

The Catholic Parish of Ongar & Doddington



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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Sunday 30th July, 2023

1 Kings 3.5,7–12 Psalm 118 Romans 8.28–30 Matthew 13.44–52

In this Gospel' passage, Jesus distinguishes what he says to the crowds and what he says to his disciples – notably he gives some explanations only to his disciples. Part of his instruction to them is to prepare them to be the community of faith that continues his work; offered without explanation to fulfil the words of Isaiah 'you will listen and listen again but not understand', The first two parables today are of great significance: the person who finds the hidden treasure, or the pearl of great value.

The focus of these two stories is the joy of discovering the pearl and the renunciation of everything to acquire it – such is the reality of becoming the disciples – it is marked by joy and renunciation. This Gospel pairs with the story of the granting of wisdom to Solomon; the king recognises that what might be thought of as the priorities of kingship – long life, riches, or military success – are not important compared to true wisdom. Such wisdom is the understanding with which Jesus instructs his disciples and such are the things that the disciple of the kingdom brings out from his storeroom.

Keep yourself safe and well, Fr. Emile

The Knights of Saint Columba National Relic Tour 2023

We are delighted to announce that the Diocese of Brentwood will be graced with the presence of esteemed relics during the Knights of Saint Columba National Relic Tour 2023. From July 30th to August 12th, we welcome you to witness and venerate the sacred relics of St. Columba of Iona, St. Andrew the Apostle, and **St. Margaret of Scotland**. As this will include a relic of **St. Margaret of Scotland**, we will have the honour of receiving the relics for veneration at **St. Margaret's Church, Doddington at 2.30pm-4.30pm on Sunday 6th August** as part of the wider Diocese timetable. These relics, rich in spiritual significance, offer a unique opportunity for personal reflection and communion with these revered saints. Join us in this profound spiritual journey as we celebrate their enduring legacies. Let us come together in faith and embrace the blessings of this extraordinary experience! Link to Diocese timetable: <https://ibb.co/VWMPSVv>

Missio - the Pope's Charity

Fr. Patrick Daly, Diocesan Director for Missio, invites Red Box holders and all supporters of Missio to Diocesan Mass to celebrate Mission followed by Mission Animation at Our Lady of Light and Saint Osyth Catholic Church, Church Rd, Clacton-on-Sea, CO15 6AG Saturday 16th September, 11-3pm. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea, Coffee & Cakes provided. For planning and catering, please rsvp by email to redbox@missio.org.uk or tel. 07593544622. Contact Mary 07752467027 for a new Red Box or for collection or leave it at St Helens Presbytery. Many Thanks.

100 Club 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. Helen's. Thank you.

Being the Change: Student leadership conference

An inspiring and joyful day took place recently at De La Salle School, when 60 student leaders from 16 of our Catholic schools came together for a conference on leadership. They heard from Bishop Alan and others, engaged in discussions and challenges and focused on the practical responsibility of care for our common home. "Their ideas and feedback demonstrated thought, creativity and vision proving that they have insight into the problems and a range of solutions that were both practical and feasible," said Siân Thomas-Cullinan, Director of Caritas Diocese of Brentwood. The young leaders left the conference equipped with practical ideas to make a difference locally, nationally and globally. "The day was necessary, joyful, hopeful and motivating," said Siân.

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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**Pilgrimage of Reparation & Prayer for the Sanctity of Life, to Walsingham
Saturday 5th August, led by Archbishop Kevin McDonald.**

For details see the poster on the noticeboard, or go to

www.prolifepilgrimage.org

Please join in the 'great prayer for life' asked for by Pope Saint John Paul II.

World Youth Day (WYD) is the gathering of young people from all over the world with Pope Francis, taking place in Lisbon this summer. If you can't attend the main event, why not join **WYD in London** - a day celebration on **Saturday 5th August 2023** from 11am-5pm in the church by **Leicester Square**. Programme: music • prayer • talks • activities • Mass, bringing together a young community of different nationalities in one faith! Venue: Notre Dame de France, 5 Leicester Place, London WC2H 7BX. Donations only.

Stallholders needed for Christmas Craft & Gift Fair: The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society are seeking stallholders for their Christmas Craft and Gift Fair being held at The Mill Hall Arts & Events Centre, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh SS6 7ED on Sunday 5th November from 10.30-4pm. Pitches are **£30** and all profits made on the day are the stallholders' own. For further information please contact Damian: ddillon@bccs.org.uk / 07912 308000

The Catholic Police Guild's 100th Centenary National Annual Requiem Mass will take place at Westminster Cathedral on 7 November 2pm– 3.30pm in honour and remembrance of those Officers and Staff who have given their lives in the line of duty or in retirement. **Bishop Alan** to preside. For more details go to: <https://www.catholicpoliceguild.co.uk/event-details/centenary-solemn-requiem-mass-2023>

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**Mass Attendance: 22/23 July Sat 5.30pm: 17 Sun 8.45am: 33 Sun 10.30am: 32**

**Offertory Collection: £197.41**

Bank Account Name/Cheques payable to: 'Catholic Parish Ongar St Helens'  
Please contact Kelly Love if you require bank account details.

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

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Sat 29th July, 2023	(St. H) 5.30pm	Ss Martha, Mary and Lazarus James & Anika John-Lewis Wedding Day
Sun 30th July 2023	(St. H) 8.45am	Rose Bischoff RIP (Ann Jackson)
	(St. M)10.30am	Ann & Graham Wedding Anniversary
Mon 31st July 2023	(Ilford) 9.30am	St Ignatius of Loyola, Pr Callum Fahy sick Esther Bickett RIP Mary Dixon Birthday 2/08/23 Corry Family int Betty Nugent Birthday 31/7/23 J Kumar RIP (Andrew Brother in Law)
Tue 1st Aug, 2023	(St. H) 9.00am	St Alphonsus Liguori, Bp, D Altan & Families intentions
Wed 2nd Aug, 2023	(St. H) 9.00am	Mary Dixon Birthday
Thu 3rd Aug, 2023	(St. H) 11.00am	Leandra O'Sullivan Get well (Josie Byrne)
Fri 4th Aug, 2023	(St. H) 9.00am	St John Vianney (Curè of A rs), Pr Eddie Knight RIP

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD (A) Feast

Sat 5th Aug, 2023	(St. H) 5.30pm	Nick Rozmus (Sue & John Fahey)
Sun 6 Aug, 2023	(St. H) 8.45am	Eileen Hine (Robert Fagan)
	(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, Lucy Gay. Bill Hamilton