

# The Catholic Parish of Ongar & Doddingtonhurst



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## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Sunday 20th August, 2023

**Isaiah 56.1,6–7 Psalm 66 Romans 11.13–15, 29–32 Matthew 15.21–28**

Jesus cures people because of their faith – but it is interesting to note when dealing with the centurion's servant (8.5–13) he comments publicly on the depth of faith of two pagans.

When the woman in today's Gospel persists, Jesus does not answer her directly but addresses his disciples. His subsequent words to them carry the implication that she is a house dog. The woman, however, knows only the suffering of her daughter and how desperate she is, and so will accept the insult if it can bring healing. When Jesus tells his disciples 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel', he would be following a received perception of Israel as God's chosen people, to the exclusion of others, and yet Isaiah had already – as we see in the first reading – indicated that the God of Israel was not exclusive but could accept foreigners too.

Paul emphasises how the conversion of pagans is linked to the rejection of Jesus by the Jews, and yet both are ultimately destined for redemption. All He gives can be a cause of rejoicing for all. 'God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

*Keep yourself safe and well, Fr. Emile*

**A Big Thank You** for the much needed £2600 extra donations that were deposited into the bank account last month from two of our very generous and kind parishioners. This will really help us in our ongoing work to reduce the deficit in the bank account caused by the pandemic and to help maintain our parish and churches. May God bless you all richly for your generosity for whatever size donation you can make, especially in these troubled times!

**Hall Committee Meeting** The next Hall Committee Meeting will be at 2pm on Tuesday 29th August at St. Margaret's.

**Fr. James Boothman cmf** - The requiem mass for the late Fr James Boothman cmf, will be held at St Joesph's Church, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2023 @ 11am. Leyton, London, E10 5ES His body will be laid to rest on the 14th September 2023 in Ireland. May he rest in eternal peace with the resin Christ.

**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](mailto: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.

**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](mailto:ongar@brcdt.org) or whatsapp 07929241350.

### **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](mailto:admin@eppingparish.plus.com)

Job description: [JD014\\_08 – Caretaker Cleaner – Epping Official V.2 \(002\)](#)

### **Job Vacancy - Parish Administrator – St Joseph the Worker, Hutton**

St Joseph the Worker, Hutton is looking for a Parish Administrator to provide complete and comprehensive administration for the church community. The candidate must have excellent written and verbal communication skills and be

## RACE NIGHT

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2023

St. Margaret's Hall. Tickets £5

All proceeds to church funds.

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able to manage their own workload. The post is for 12 hours a week, over two days (one must be a Friday). Closing date is noon on Friday 25 August 2023.

Job description: JD012\_14 Parish Administrator – Hutton

CV and Covering letter required for application. For further information, please contact Fr Leslie Knight on 01277 221917 or email [hutton@brcdt.org](mailto:hutton@brcdt.org).

### Diocese Job Vacancy - Property Administrator – Cathedral House

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

### 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](mailto:c.elder@newhallschool.co.uk)

**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](mailto: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.

**Mass Attendance: Aug 12/13 Sat 5.30pm: 19 Sun 8.45am: 23 Sun 10.30am: 29**

**Offertery Collection: £347.09 Extra Donations July £2600**

Bank Account Name/Cheques payable to: 'Catholic Church Ongar St Helens'

Please contact Kelly Love if you require bank account details.

For Gift Aid Envelopes please contact Bernard Adams 01277 823511

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

# MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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	Francis Vasallo
	(St. M) 10.30am	Fr. Andrew Hurley RIP Anniversary (Parishioners of St. Margaret's)
Mon 21st Aug, 2023	(Ilford) 9.30am	<b>St Pius X, P</b> Linda Thomas Birthday 21/08 Kathleen Cadam Birthday 19/08 Kathleen & John Fynes Wedding Anniversary J.J. Hehir RIP Colette Sheehan int. Birthday 22/08
Tue 22nd Aug, 2023	(St. H) 9.00am	<b>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Turhan Hassan & Family int.
Wed 23rd Aug, 2023	(St. H) 9.00am	Yiltan Hassan & Family int.
Thu 24th Aug, 2023	(St. H) 11.00am	<b>ST BARTHOLOMEW, Ap</b> <b>Feast</b> Fr Diego Ordination Anniversary
Fri 25th Aug, 2023	(St. H) 9.00am	Bridget O'Brien RIP
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)		
Sat 26th Aug, 2023	(St. H) 5.30pm	Larry Dixon RIP Mr Alan John Lewis 25/08
Sun 27th Aug, 2023	(St. H) 8.45am	People of the Parish
	(St. M) 10.30am	All those involved with the First communicants, the children, their parents and catechists (Pat Scott)

**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.