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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) Sunday 23rd June, 2024

Mark 4:35-41, Job 3:1,8-11 Psalm 106 (107) 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

The early chapters of the Gospel of Mark record Jesus' activity in Galilee, as he preaches the good news of the kingdom of God and performs mighty works which point to the approach of the kingdom. All this precedes his journey to Jerusalem, and his ministry there which leads to his death and resurrection.

The mighty work, or miracle, about which we hear in today's gospel reading, is the calming of a storm on the Sea of Galilee. Most of the miracles of Jesus are healings. The first healing in Mark's gospel was that of the possessed man in the synagogue at Capernaum. The evangelist also gives summaries of various healings worked by Jesus. Along with the parables, the miracles are a major feature of Jesus' ministry in Mark's gospel. This miracle shows the power of Jesus over natural forces, as his words calm the sea and the winds.

All four gospels recall such an event. The disciples call out to Jesus in alarm, while he is asleep in the stern. His powerful word recalls the word spoken by God in creation at the beginning of the Book of Genesis. Our first reading from the Book of Job gives a poetic description of God's power in limiting the extent of the seas.

The effect of the words of Jesus is instant. He has the power of God. Jesus questions the disciples about their fear and their lack of faith, but the passage ends with their question about Jesus. 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.' The awe they experience - the Greek text says 'they feared with a great fear' - is the reaction of someone in the presence of God. The disciples will be searching for an answer to their question throughout the gospel.

What is the meaning of the miracles of Jesus? Does it seem strange to you that Jesus should put on such a display of power to calm the storm? Pray for a deeper awareness of the purpose of Jesus and the gospel. Pray for those who struggle to accept the truth about Jesus.

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.

Let us welcome again Fr. Cyril Ojobor to our parish this weekend. Fr. Cyril will also be covering weekend Masses 29/30 June and then we welcome Fr. Abiodun Clement, who will be covering 6/7 July weekend Masses.

Kelly, Parish Administrator, will usually be in the office on Tuesday's but will work from home for the majority of the time other than that whilst Fr. Emile is away. 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 with the supply Priests in Fr. Emile's absence.

Caraid Hill RIP

Some of you might know that Caraid Hill passed away in Ireland on Monday 27.05.24. Caraid's memorial service will be held on Wednesday 26th June, 11am at Brentwood Cathedral (Cathedral House, Ingrave Rd, Brentwood CM15 8AT)

There will be a reception afterwards at The Spread Eagle (88 Queen's Rd, Brentwood CM14 4HD) which is a short walk from the Cathedral.

Please do contact Lesley Denton if you need any further information.

YOUR PARISH GARDEN NEEDS YOU!

There will be a gardening working party to tackle the overgrown areas of the garden at St Margaret's on the evening of Friday 12th July from 6pm onwards. Please come even if you can only spare half an hour as many hands really do make light work.

You will need to bring your own tools, gloves, extension leads and bags for any non compostable debris. Refreshments will be provided.

THANK YOU from St Margaret's Hall Committee

Youth Mass, Thursday 4th July 2024, Brentwood Cathedral

Bishop Alan will celebrate Mass and commission all those travelling to Lourdes this Summer.

Meet in the Parish Hall from 6pm for pizza, refreshments and a time to reconnect and relax with friends before the Summer. Mass in the Cathedral at 7:30pm.

If you wish to sing, play an instrument, read or serve then please bring along your alb or instrument, and let us know as you arrive. Absolutely everyone is very welcome!

BCYS Summer Lourdes Pilgrimage, 20th – 27th July 2024

A couple of last minute places have become 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 or email gabriellaskinner@brcdt.org

Walsingham House Anniversary Mass, 31st 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.

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.

Sea Sunday On Sea Sunday, which falls on 14th July this year, let us pray for seafarers, fishers, and the work of Stella Maris. When seafarers and fishers arrive in a foreign port, they are strangers, often thousands of miles from home. Stella Maris' chaplains and volunteer ship visitors welcome them, listen to their concerns, and help provide what they need. Stella Maris' chaplains and volunteer ship visitors answer Jesus' call to give hospitality to the stranger. To find out more about Sea Sunday, please visit: <https://stellamaris.org.uk/seasunday/> To donate to Stella Maris, please go to: <https://stellamaris.org.uk/donate/> or there will be a second collection that weekend at the masses.

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, children's 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: June 15/16 Sat 5.30pm: 19 Sun 8.45am: 18 10.30am: 26
Offertory Collection: £220.89

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.

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Sat 22nd June, 2024	St. H 5.30pm	SS JOHN FISHER, Bp AND THOMAS MORE, Mm National Feast Mass - Fr. Cyril Ojobor
Sun 23rd June, 2024	St. H 8.45am	Mass - Fr. Cyril Ojobor Caraid Hill RIP recently deceased (Lesley Denton)
	St. M 10.30am	Mass - Fr. Cyril Ojobor People of the Parish
Mon 24th June, 2024	Ilford 9.30am	NO MASS
Tue 25th June, 2024	St. H 9.00am	NO MASS
Wed 26th June, 2024	St. H 9.00am	NO MASS
Thu 27th June, 2024	St. H 9.00am	NO MASS
Fri 28th June, 2024	St. H 9.00am	NO MASS

SS PETER AND PAUL, App Solemnity HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

Sat 29th June, 2024	St. H 5.30pm	SS JOHN FISHER, Bp AND THOMAS MORE, Mm National Feast Mass - Fr. Cyril Ojobor People of the Parish
Sun 30th June, 2024	St. H 8.45am	Mass - Fr. Cyril Ojobor People of the Parish
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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