

# The Catholic Parish of Ongar & Doddington



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## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Sunday 10th September, 2023

**Ezekiel 33.7–9 Psalm 94 Romans 13.8–10 Matthew 18.15–20**

Ezekiel receives a harsh word, but he himself is directly implicated in it – if he fails to deliver the word he will suffer for it – as in the case of Jeremiah we learn that speaking God's word is both challenging and costly.

Matthew is the Gospel which most addresses community issues – how the Church as the community of faith should present the gospel by the way it lives, rather than simply by the words it utters. Matthew is the only evangelist to use the word 'Church' – taking it from the Greek version of the Jewish scriptures to mean the assembly of those called out by God.

Today's teaching from the Lord offers us -  
firstly, that the community is charged to exercise discipline amongst its members,  
secondly it is given authority to determine how the community should behave,  
thirdly – teaching is given the assurance that the Lord will be present in this encompassing vision: 'love is the one thing that ...is the answer to every one of the commandments.'

What all three readings insist is that the way the faithful relate to one another is an expression of the faith they profess, and a witness of it to the world.

*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.**

**Finance Committee Meeting -7.30pm Tuesday 12th September @The Presbytery  
PPC Meeting -7pm Wednesday 13th September @ St. Margaret's**

**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.

**Last 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 and a concelebrated Mass. This will be followed by a picnic lunch in the hall - please bring your own.

**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 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

## **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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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/)

### **Job Vacancy - Headteacher - Ursuline Catholic Preparatory School, Ilford**

Required from 1st January 2024 Ursuline L10 – L17 comparable to Group 1: (starting salary based on experience). NOR: 104. The Governors of The Ursuline Preparatory School, Ilford are seeking to appoint an inspirational and dedicated Headteacher from January 2023. The Ursuline Prep is a caring, friendly school and community where our Catholic Ethos is central to all that we do. Our new Headteacher will work with governors to shape the strategic direction of the school, and will be responsible for the day-to-day leadership and management of The Ursuline Prep. We warmly welcome and encourage applicants to visit our school, please speak with the School Business Manager Amina Ayankogbe. Further information and application packs are available online from the school website [www.urspsi.org.uk](http://www.urspsi.org.uk) or from HR at [hr@urspsi.org.uk](mailto:hr@urspsi.org.uk) and completed applications should be sent to this address.

**LOVE THE STRANGER:** Earlier this year the Bishops of England and Wales produced a document on Migrants and Refugees, entitled 'Love the Stranger: A Catholic Response to Migrants and Refugees'. Liam Allmark, who works at the Bishops' Conference, will present the document at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest in Gidea Park (RM2 6DH) on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October from 11 a.m. Refreshments will be available from 10.30. Ample parking available and local eateries. Five minutes' walk from the Elizabeth Line. This free event is both in-person and live-stream. Please go to [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) for details. A recording of the study day will be made available on the website.

**Brentwood Cathedral Lunchtime Recital - Wednesday 20 September at 1pm** when we will begin our Autumn Music Recital session with David SILKOFF who will be playing beautiful pieces by Beethoven, Schubert, Schumann, Ravel & Chopin. Refreshments will be available in the Song School afterwards.



**Mass Attendance: Aug Sat 5.30pm: 23 Sun 8.45am: 25 Sun 10.30am: 33**

**Offertory Collection: £241.47**

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

Please contact Kelly Love if you require bank account details.

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

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)		
Sat 9th Sep, 2023	(St. H) 5.30pm	Alan Nyman RIP (Helen Nyman)
Sun 10th Sep, 2023	(St. H) 8.45am	Betty Vassallo, sister int.
	(St. M) 10.30am	Janet & Patrick (Hendry Family)
Mon 11th Sep, 2023	(Ilford) 9.30am	Josie John-Lewis Birthday 9/09 Karen Anne Hall RIP
Tue 12th Sep, 2023	(St. H) 9.00am	Colette & Ricardo's Wedding Anniversary
Wed 13th Sep, 2023	(St. H) 9.00am	<b>St John Chrysostom, Bp, D</b> Lally & Frank Falco RIP (Paul Falco)
Thu 14th Sep 2023	(St. H) 11.00am	<b>EXALTATION (TRIUMPH) OF THE HOLY CROSS</b> <b>Feast</b> Denis & Mary Murphy RIP (Patrick & Ursula)
Fri 15th Sep, 2023	(St. H) 9.00am	<b>Our Lady of Sorrows</b> John-Lewis Birthday 15/09
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) (Evangelii Gaudium Day)		
Sat 16th Sep 2023	(St. H) 5.30pm	<b>Ss Cornelius, P, and Cyprian, Bp, Mm</b> Thomas Wrobel RIP (Bernie & Stan)
Sun 17th Sep, 2023	(St. H) 8.45am	People of the Parish
	(St. M) 10.30am	Mary & Laurie Benson (Mary & Bernard Adams)
<b>Fr. Emile</b> 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.		