

# The Catholic Parish of Ongar & Doddington



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## **PENTECOST (B)** **Sunday 19th May, 2024**

**Acts 2.1–11 Psalm 103 1 Corinthians 12.3–7, 12–13  
or Galatians 5.16–25 John 15.26–27; 16.12–15**

The Feast of Pentecost (= 50 days) concludes the season of Easter with the celebration of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Eucharistic celebrations offer the faithful the chance to perceive the presence of the Holy Spirit which focusses on its working in the life of the community of the faithful.

The story of Babel, the account of the theophany on Sinai, the vision of the dry bones and the prophecy of Joel all give an opportunity to explore the mysterious working and effects of the Holy Spirit. The workings of God cannot be contained in simple human categories of time and space. It is the very essence of God as Holy Spirit that the person of the Spirit may not be restricted and contained by language and human constructs. The Spirit, as God, is inevitably beyond comprehension, and so we are invited always to enter deeper into mystery.

The readings give us a way of perceiving the Spirit in the effects that the Spirit brings – and such effects are surely able to be experienced, recognised and spoken about. That has been the reality that the faithful have known since the first Pentecost.

*Keep yourself safe and well, Fr. Emile*

**Please note that Thursday masses at St. Helen's have now changed to 9.00am and the Saturday 5.30pm Mass will be at St Margaret's.**

**PPC AGM - The Annual General Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) will be held at 7pm Thursday 13th June, 2024 at St. Margaret's.** This is an open meeting for those who would like to attend. Nomination forms will be available from this weekend for those who wish to join the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) at St. Helen's Church and St. Margaret's Church. The nomination forms need to be returned to the Parish Office for Fr. Emile no later than **Thursday 6th June, 2024**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS:** Elliot and Charlie will be making their First Holy Communions on Saturday 18th May at 11am St Helen's. May God's love shine upon them and may the Holy Spirit be their constant guide as they embark on this sacred journey of faith.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE- RideLondon-Essex Sunday 26th May, 2024**

Fr. Emile will be unable to leave St. Helen's in Ongar on this date due to the route of the RideLondon-Essex event which takes place all day. This year the **5.30pm Mass on Saturday 25th May will be held at St. Margaret's.** There will be an 8.45am Mass at St. Helens on the Sunday for those that are able to get there locally.

**A Date For Your Diary** Father Anthony Chantry will be revisiting our parish to celebrate 8.45am Mass at St. Helen's and 10.30am Mass at St. Margaret's on Sunday 2nd June. As National Director of Missio, the Pope's own charity, Father Anthony will give us first hand information about the amazing work Missio does throughout the world. Missio wants to thank us for our continued support. Please keep this date on your calendar so we can fill our church with our usual welcome. Collecting money for Missio - **Open Garden - Saturday 1st and 2nd June** at 2 Days Cottages, Days Lane, Doddinghurst, CM15 9SL. Refreshments, Art and Plant Sale. Proceeds towards Missio. Find out more about how your gifts are transforming lives at [misio.org.uk](https://misio.org.uk). If any parishioner would like a Red Box then please contact Mary Cox on 01277374145 or 07752467027

**Family Mass** Please join us for our Family Mass every third Sunday of the Month. The next Family Mass is **Sunday 19th May**. Please get in touch if any child would like to be involved.

**100 Club April's winner of the 100 Club Draw was Ann Jackson so congratulations to Ann!** Please get in touch with Anne Robertson or Bernie Wrobel to join the 100 Club or to renew your subscriptions which are now due. Forms are also available on the website [catholicparishongar.org](https://catholicparishongar.org) Please make any cheques payable to 'Catholic Church Ongar St Helens'. **Thank you to all who have renewed their subscriptions.**

**Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is pleased to host their first Charity Tribute Night featuring ABBA Chique at the Mill Hall Arts & Events Centre in Rayleigh on Friday 12th July from 7.30 to 11pm.** Please spread the word among friends and family, join them at this special anniversary event and get ready to dance

