

# The Catholic Parish of Ongar & Doddinghurst



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## TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Sunday 3rd September, 2023

**Jeremiah 20.7–9 Psalm 62 Romans 12.1–2 Matthew 16.21–27**

‘Get behind me Satan! You are an obstacle in my path.’

Last week Peter was commended because his words were the result of ‘my Father in heaven’. When Peter challenges Jesus today, he is rebuked, because he is not speaking with divine insight: ‘the way you think is not God’s way but man’s.’

Jeremiah similarly has difficulty in understanding how God works. His extraordinary complaint against God: ‘You have seduced me Lord, and I have let myself be seduced’, Jeremiah is suffering greatly because of God’s word which he has to proclaim to God’s people – the people do not want to hear God’s complaints against them, and so they reject Jeremiah and ridicule him. But Jeremiah is caught between a rock and a hard place – he would like to keep silent and not get attacked by the people, but that means an inner torment which is far worse than rejection and ridicule.

Both Peter and Jeremiah struggle to understand God’s ways and have to learn precisely the reality that God’s ways are not man’s ways.

The story of the relationship of both men with God is long and stormy, but despite the struggles they both do persevere.

*Keep yourself safe and well, Fr. Emile*

**Please note Fr. Emile will be on holiday in Medjugorje from 4th Sept returning 12th Sept. Let us welcome Fr. Jean-Nyembo who will be supplying for the 9th & 10 September.**

**Knights of St. Columba Relic Tour** St Margaret's, Doddinghurst recently hosted a very special afternoon at the beginning of August when relics of St Margaret of Scotland were brought to the parish for veneration along with relics of St Columba of Iona and St Andrew the Apostle, as part of a tour of the diocese by the Knights of St Columba. It was of special significance for our parish as she is our patron saint. A prayerful service was held and the afternoon finished with an opportunity for veneration in front of the reliquary. *Audrey McGill*

**100 Club** The lucky winner of £96 in the 100 Club Draw for August was No. 49 Margaret Thomas from Ilford Parish - Congratulations Margaret! 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. Helen'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.

**BCYS YOUTH MASS** – Thursday 7th September, from 6pm at Brentwood Cathedral. Pizza & refreshments in the Brentwood Cathedral Parish Hall from 6pm, with a chance to catch up with those from pilgrimages this Summer or perhaps find out more if you are thinking about joining the BCYS Lourdes or World Youth Day Pilgrimages in the future. Youth Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral at 7:30pm. Absolutely everyone is welcome, please bring instruments, and sing, serve or read if you wish! No need to book! YOUTH MASS always takes places on the first Thursday of the month at Brentwood Cathedral, and coming up this term there is input from Charitable organisations in October, the fantastic David Wells speaking in November and an Advent Reconciliation service in December.

**BCYS YEAR 13 RETREATS** – Midweek, Weds 13th – Fri 15th September OR Weekend, Fri 22nd – Sun 24th September at Walsingham House at Abbotswick. You are made for a purpose. Going into year 13, you may be about to make big or tough decisions about your future, wonder what God may have planned for you or where to go next. This retreat is time to think, pray, chat with those in your year from across Essex and East London, and get a good focus for the future, right at the start of Year 13 and will take place in our beautiful Diocesan youth retreat house Walsingham

## **RACE NIGHT - Tickets selling fast!!**

7pm Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2023

St. Margaret's Hall. Tickets £5

All proceeds to church funds.

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House at Abbotswick, just outside Brentwood. For just £35, the cost will include meals, accommodation and youth-led formation. Last few places are remaining so APPLY NOW AT [www.bcys.net/events/year13weekday/](http://www.bcys.net/events/year13weekday/)

**BCYS YOUTH GATHER** – Sat 21st – Sun 22nd October, at Essex Outdoors on Mersea Island. Open to absolutely anyone in year 9 and above, this is a weekend of outdoor activities (climbing, high ropes, archery, zip wire) as well as prayer, reflection and input from the amazing Adenike, who was a semi-finalist on “The Voice” (many will remember her from Flame in March!) There will be coaches picking up from 6 different locations around the Diocese, and this is included in the cost of the weekend, as well as all food, accommodation, 2 outdoor activities, workshops from Adenike and the SVP and so much more! This is always a popular event, so do ensure to apply for your place now at [www.bcys.net/events/yg23](http://www.bcys.net/events/yg23)

**CATECHIST TRAINING AND RESOURCES DAY** – Saturday 4th November at Sacred Heart of Mary Girls School in Upminster. This training and resources day is open to all First Holy Communion and Confirmation Catechists, as well as those who look after the children's liturgy in the Diocese of Brentwood. It will be an opportunity to hear about fresh resources, as well as receiving input to assist you in your First Holy Communion and Confirmation programmes. A particular welcome is extended to any young catechists or young people (16+) who may be interested in working as or with catechists, and wish to develop their faith further post-confirmation.

Reserve your place now at [www.bcys.net/events/catechistday23/](http://www.bcys.net/events/catechistday23/)

**Knock Pilgrimage** - The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is hosting a Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock, Co Mayo from November 9 to 14 to Pray for the HolySouls. It will be led by the Marian Fathers. **Package includes:** Return flights by Aer Lingus from Heathrow Airport, half board, 5 nights, accommodation in en suite twin rooms, hand-luggage (10 kgs), all transfers and Airport Development fee. **The Retreat will include daily Mass and Hour of Mercy and retreats at Glendalough and Kylemore Abbey.** Cost £800. All Welcome. Please call millie on 07957594646 for more information.



**Mass Attendance:** Aug Sat 5.30pm: 11 Sun 8.45am: 27 Sun 10.30am: 33

**Offertory Collection: £430.49**

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.**

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)		
<b>Sat 2nd Sep, 2023</b>	(St. H) 5.30pm	Francis Vassallo Int.
<b>Sun 3rd Sep, 2023</b>	(St. H) 8.45am	Khatija & David (Nalan)
	(St. M)10.30am	Fr Andrew Hurley RIP Leslie Boyall RIP Brian Arnell RIP (Richard Arnell & Arnell Family) Julie & Jerry Hurley (Hurley Family)
<b>Mon 4th Sep, 2023</b>	(Ilford) 9.30am	David Grace Birthday 6/09 Mary O'Brien Birthday 3/09 Kathleen Buckley Ints. Jae & Liz Cadam Ints Anna Sheil RIP Margaret "Pearl" McGee RIP Ann Hughes Ints. eye operation 7/09 Rhys John-Lewis Birthday 07/09
<b>Tue 5th Sep, 2023</b>	(St. H) 9.00am	<b>NO DAILY MASS</b>
<b>Wed 6th Sep, 2023</b>	(St. H) 9.00am	<b>NO DAILY MASS</b>
<b>Thu 7th Sep 2023</b>	(St. H) 11.00am	<b>NO DAILY MASS</b>
<b>Fri 8th Sep, 2023</b>	(St. H) 9.00am	<b>NO DAILY MASS</b>
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)		
<b>Sat 9th Sep 2023</b>	(St. H) 5.30pm	People of the Parish
<b>Sun 10th Sep, 2023</b>	(St. H) 8.45am	People of the Parish
	(St. M)10.30am	Janet & Patrick (Hendry Family)

**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.