

# The Catholic Parish of Ongar & Doddinghurst



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## TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) Sunday 9th June, 2024

**Mark 3:20-35, Genesis 3:9-15 Psalm 129 (130) 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1**

In this rather complicated Gospel passage we hear about the reaction to Jesus' activity, from his family and from the religious authorities, represented by the scribes.

Members of his family are so concerned about Jesus that they consider taking him home by force to put an end to his ministry. But it is the scribes from Jerusalem who have worked out in their own way that Jesus is in league with the powers of evil, with Beelzebul, another name for Satan. Jesus takes this point up. His actions are constantly challenging the power of evil, so how can he be on the side of evil? He is in fact the one who is strong enough to challenge Satan. The scribes have closed their minds to this possibility; they are unwilling to let the Spirit teach them.

The final verses suggest that the relationships we make in the Christian family are of great significance.

Is the gospel of Jesus challenging to me? Am I open enough to receive the message which Jesus brings? Let us pray for those who struggle with the Christian gospel. Let us pray for those who are stuck in their own dogmatism.

*Fr Adrian Graffy*

Please note Fr. Emile is currently away on leave returning 7th July. This means there will be no daily mass at St Helen's until his return.

Fr. Cyril Ojobor will be covering three weekend Masses on 8/9, 22/23, 29/30 June and there will also be Liturgy of the Word and Communion Services led by our Eucharistic Ministers on 15/16 June at each church at the usual times.

Kelly, Parish Administrator, will be in the office on Tuesday's but will work from home for the majority of the time other than that. Please use parish email address as normal and whatsapp number is 07929241350.

Thank you to Anne Robertson and to all those who have volunteered their help with organising arrangements in Fr. Emile's absence.

### **A Thank You message for our generous parish family.**

Last weekend prayers were answered and Sunday was the perfect, sunny day. At 8.30 Father Anthony arrived to say Mass at St Helen's church which had been carefully decorated with fresh flowers and a children's display of work. On the altar a very smart alter server. Special Thanks to Anne.

10.30 Mass at St Margaret's was equally welcoming, prepared and well attended. We were lifted up by our lovely music. Special thanks to Audrey and choir. Father Anthony gave us insight into the much valued work Missio does throughout the world. It was encouraging and thought provoking. There were many generous donations to Missio after Mass.

Thank you to all those who came to our Open Garden to help, make cakes, bring along plants to sell, help serve or just enjoy a piece of cake and cuppa in the sunshine. Heartfelt Thanks for your generosity and support.

Amount raised...£1,190.

**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**

**CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING IN AN ELECTION YEAR** As the General Election approaches, on Saturday 15th June, Raymond Friel OBE, CEO of Caritas Social Action Network, will speak on Catholic Social Teaching and what the Church says about democracy and voting. The talks will be held at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park (RM2 6DH). Coffee will be available from 10.30 am and the talks begin at 11 am, and conclude by 2 pm. This is an in-person event, also available online at [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org)

**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 found at [www.bcys.net/events/sl24](http://www.bcys.net/events/sl24)

**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.** Proceeds to our church funds. To book a table contact parish office or Bernie Wrobel 01277 821986.

Please support this parish event. We will need help on the day to set up and in the kitchen. Also donations of bottles and chocolates for the tombola will be most welcome.

**“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)

**Walsingham House Anniversary Mass, 31<sup>st</sup> August at Walsingham House at Abbotswick** We invite anyone who may have been involved with Walsingham House over the years to celebrate 40 years of volunteer teams with us, beginning with Mass celebrated by Bishop Alan at 12pm and followed by celebrations at our beautiful retreat house just outside Brentwood.

**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/mmsg 07929241350.

**Mass Attendance: June 2nd Sat 5.30pm: No Mass Sun 8.45am: 39 10.30am: 37**  
**Offertory Collection: £514.16**

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.**

## TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

<b>Sat 8th June, 2024</b>	St. H 5.30pm	<b>The Immaculate Heart of Mary MASS - Fr. Cyril Ojobor</b> Mary & Paddy Connaghan RIP
<b>Sun 9th June, 2024</b>	St. H 8.45am	<b>MASS - Fr. Cyril Ojobor</b> Maurice Power RIP (Eileen Riordan)
	St. M 10.30am	<b>MASS - Fr. Cyril Ojobor</b> Breege Smith Int.
<b>Mon 10th June, 2024</b>	Ilford 9.30am	<b>NO MASS</b> Emmeline Dominique Birthday
<b>Tue 11th June, 2024</b>	St. H 9.00am	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Wed 12th June, 2024</b>	St. H 9.00am	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Thu 13th June, 2024</b>	St. H 9.00am	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Fri 14th June, 2024</b>	St. H 9.00am	<b>NO MASS</b>

## ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) (Day for Life)

<b>Sat 15th June, 2024</b>	St. H 5.30pm	<b>Liturgy of the Word and Communion Eucharistic Minister led Service</b>
<b>Sun 16th June, 2024</b>	St. H 8.45am	<b>Liturgy of the Word and Communion Eucharistic Minister led Service</b>
	St. M 10.30am	<b>Liturgy of the Word and Communion Eucharistic Minister led Service</b> Deceased Friends 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, Douglas Jordan, John Varellas, Bruno Vassallo