

# The Catholic Parish of Ongar & Doddingtonhurst



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## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (B) Sunday 26th May, 2024

**Deuteronomy 4.32–34,39–40 Psalm 32 Romans 8.14–17 Matthew 28.16–20**

In the passage from Deuteronomy, Moses insists on the unique and supreme nature of God, excluding any other gods; but insists that this ultimate God has actually entered into the lives of this people through the Exodus and the experience of Sinai; God has acted 'before your eyes'. God has been directly involved with his people who is to respond to him in the way he tells them 'so that you may prosper and live long'. A relationship between the people and God will enable them to flourish.

In the passage from Romans, that relationship is an intimate personal one bringing the believer into the very life of God – as children of God, heirs, and co-heirs with Christ' because God is Trinity that such is our human destiny. The action of the Spirit and Christ with the Father makes the life of God accessible to humanity. the very nature of God is all encompassing, all people can be brought into the intimate life of God.

The command to make disciples is the command to bring all people into the life of God, and that life is eternal: 'I am with you always: yes, to the end of time.' What today's feast seeks to do is reflecting on the Trinity the utter immensity of God open to an intimate and permanent relationship.

*Keep yourself safe and well, Fr. Emile*

Please note that, as some of you may already be aware, Fr. Emile will now be away on leave to the Congo from Thursday 30th May in the evening returning 6th July. This means there will be no daily mass at St Helen's until his return. Fr. Anthony Chantry will be presiding at Mass on Sunday 2nd June at both churches as previously announced but no mass on Saturday 1st June. However, please watch the newsletter for confirmation and any further forthcoming changes to services during this time.

**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 no later than **Thursday 6th June, 2024**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS:** Congratulations to Elliot Rowles and Charlie Foster who made their their First Holy Communions on Saturday 18th May at St Helen's. Photos are attached to the newsletter email and can be seen on website. 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 places 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.

**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 [missio.org.uk](https://missio.org.uk). If any parishioner would like a Red Box then please contact Mary Cox on 01277374145 or 07752467027

### **Mass Books**

Please return any mass books for Year B Part 1. *Thank you, Graham Bateson*

### **St. Helen's Garage**

If you know anything about two builder's bags of wood offcuts deposited in the garage at St. Helen's, please let the Parish Office know. If we don't hear, we will dispose of it.

**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.

**Youth Mass, Thursday 6th June 2024, Brentwood Cathedral**

This may be a busy and stressful time for many of you, particularly those taking exams. The Cathedral and Parish Hall will be open for you to socialise, pray and celebrate Mass with us, or pop in for a break from revision, change of scenery or quiet personal prayer. Pizza from 6pm in the Parish Hall, Mass at 7:30pm in the Cathedral.

**BCYS Summer Lourdes Pilgrimage, 20<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

There are a handful of last minute places available if anyone in school year 10+ still wishes to join this pilgrimage with the BCYS. Full details on the pilgrimage and how to apply can be found at [www.bcys.net/events/sl24](http://www.bcys.net/events/sl24) or email [gabriel-laskinner@brcdt.org](mailto:gabriel-laskinner@brcdt.org)

**“Revive. Discover. Empower.” Retreat for Young Adults, 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> June at Walsingham House at Abbotswick** This young adult retreat is an opportunity for spiritual growth and reflection, to **revive, discover** and **empower** you in your faith. This retreat is aimed at those aged 18+, having left school, to roughly 30. All details can be found at [www.bcys.net/events](http://www.bcys.net/events)

**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 18/19 Sat 5.30pm: Sun 8.45am: Sun 10.30am:**  
**Offertory Collection: £220.89**

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.**

**Please consider remembering the parish in your will. Thank you.**

## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (B)

<b>Sat 25th May, 2024</b>	St. H 5.30pm	<b>St Bede the Venerable, Pr, D MASS AT ST MARGARET'S NOT ST HELEN'S</b> Patsy Buckley Int. (Sue, John , Aimee & Paul Fahey)
<b>Sun 26th May, 2024</b>	St. H 8.45am	<b>MASS FOR THOSE ABLE TO MAKE ON FOOT ETC</b> Christine & Jimmy Collins intention (Sue, John, Aimee & Paul Fahey)
	St. M 10.30am	<b>NO MASS DUE TO ONGAR ROAD CLOSURES FOR RIDE LONDON</b>
<b>Mon 27th May, 2024</b>	Ilford 9.30am	May Dempsey RIP (Josie Byrne) Sean Mitchell RIP (Josie Byrne) Kathleen Cadam Int. (Ilford Weekday Church Parishion- ers) Larry Dixon RIP (M Dixon)
<b>Tue 28th May, 2024</b>	St. H 9.00am	Sean Mitchell RIP (M Dixon)
<b>Wed 29th May, 2024</b>	St. H 9.00am	Ann McDermott RIP (Anniv 20/05) (M Dixon)
<b>Thu 30th May, 2024</b>	St. H 9.00am	
<b>Fri 31st May, 2024</b>	St. H 9.00am	<b>NO DAILY MASS</b>

## THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST Solemnity HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION (CORPUS CHRISTIE)

<b>Sun 2nd June, 2024</b>	St. H 8.45am	<b>MASS - FR. ANTHONY CHAN- TRY presiding</b>
	St. M 10.30am	<b>MASS - FR ANTHONY CHAN- TRY presiding</b> Deceased Family of the Bateson's (Ann & Graham)

**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,