

# The Catholic Parish of Ongar & Doddinghurst



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## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) Sunday 23rd April, 2023

**Acts 2.14,22–33 Psalm 15 1 Peter 1.17–21 Luke 24.13–35**

The disciples encountering the Lord on the road to Emmaus are downcast and discouraged. The Lord invites them to talk about their situation, about the reality of their experience. As they do so, he brings the Scriptures to them to put their experience in a context of faith. Thus encouraged, they want to stay with him because they recognise the truth of what he offers. They press him to stay, and when they sit at table, Jesus finally reveals himself to them at the breaking of the bread, before disappearing.

The disciples' response is to go out and report what they have seen and experienced

Jesus appears to the disciples and eats with them. Luke echoes the account of Jesus at table with his disciples at the Last Supper. The theme of continuity exists. The one who broke the bread and shared the cup in the upper room is the one who, though risen from the dead, still eats with the followers. For those who gather for the Eucharist every week, the same Lord present at the table is offering the food and drink which is himself, to nourish and sustain those who come hungry to receive him.

*Keep yourself safe and well, Fr. Emile*

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**Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament** This will now take place on the last Sunday of every month at St. Helen's Church at 3pm for those who wish to attend.

**Please pray** for the repose of the soul of Margaret Mary "Marie" Crehan who sadly passed away on Thursday, a month after her 92nd birthday and who was a large part of our parish. Funeral details to follow.

**Please pray** for the repose of the soul of Gladys Skinner, wife of Andrew Skinner, and very active members of the parish.

### **First Holy Communion Mass**

The 10.30am Mass at St. Margaret's on Sunday 23rd April will be a Children's Mass for the children making their First Holy Communion.

### **Children's Coronation Drawing Competition**

The parish would like to involve the children in our celebration of the King's Coronation in May. We would like to invite the children to design a feature page for inclusion in the newsletter of 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> May to commemorate this great occasion in our history. The children may have plenty of ideas or they could draw items such as the state coach, sword, ampulla (eagle containing the holy oils), spoon, sceptre, crown or orb are just a few suggestions. The size of the design should be A5 in order to fit the newsletter. Please include your child's full name and age on the reverse of the design. Any entries should be handed in to the Parish Office for the attention of Kelly or handed to Lorraine or Chloe after mass over the next three weeks and by Sunday 30th April. There will be a small prize for the best design!

**Fr. Emile, on behalf of his charity, SOCOA**, would like to hold a BBQ at St. Helen's on Bank Holiday Monday 8th May to mark King Charles III Coronation. He has asked that if you would like to attend or kindly volunteer your help that you could either email the parish office [ongar@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:ongar@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or please write your name down on form at the back of the church. Thank you.

**Fr. Emile** would like to welcome any parishioners for Tea/Coffee and a chat on Thursdays in the Presbytery after the 11am mass each week.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham – 27th May 2023:** Join Bishop Alan and other parishes around the Diocese of Brentwood in Walsingham. We will celebrate Mass at the Basilica before walking the Holy Mile to the grounds of Walsingham Abbey to celebrate Vespers and Benediction on the site of the Holy House. If you would like to come please contact the parish office.

**Mass of Thanksgiving for Marriage and Family Life** Bishop Alan will be celebrating the annual Mass of Thanksgiving for Marriage and Family Life in the Cathedral at 3pm on Sunday 15th July. The Mass will be followed by a reception in the Cathedral hall. If any couples, perhaps celebrating a significant anniversary in recent years, recently married couples or couples preparing for marriage, who would like to attend please let either Fr. Emile or Kelly know at the parish office.

**Mass for Migrants** The Dioceses and Ethnic Chaplaincies of Brentwood, Southwark and Westminster invite you to the annual Mass for Migrants on Monday, 1st May 2023, at 12pm. The Mass will be hosted by the Diocese of Brentwood at St Antony of Padua Church, Forest Gate E7 9QB with Bishop Alan Williams, sm as celebrant and Fr Dominic Howarth preaching. You are kindly invited to attend in person to celebrate the significant contribution made by migrants to the life of our Dioceses.

### **Mass for Altar Servers of Diocese of Brentwood**

with Bishop Alan on Saturday 10 June 2023 at 2:00pm Please assemble in the Conference Hall by 1:15pm All clergy are welcome – Diocesan vestments  
Contact: Mr. John McCormack Tel.: 07952504071 Email: johnmccormack528@gmail.com (Chairman: Brentwood Guild of St. Stephen) Deadline for responses indicating attendance: 31 May 2023

**Open Garden Spring** Raising money for Missio. Come and walk round our garden in Spring Stay a little longer and bring a picnic or flask of coffee.... Feel free to just sit and enjoy the Spring bulbs and trees coming into blossom and leaf. Where? 2 Days Cottages, Days Lane, Pilgrims Hatch CM15 9SL When? Sunday 23rd April. Entrance? £1.00 or donation for Missio ( our Popes own Charity)

**Brentwood Catholic Children's Society** is looking for a **Fundraising and Partnerships Manager**. An excellent opportunity for an enthusiastic and motivated individual to gain valuable experience in fundraising for an established and expanding charity. The Fundraising and Partnership Manager will be required to generate income from new and existing fundraising activities and to develop and manage relationships across key support audiences. For more info go to <https://www.bccs.org.uk/who-we-are/work-us/>

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**Mass Attendance: 15/16 April Sat 5:30pm: 23 Sun 8:45am: 28 Sun 10:30am: 39**

**Offertory Collection: £265.59**

**Thank you for your continued selfless generosity and support.**

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# MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

<b>Sat 22nd April, 2023</b>	(St. H) 5.30pm	Peggy Maxwell Birthday (Bernie & Stan Wrobel)
<b>Sun 23rd April, 2023</b>	(St. H) 8.45am	Mary Dixon Int. (Josie Byrne)
	(St. M) 10.30am	<b>Children's Mass for children making their First Holy Communion</b>
<b>Mon 24th April, 2023</b>	(Ilford) 9.30am	Tom Meeneehan RIP Anniv. (Kathleen Cadam) David & Catherine Grace Kathleen Buckley Int.
<b>Tue 25th April, 2023</b>	(St. H) 9.00am	Mrs May Isaac Birthday
<b>Wed 26th April, 2023</b>	(St. H) 9.00am	Frankie Harmon Int.
<b>Thu 27th April, 2023</b>	(St. H) 11.00am	Kathleen Buckley Birthday
<b>Fri 28th April, 2023</b>	(St. H) 9.00am	Alice Palin & Family Int.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

<b>Sat 29nd April 2023</b>	(St. H) 5.30pm	Elizabeth Smith RIP (Peggy Maxwell)
<b>Sun 30th April, 2023</b>	(St. H) 8.45am	Veronica Coker int.
	(St. M) 10.30am	William & Mary Bateson RIP & Harold Clarke RIP (Graham & Ann)
	(St. H) 3.00pm	Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament

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