

The Catholic Parish of Ongar & Doddinghurst



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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (A) Sunday 12th March, 2023

Exodus 17.3–7 Psalm 94 Romans 5.1–2,5–8 John 4.5–42

The woman at the well, the man born blind and Lazarus are an important element in the formation of catechumens as preparation for baptism. These valuable resources for all the baptised help them reflect on following the Lord.. In the recounting of the way the individuals encounter the Lord, they are invited to change and follow him.

Conversion is a personal choice to become disciples of Jesus. The setting of today's encounter at a well draws attention to the importance of this meeting as it recalls the Old Testament encounters of Abraham's servant, who is seeking a wife for Isaac, with Rebekah, and Jacob with Rachel. The conversation between a Jewish Rabbi and a (much married) Samaritan woman would be the subject of scandal, and yet the conversation as it develops becomes a revelation; that the woman leaves her pot by the well and goes to tell her fellow villagers, reveals how strongly she has been changed.

By announcing her news to her neighbours and bringing them to the Lord she is shown as an evangeliser. Any individual encountering the Lord and accepting faith is a powerful agent for Christian Initiation and we are offered it today.

Keep yourself safe and well, Fr. Emile

Please could the remaining children bring back their drawings that they were asked to do for Lent and Easter at this weekend's masses 11th/12th March. Please hand in to Anne Robertson, Bernie Wrobel or Lorraine Mitchell.

Brentwood Half-Marathon Doddington Road closures will be in place this Sunday 12th March. Fr. Emile will try his best to get to the church and park as near as possible to the shops in Doddington and walk to the church so there may be some delay to the start of mass. Hopefully it will be fine but if he does not manage it then it will be possible to have prayers and holy communion with John Adams and any Eucharistic Ministers for those that manage to walk to St. Margaret's on Sunday instead.

St. Helen's Church Heating Thermostat

Please make sure that the thermostat in St. Helen's Church remains untouched. It must stay at 15°C to keep it at a maintenance temperature. This is enough to keep the church from getting too cold. If it is left on any higher and someone forgets to turn it down again it breaks down and an engineer has to be called to start it again, which just happened again this weekend. Thank you.

Easter Hamper Raffle tickets will be sold from this weekend for our Easter Hamper Raffle in aid of the repairs to the Presbytery. We would also be grateful for any suitable donations to the hamper. Thanks very much for your support.

Lenten Lunches

2nd Lenten Lunch - Saturday 11th March

3rd Lenten Lunch - Saturday 18th March

We are pleased to announce our first Lenten Lunch was a success with approximately 80 people coming. It is an opportunity to get back to one of our important annual activities. A chance to raise our profile in the community and come together as a social event. Come and enjoy homemade soup, cheese and fresh bread, and meet with friends. Lunches only £5 each, half price for children and there will be a raffle so please help us to raise money at this time of Lent for the Syria-Turkey earthquake victims and for our local children's charity. Doors open at 12 midday. We look forward to welcoming everyone.

Calling all Parents and Grandparents in our parish

Coronation Celebration: Children's Party

It would be possible for us to hold a children's party (as traditional in times past) for the King's Coronation Celebration, at St. Margaret's Hall, Dod-

dinghurst on **Bank Holiday Monday 8 May, 2023.** (The Doddinghurst Village celebration is on the Sunday 7 May, 1-5pm) The Hall is available completely free of charge for parish events such as this. If any parent, or group of parents or grandparents would be interested in organising and attending such an event I would be grateful if you would let me know at ongar@dioceseofbrentwood.org There would be 3 or 4 helpers at least from both parishes already happy to assist if required as well as admin assistance from the parish office.

Pat Maher, Chairman of the PPC.

100 Club Congratulations to Betty Helliard who was the lucky winner of £74 in our £100 Club draw for February. Please get in touch with Anne Robertson or Bernie Wrobel to get a form if you wish to join.

JANET BARROW RIP: Funeral arrangements: Funeral Mass on 14th March (Tuesday) at 12noon at St Cedd's Church. Body reception the night before on 13th March (Monday) at 7pm.

