

The Catholic Parish of Ongar & Doddington



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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Sunday 13th August, 2023

1 Kings 19,9,11–13 Psalm 84 Romans 9.1–5 Matthew 14.22–33

Much of Paul's work was outside of Palestine in the Roman world. Thus he is described as the Gentiles apostle.

In the Gospel and first reading, the power of God is revealed to his servants. Elijah, who had wanted to abandon his calling and be allowed to die, has been restored physically and spiritually and so enabled to carry on his prophetic calling.

God's power will be with the prophet when he returns to do battle with the forces of Baal. It is interesting to contrast the account of Jesus walking on the water in Matthew with the account in Mark. Matthew has a much more positive attitude to the disciples and, especially to Peter throughout the Gospel. Peter is to be the rock on which the Church is to be built, and at the end of this miracle when Jesus gets into the boat, the disciples bow down before and declare: 'Truly you are the Son of God.' This more positive attitude, however, makes Peter's denial and the disciples' flight at Gethsemane all the more disappointing. That is worth reflecting on for those called by the Lord to be bearers of the gospel.

Keep yourself safe and well, Fr. Emile

Holyday of Obligation - The Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary There will be Mass at St. Helens at 9am as usual and also Evening Mass at 8pm at St. Margaret's on Tuesday 15th August, 2023. This significant feast day recalls the spiritual and physical departure of the mother of Jesus Christ from the earth, when both her soul and her body were taken into the presence of God.

Race Night Meeting We are holding a meeting at St. Margaret's Hall at 4pm on Thursday 17th August to discuss arrangements for the Race Night on 23rd September. Please feel free to join us if you are able to.

Hall Committee Meeting The next Hall Committee Meeting will be at 2pm on Tuesday 29th August.

SVP National Draw - the SVP have a few raffle tickets available for their National Draw. Tickets are £1 each and will be sold after Mass this weekend should anyone like to support the SVP this way. Thank you for your support.

New Hall School, Chelmsford

There are opportunities for places for residents in the parish of Ongar and Doddinghurst in Reception to Year 3 for Catholic families from September 2023 at New Hall School, The Avenue, Boreham, Chelmsford, CM3 3HS <https://www.newhallschool.co.uk/catholic-school-admissions/> For further information contact Caroline Elder at c.elder@newhallschool.co.uk

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 and is a nice way to make a little extra to support the parish. The next draw will be at St. Margaret's. Thank you.

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 for your support.

RACE NIGHT

Saturday 23rd September, 2023

St. Margaret's Hall. Tickets £5

All proceeds to church funds.

details & tickets 01277 362645

ongar@brcdt.org or 07599 248172

Diocese Job Vacancy - Site Manager - Epping

A vacancy has arisen for a part-time Site Manager at The Immaculate Conception, Epping. The post will be part-time (three hours per week – with a flexible working agreement to be agreed) Please send your CV and cover letter by email to admin@eppingparish.plus.com

Job description: [JD014_08 – Caretaker Cleaner – Epping Official V.2 \(002\)](#)

Diocese Job Vacancy - Site Manager - Cathedral House

The successful applicant will identify and carry out effectively, routine and reactive maintenance tasks, regular health and safety checks and other general duties associated with the management of buildings and grounds comprising the Cathedral House and the Brentwood Parish.

Hours: 35 hours per week Salary: £23,000 - £27,000 p/a depending on experience Start Date: ASAP Apply by sending a CV and covering letter (no longer than A4) recruitment@brcdt.org

Closing date for applications is **14th August 2023**

Reminder - 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 an 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 artefacts, 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.

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**Mass Attendance: 5/6 Aug Sat 5.30pm: 13 Sun 8.45am: 27 Sun 10.30am: 22**

**Offertory Collection: £256.70**

Bank Account Name/Cheques payable to: 'Catholic Church 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

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)		
Sat 12th Aug, 2023	(St. H) 5.30pm	Kathleen Claffey RIP
Sun 13th Aug, 2023	(St. H) 8.45am	Detta Mustafa RIP Warren John Lewis 13/08
	(St. M)10.30am	Irene and Ian Davie RIP (Ann & Graham)
Mon 14th Aug, 2023	(Ilford) 9.30am	St Maximillian Kolbe, Pr, M Bridie McKeown Kathleen Cadam Birthday Fr Jim Boothman RIP Fr Lukes Chin RIP
Tue 15th Aug, 2023	(St. H) 9.00am	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION Solemnity Fr. John McGrath Intentions (Pat Scott)
	(St.M) 8.00pm	Evening Mass at St. Margaret's
Wed 16th Aug, 2023	(St. H) 9.00am	Fr. Lukes Chin RIP
Thu 17th Aug, 2023	(St. H) 11.00am	Fr. Jim Boothman RIP
Fri 18th Aug, 2023	(St. H) 9.00am	St. Helena, widow Local Solemnity
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)		
Sat 19th Aug, 2023	(St. H) 5.30pm	Jill Hilliard Recently Deceased
Sun 20th Aug, 2023	(St. H) 8.45am	People of the Parish
	(St. M)10.30am	Fr. Andrew Hurley RIP Anniv. (Parishioners of St. Margaret's)

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, Stephen Garfield and family.