

The Catholic Parish of Ongar & Doddinghurst



St. Helen's Catholic Church
The Presbytery
87 High Street
Chipping Ongar
CM5 9DX

Parish Priest:
Fr Emile Nkumu
Phone: 01277 362645
ongar@brcdt.org

www.catholicparishongar.org



www.dioceseofbrentwood.net



St. Margaret of Scotland
Doddinghurst Road
Doddinghurst
CM15 0QJ

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B) Sunday 12th May, 2024

Sunday 12 May 2024 Seventh Sunday of Easter Acts 1.15–17, 20–26
Psalm 102 1 John 4.11–16 John 17.11–19

The early Church develops under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. In today's passage, we have the account of the appointment of Matthias as one of the Twelve. The Twelve called by Jesus represent the twelve tribes – are the foundation of the New Israel. Peter – the leader of the community sees this as significant. The idea that the community can do what Christ had done and has that authority also shows discontinuity. The Twelve' gradually disappear as a unit as the Holy Spirit guides individuals like Peter and Paul in the work of mission. As the early Church found itself in the new situation it grew out of its Jewish background and spread into the wider gentile world with its alien traditions and ways of doing things, it had to develop new structures and new ways of organisation. The Church may not appoint apostles by casting lots, but it does insist that those entrusted with ministry have been part of the community of Jesus for a long time, they are selected by prayer and the laying on of hands under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

In our very 'professional' culture, ministry is not a career, Pope Francis insists so often, but a calling through the Holy Spirit to serve the gospel, and to be sent by Christ into the world consecrated in the truth.

Keep yourself safe and well, Fr. Emile

Please note that Kelly Love, Parish Administrator is currently on annual leave and will return to the Parish Office on Tuesday 14th May. For hall bookings please contact Sue Maher on 01277 823750 or sue.maher1@btinternet.com. Rotas/hall calendar catholicparishongar.org

Please note that Thursday masses at St. Helen's have changed to 10.30am.

PPC AGM - The Annual General Meeting of the PPC will be held at 7pm Thursday 13th June at St. Margaret's. This is an open meeting for those who would like to attend.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS: Elliot and Charlie will be making their First Holy Communion next weekend 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. Helen's on the Sunday for those that are able to get there locally.

Second Collection Sunday 12th May for World Communications Day
Pope Francis' message for World Communications Day 2024
<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wcd24-papal-message/>

Doddy Drop In - an informal get together for everyone held on the second Tuesday of every month 2pm at St. Margaret's Hall, Doddinghurst. Bring your crafts and games or just have a cuppa and a natter. The next one will be held on Tuesday 14th May.

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 mis-sio.org.uk. If any parishioner would like a Red Box then please contact Mary Cox on 01277374145 or 07752467027

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.

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 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 Please make any cheques payable to 'Catholic Church Ongar St Helens'. Thank you for your support.

Thank you to all who have renewed their subscriptions.

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 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 or whatsapp/msg 07929241350.

Mass Attendance: May 4/5 Sat 5.30pm: 29 Sun 8.45am: 15 Sun 10.30am: 27

Offertory Collection: £ 220.18

Cafod Second Collection: £ 52

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.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B) (World Communications Day)

Sat 11th May, 2024	St. H 5.30pm	Bruno Vassallo intention
Sun 12th May, 2024	St. H 8.45am St. M 10.30am	Charlotte Marshall intention People of the Parish
Mon 13th May, 2024	Ilford 9.30am	St Erconwald, Bp Secondary Co-Patron of Diocese Thanking God for All Parish- ioners of Ilford Lane you (K Buckley) Alice Drew RIP (recently de- ceased) (M Dixon) Do well in your exams (Joseph & Joyce) Mary Gaffney B'Day intention 6/05 James Daly
Tue 14th May, 2024	St. H 9.00am	ST MATTIAS, Ap Feast
Wed 15th May, 2024	St. H 9.00am	Paul Akuda RIP 06/05/24
Thu 16th May, 2024	St. H 10.30am	People of the Parish
Fri 17th May, 2024	St. H 9.00am	People of the Parish

PENTECOST (B) Solemnity

Sat 18th May, 2024	St H. 5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun 19th May, 2024	St. H 8.45am St. M 10.30am	People of the Parish People of the Parish

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,