New to our parish? Please say 'hello' to Fr. Emile and fill in a Register/Census Form (in the church porch)

Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals Please arrange by prior appointment with Fr. Emile. Baptism application forms are available in the church porch or the parish office.

IF YOU WISH TO SPEAK WITH FR. EMILE for anything at all he will be available without appointment weekly on TUESDAYS from 4pm -5pm at the Presbytery, 87 HIGH ROAD, CHIPPING ONGAR, CM5 9DX.

CERTIFICATES OF BAPTISM/CONFIRMATION: Please get in touch with the parish priest with a letter/email giving the relevant details: full name, date of birth, date of baptism, etc. enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope and the certificate will be posted to you by return of post.

Repository Shop Our repository shop now has a lovely selection of very reasonably priced Christian cards and gifts available for Christmas, Baptisms, First Holy Communions etc. that not seen usually in shops and is a nice way to help the parish a little. Please pay by using box on wall at St. Helen's for cards, bookmarks or prayer cards etc 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.

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is inviting parishioners across the Diocese to join in with their annual 'Relay 100' community event this May

and June. This initiative is an opportunity to remind our community about the work we do, to reach families who may need our support and to raise some funds through sponsored walks, runs or cycles. We are looking for 100 individuals or groups to complete a 'leg' of our relay around the diocese; we have routes of varying distances so there is something to suit all abilities. Can you help us? To find out more, please contact Damian Dillon: ddillon@bccs.org.uk / 07912 308000 or visit <https://www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/> and click on 'Relay 100 Sponsored Walks' to read more about this event.

The National Novena to St Joseph will take place from 11th -19th march 2023 at St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead. Every year, the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare of the Feast of St. Joseph, their Society Patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society's missionary outreach, and for the intentions of all those who support their work. If you are able, and if it is possible to attend, Masses are on Saturday (11th and 18th) at 10.00am; Sunday (12th and 19th) at 11.00am; Mon-Fri (13th -17th) at 7.30pm/ To join in from home, Masses from St. Joseph's Church will be available to follow on Zoom, via the Mill Hill website: www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena. You are welcome to send your petitions and/or request a Novena prayer booklet. Please write to the Novena Director at 6 Colby Gardens, Maidenhead, SL6 7GZ, tel 01628671178, or email novenamhm@gmail.com.

Caritas Diocese of Brentwood are inviting people from the night of March 31st 2023 (9pm) to the morning of April 1st (8:30am), to join this year's Sponsored Sleepout in one of our four locations; Colchester, Forest Gate, Romford and Southend. The sleepout will help to raise awareness and money to help our local homeless charities and the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service. All information can be found at www.caritasbrentwood.org/sleepout and to register please email sleepout@dioceseofbrentwood.org

GIDEA PARK TALK ON THE HOLY EUCHARIST: On Wednesday 22nd March at 7 pm in the church hall at Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest and Member of the Pope's Biblical Commission, will speak about the Eucharist. The talk, entitled *Do this in memory of me*, will examine the New Testament material, and trace the understanding of the Eucharist through the centuries, including the latest teaching of Pope Francis. This talk is in person, and can also be followed live stream by going to www.whatgoodnews.org

Thresholds of Hope Lent Lecture 2023: "The pain, passion and privilege of supporting Christians who are suffering persecution" given by the Baroness

Caroline Cox is now available to watch on the Thresholds of Hope YouTube page <https://youtu.be/Ohb5G1aYdtc> Please subscribe.

New Publication: Paul Severn, An Empurpled Son of Freshwater: Bernard Ward, First Bishop of Brentwood, a booklet published by the Isle of Wight Catholic History Society to mark the Centenary of the Catholic Parish of Totland Bay, Isle of Wight. The Ward family was prominent on the island and this booklet (22 pages, illustrated) tells the story of Rt. Rev. Bernard Ward, the prominent historian, educationalist and the first Bishop of Brentwood. Further details are available from Peter Clarke, 72 Mayfield Road, Ryde, Isle of Wight PO33 3PR e-mail: iow-chs@outlook.com

Campion School Open Evening for admission of boys who will be 11 years old during the current academic year will be held at the school on Thursday, 29th June 2023 from 4.30 pm to 7 pm. Talks by the Headteacher will be at 5.15 pm and 6.30 pm. The Supplementary Information Form (SIF) will be available online.

