Cheques should be payable to Catholic Church Ongar St Helens and will be dealt with by the Parish Office. Alternatively a bank transfer/standing order with your Gift Aid number as a reference can be made by using Account Number 01017616, Sort Code: 40-13-22. To apply for the Gift Aid Scheme please contact Bernard Adams on 01277 823511. Thank you.

Mass Attendance: 29/30 Oct Sat 5:30pm: **23** Sun 8:45am: **25** Sun 10:30am: **32**

Offertory Collection: £176.36

Thank you for your continued selfless generosity and support.

Mass Times and Intentions

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING (C) Solemnity (Youth Day)		
Sat 19 Nov, 2022	(St. H) 5.30pm	People of our Parish
Sun 20 Nov, 2022	(St. H) 8.45am	People of our Parish
	(St.M) 10.30am	Mary Bateson RIP 50th Anniversary (Graham & Ann Bateson)
Mon 21 Nov, 2022	(Ilford) 9.30am	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Deirdre Mullen Loughlin Family RIP Jenny McCable RIP Maurice O’Sullivan RIP (1st Anniv)
Tue 22 Nov, 2022	(St. H) 9.00am	St Cecilia, V, M John Sheridan RIP
Wed 23 Nov, 2022	(St. H) 9.00 am	St. Columban, Abbott John Loughlin & Family for Christmas
Thu 24 Nov, 2022	(St. H) 11.00am	St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Pr, & Comps, Mn Sean & John McGuire RIP
Fri 25 Nov, 2022	(St. H) 9.00am	St. Elizabeth Taaffe Int. Birthday Fr. Emile Birthday
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)		
Sat 26 Nov, 2022	(St. H) 5.30pm	Mary Rafferty Int.
Sun 27 Nov, 2022	(St. H) 8.45am	People of our Parish
	(St. M)10.30am	People of our Parish

