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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Sunday 25th June, 2023

Jeremiah 20.10–13 Psalm 68 Romans 5.12–15 Matthew 10.26–33

The words of Jeremiah remind us that discipleship is not necessarily for the faint of heart! When confronted by 'Terror from every side', even his friends are against him. He is trying to follow the explicit command of God to speak the words given to him.

The Twelve are similarly commanded to speak out Jesus' words 'from the house-tops' – though that will bring persecution and even death.

Part of Matthew's second great discourse after the Sermon on the Mount is a call to fidelity rooted in trust because they are intimately known and loved by the Father who has counted 'every hair in their head'. Although Matthew writes Jesus' words to the Twelve at the time of their calling, their significance is addressed to those of the early Church, and indeed of all times when Christians face hostility and persecution. Jesus' words in this passage are always relevant because there are always parts of the world where the gospel has to be proclaimed in a hostile environment.

These words pondered today can challenge even those who live in a benign culture and society. Ultimately, the disciples' security rests in the hands of the one who calls and chooses them.

Keep yourself safe and well, Fr. Emile

First Holy Communion's - Congratulations to Teddy, Riley, Julia, James, Eve, Teddy, Leonie, Jack, George, Theodore, and Amelia who made their First Holy Communion's recently in the parish. This Sunday 25th June will be their Going Forth Mass at 10.30am at St. Margaret's.

HOLIDAY OF OBLIGATION Please note there will be a mass at 8pm Thursday 29th June at St. Margaret's. These dates will also appear on the St. Margaret's Hall Usage Calendar available on the noticeboard each month.

Eucharistic Ministers We are very happy to announce that on Sunday 9th July, two of our parishioners will be commissioned as Eucharistic Ministers at the 8.45 Mass at St. Helens for Denise Gaston and at the 10.30am Mass at Doddinghurst for Margaret Payne.

Brentwood Cathedral Talk, Tour and Picnic Bishop Thomas has kindly invited Fr. Emile and members of the parish to a special outing at 12pm at Brentwood Cathedral on Saturday 16th September. This will consist of a introductory talk by Fr. Martin and Bishop Thomas on the history, architecture & liturgical lay-out of the Cathedral, now it is Grade II listed, and its artifacts, including an opportunity for questions and a tour around the Cathedral. This will be followed by a picnic lunch in the hall - please bring your own. Please confirm your wish to attend to Kelly Love at ongar@brcdt.org or whatsapp 07929241350 or by putting your name on the sheet on the noticeboards at either church so we can gauge numbers in advance.

New Parish Email Address just a reminder that our new parish email address is now ongar@brcdt.org - there have been some errors with missed emails as people are spelling incorrectly so please double check you have it correctly in your contacts.

Request from SVP Does anyone have an unwanted CD player that they could donate to a lady in Dudbrook Hall residential home? If so please let Bernie Wrobel or Kelly Love know. Thank you.

100 Club You may have noticed we have had an increase of subscribers this year and now our pot stands at £79 so thanks to all who subscribe already. We still would really like to get this to the 100 so if you feel you would like to join and help the parish in a nice way with a good chance to win, then it costs £2 per month or £24 for the year. The details and application forms are available on the website <https://catholicparishongar.org/parish-100-club/> and hand in or email to Bernie Wrobel, Anne Robertson or Kelly Love at the parish office ongar@brcdt.org. The 100 club draw takes place on the last Sunday of every month alternating between the two churches. The next draw will be at St. Margaret's. Thank you for your much appreciated support of the parish.

SAVE THE DATE

RACE NIGHT

Saturday 23rd September, 2023

St. Margaret's Hall. Tickets £5

All proceeds to church funds.

details & tickets 01277 362645

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Second Collection last weekend raised £72.70 for the Sick Clergy - thank you for your kind generosity and support.

Kelly Love, Parish Admin, Forthcoming Holiday Dates: Kelly will be on holiday from Friday 23rd June returning Tuesday 4th July.

Year 13 Retreat at Walsingham House: Made for a purpose. Will you be in Yr13 in September 2023? Are you currently making decisions about your next steps? Would you like some time to step back, reflect, pray and think about the different pathways ahead of you? Then if so, the Yr13 retreat at Walsingham House is just the opportunity to do that. There will be two retreats on offer, either 13th-15th Sept or 22nd-24th Sept. The cost is £35 and there is more information on the website www.bcys.net/events/ or email clairebailley@brcdt.org

Finance Administrator Job Vacancy Scale APTC4 points 7-10
20 hours per week/41 weeks per year. Actual salary £12,861 to 13,878 dependent on any continuous service Please contact cnoddings@thecampionschool.org.uk for an application form or telephone 01708 452332 Option 9. Closing Date: Tuesday, 4th July at 10:00 am.

Property Assistant – Cathedral House

The successful applicant will provide comprehensive, effective, and efficient administration support. Hours: 35 hours per week- Office Based. Apply by sending a CV and covering letter (no longer than A4) to recruitment@brcdt.org Closing date for applications is 15th July 2023.

Mass Attendance: 17/18 June Sat 5.30pm: 17 Sun 8.45am: 30 Sun 8.45am: 38

Offertory Collection: £188.74

Thank you for your continued selfless generosity and support.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)		
Sat 24th June, 2023	(St. H) 5.30pm	Alan Chapman (Peggy Maxwell)
Sun 25th June 2023	(St. H) 8.45am	Eric Abraham RIP
	(St. M)10.30am	Going Forth Mass People of our Parish
Mon 26th June 2023	(Ilford) 9.30am	Tyrone Pereira RIP Shykeel John-Lewis birthday 26.6.23 Eileen O' Brien RIP
Tue 27th June, 2023	(St. H) 9.00am	Tyrone Pereira RIP
Wed 28th June, 2023	(St. H) 9.00am	St Irenaeus, Bp, M
Thu 29th June, 2023	(St. H) 11.00am	SS PETER AND PAUL, APP Solemnity HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION Antonesta George Birthday
	(St. M) 8.00pm	SS PETER AND PAUL, APP Solemnity HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION
Fri 30th June, 2023	(St. H) 9.00am	Feria
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)		
Sat 1st July, 2023	(St. H) 5.30pm	People of our Parish
Sun 2nd July, 2023	(St. H) 8.45am	People of our Parish
	(St. M)10.30am	People of our Parish

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.

Prayer List: Please pray for all our parishioners who are sick and need the benefit of our love and prayers: Alan Chapman, Maureen Hamilton, Billy Nurse, Lucy Gay