BCYS & Walsingham House Lenten Revision Retreat, 25th/26th March 2023 Fed up with the library or revising in your room? Get a change of scenery at Walsingham House at Abbotswick this Lent to enjoy the beautiful surroundings and some peace and quiet. Reflect during times of prayer. Enjoy socialising with friends and the team. Revise alongside friends and the Walsingham House team members. Use the chapel for times of quiet reflection All for just £35! Open to all in years 11 – 13, Visit www.bcys.net for more information and to apply.

PIANO MASTERCLASS at Brentwood Cathedral Monday 13th March
This coming Monday 13th March at 4pm – 5.30pm Danilo Mascetti will be giving a Piano Masterclass in Brentwood Cathedral to several music students from Becket Keys School. He will also himself be playing the following pieces: Ludwig van Beethoven - Sonata 'The Hunt' op. 31 no. 3, Franz Schubert - Klavierstuecke D 946, Federico Mompou - Dialogues, Valentin Silvestrov - Dialogues, Olivier Messiaen - Regards
You are most welcome to join us. This is also a good opportunity to invite your children or grandchildren.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023 Join Bishop Alan in Lourdes from Monday 24 to Saturday 29 July. We can support those with medical needs. For further information, please phone Tangey Tours on 01732 886 666 or book online: [Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangey Tours \(tangey-tours.com\)](http://Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangey Tours (tangey-tours.com))

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.

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

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR SICK AT HOME, IN HOSPITAL AND CARE HOME. THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME. WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES & PARISHIONERS

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.

Prayer List: Ken Blackett, Josie Biggs, 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, Harrison Wybow, John Harris, Mary Adams, Sonia Denton, Mike Barrett, Marvin Bourke and also all those afflicted by Covid-19.

WEEKLY ROTAS

Date	Mass	Reader & BP	Eucharistic Minister
Sat 11th Mar	5.30pm	Stan	
Sun 12th Mar	8.45am 10.30am	Peter Brendan Dunn Jane Gay (BP)	(A) Lauren (D) Sheena
Sat 18th Mar	5.30pm	Stan	
Sun 19th Mar Mothering Sunday	8.30am 10.30am	Dolores Bernard Adams Maggie Smith (BP)	(A) Amanda (D) Jim

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 07929241350

Email ongar@dioceseofbrentwood.org



Mass Attendance: 4/5 March Sat 5:30pm: Sun 8:45am: Sun 10:30am:

Offertory Collection: £219.43

Thank you for your continued selfless generosity and support.



MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

Sat 11th Mar, 2023	(St. H) 5.30pm	Anne RingRose In Hospital (Cathy & Dave Speller)
Sun 12th Mar, 2023	(St. H) 8.45am	People of our Parish
	(St. M)10.30am	People of our Parish
Mon 13th Mar, 2023	(Ilford) 9.30am	Felix Benedict RIP 2 nd Anniversary 9/12 (Joyce Joseph) Marla Singh Birthday 5/03 Tommy McDermott (recently deceased) Larry Dixon RIP Margaret & James McDermott RIP Mary Barry RIP Mary Buckley int. Mary Grace RIP 7th Anniversary
Tue 14th Mar, 2023	(St H) 9.00am	Feria
Wed 15th Mar,2023	(St. H) 9.00am	Tommy McDermott RIP
Thu 16th Mar, 2023	(St. H) 11.00am	Mac Orange Ned
Fri 17th Mar, 2023	(St. H) 9.00am	SAINT PATRICK, Bp, Patron of Ire-land National Feast Tommy McDermott RIP

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A) (‘Laetere’ Sunday)

Sat 18th Mar, 2023	(St. H) 5.30pm	People of our Parish
Sun 19th Mar, 2023	(St. H) 8.45am	Ned Ryan
	(St. M)10.30am	People of our Parish