**Parish Event**  
**SUMMER TABLETOP SALE**

**29TH JUNE AT ST. MARGARET'S HALL 10am- 1pm**

A chance to have a clear-out and recycle, sell your craft items or collect for your chosen charity. This will also be a chance to socialise. Why not come for lunch at our pop-up Cafe. **We need volunteers to help at this event and also donations for raffle prizes.** Tables £12. Proceeds to our church funds. To book a table contact parish office or Bernie Wrobel 01277 821986.

and sing along to your favourite ABBA hits! Tickets cost £20 plus a small booking fee and can be purchased via Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/abba-tribute-night-tickets-849314000037> Please keep your e-ticket to show on entry to the venue. All details can be found on the BCCS website: [www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/](http://www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/) If you have any questions about the event, please email [julie.jabbott@bccs.org.uk](mailto:julie.jabbott@bccs.org.uk).

**‘Revive; Discover; Empower’ a young adults retreat:** Walsingham House are hosting a young adults retreat on the weekend of 22nd – 23rd June. The retreat is open to those who are 19+. It will be a weekend of prayer and friendship and a wonderful opportunity to take a break from work or university. The cost of the retreat is £45 and more information, including how to book, can be found at [www.bcys.net/events](http://www.bcys.net/events)

**Vocations to the Priesthood** The next “Enquirers’ Evening” for those considering or interested in a vocation to the priesthood is on Tuesday 7 May at Brentwood Cathedral. The speaker will be Fr Patrick Daly.

**REPOSITORY** We have cards and gifts for First Holy Communion’s and other occasions for sale in the Repository at St Helen’s at very reasonable prices. Please use the card box on the wall in the porch or get in touch with Ann Jackson if anything else required. Thank you.

**Whatsapp Group:** If anyone would like to join the parish Whatsapp Group then please contact Denise Terry-Roberts at [d.terryroberts@btinternet.com](mailto:d.terryroberts@btinternet.com) or on 07545 240064 for her to add your mobile number.

**St. Margaret’s Hall Hire** St. Margaret’s is available for hire for private functions and parties, childrens parties, fitness classes, local groups and events holding up to 100 people at reasonable rates. If you would like more information or to make a booking please contact Kelly Love on 01277 362645, [ongar@brcdt.org](mailto:ongar@brcdt.org) or whatsapp/msg 07929241350.

**Mass Attendance: May 10/11 Sat 5.30pm: 21 Sun 8.45am: 25 Sun 10.30am: 30**  
**Offertory Collection: £203.66**

**World Communications Second Collection: £48.12**

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.**

## PENTECOST (B) Solemnity

<b>Sat 18th May, 2024</b>	St. H 5.30pm	People of the Parish
<b>Sun 19th May, 2024</b>	St. H 8.45am	<b>Family Mass</b> Edward Fagan RIP (Robert Fagan)
	St. M 10.30am	People of the Parish
<b>Mon 20th May, 2024</b>	Ilford 9.30am	<b>Mary, Mother of the Church</b> Anne & Terry Thomas RIP May Raftery Birthday 96 years (Josie Byrne) Loughlin Family deceased relatives (K Buckley) Corry Family int. Sean Mitchell RIP (Kathleen Cadam) Eileen Riordan Birthday 22/05
<b>Tue 21st May, 2024</b>	St. H 9.00am	
<b>Wed 22nd May, 2024</b>	St. H 9.00am	
<b>Thu 23rd May, 2024</b>	St. H 9.00am	<b>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST</b> <b>THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST</b> <b>National Feast</b>
<b>Fri 24th May, 2024</b>	St. H 9.00am	

## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (B)

<b>Sat 25th May, 2024</b>	St M. 5.30pm	<b>St Bede the Venerable, Pr, D</b> <b>MASS AT ST MARGARET'S</b> <b>NOT ST HELEN'S</b> People of the Parish
<b>Sun 26th May, 2024</b>	St. H 8.45am	People of the Parish
	St. M 10.30am	<b>NO MASS DUE TO RIDE LON- DON</b>

**Fr. Emile** would like to welcome any parishioners for Tea/Coffee and a chat on Thursdays in the Presbytery after 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, Stephen Garfield and family, Susan Corbin and family, Sue Potter, Philip Denton, Ivy Denton,