

# The Catholic Parish of Ongar & Doddinghurst



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## **NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)** **Sunday 11th August, 2024**

**1 Kings 19.4–8 Psalm 33 Ephesians 4.30 – 5.2 John 6.41–51**

Elijah held rain for three and half years (cf. 1 Kgs 17.1; Jas 5.17), multiplied food (1 Kgs 17.14–16), and raised the dead (1 Kgs 17.18– 24). He confronted King Ahab and stood against the 450 prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel (1 Kgs 18). When Jezebel, the wife of Ahab, learnt that Elijah had killed the prophets of Baal, she sent a threatening message to Elijah. Elijah was afraid and ran from the northern kingdom of Israel to Beersheba at the border of the southern kingdom of Judah (1 Kgs 19.1–3).

Elijah's weakness is to have left his servant in Beersheba, went alone on a day's journey into the wilderness. Frustrated and depressed he sleeps under a tree in his weakness and frailty, and the angel of the Lord feeds him there as God provided manna for the people in the desert. The wilderness can be a place of solace when one is distressed.

The angel of the Lord is encamped around those who revere him, to rescue them', even in that solitary place. In the Gospel, Jesus connects the manna in the desert and his divinity in the Eucharist. Using the imagery of the manna, Jesus describes his divinity and then tells the Jews why they need to eat his body as the bread which has come down from heaven.

To believe and to eat – are essential for understanding the Gospel. Jesus is the bread 'come down from heaven', revealing his divinity by using the imagery of the manna.

*Keep safe and well, Fr Emile*

**You may have noticed that Fr. Clement has been staying in our parish lately whilst he is visiting from the Ivory Coast! We are very much enjoying his company and we are happy to welcome him for this weekend before he goes back to Harlow next week and continues with his other summer commitments. Fr. Emile has been enjoying a little more break time whilst the opportunity was available. Thank you very much Fr. Clement and God Bless.**

**Holyday of Obligation - there will be an extra Mass at 8pm on Thursday 15th August at St Margarets for The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

**Doddy Drop In** The Doddy Drop In takes place at 2-4pm at St. Margaret's on the second Tuesday of every month so the next one will be on Tuesday 13th August. Please join us for a cuppa, homemade cake, games or bring your crafts and have a natter. Everyone welcome.

**St Margaret's Storage Clearout** The playgroup have asked if we could make more room available for them in the shed so we are looking for a new home for some wooden trestle tables and an 8x4 piece of plywood. If you are interested in these items please contact Russell McGill on 07419335019 to arrange access.

**Collection Notice:** Please be aware that recently we have had some instances of Scottish notes being rejected by the Post Office when paying in the weekly collection to the parish bank account.

**Called and Gifted Teaching Day at the Most Holy Redeemer, Billericay: Saturday, 14th September** On Saturday, 14th September from 9am to 4.15pm at the Most Holy Redeemer Church in Billericay we will be running a "Called and Gifted" teaching day. "Called and Gifted" is a discernment process developed by the Catherine of Siena Institute which enables everyone to understand the gifts and the charisms that God has given to them so that they are able to share these gifts with others. Those who have taken part in the Called and Gifted process have found that their faith has deepened and that they have been able to discover new ways of serving God in their parish and the wider community. As well as the teaching day, participants are invited to complete an online "Gifts Inventory" prior to the day, as well as having a 1-1 Zoom session with a member of the Called and Gifted team. The total cost of the process including the Teaching Day is £120 which includes online access to the Gifts Inventory as well as a Resource book which will be given out during the Teaching Day. In order to secure your booking please register your interest before Friday, 23rd August by emailing the Billericay Parish Office at [billericay@brcdt.org](mailto:billericay@brcdt.org). If you would like more information about Called & Gifted please visit their website: <https://www.calledandgifted.org.uk/>

**Walsingham House 40<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass, 12noon on 31<sup>st</sup> August at Walsingham House at Abbotswick, Navestockside, CM14 5SH.** Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Alan; please bring lunch and enjoy an afternoon at the beautiful Diocesan retreat house especially for young people, just outside Brentwood. Everyone is very welcome – if you have ever been on retreat to Walsingham House, or helped as a teacher, catechist or youth leader, then do come to this very special Anniversary cele-

bration. Mass will be offered for Fr Pat Sammon, RIP, who did so much to develop Walsingham House. More information at [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net)

**Open House Billericay: Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> October 2024** The Most Holy Redeemer Church, Billericay will be hosting a day focusing on parish renewal with talks and workshops designed to help parishes transition from maintenance to mission. Bishop Alan will also be presiding at the Midday Mass. Get inspired by priests and parishioners as they share stories of transformation. Hear what they are learning and dream about the change that could be possible in your own parish. The day will last from 9.30am to 5pm and the cost is £20 per person. In order to attend you need to register in advance by following this link: <https://divinerenovation.org/events/>

**“Adoremus” Festival at Oscott College, Birmingham - Sat, 14th September**

On Saturday, 14th September at Oscott College in Birmingham, the “Adoremus” National Eucharistic Congress and Pilgrimage is taking place with representatives from dioceses across England and Wales. If you would like to attend please contact the Diocesan Co-ordinator, Father Dan Mason at [frdanmason@brcdt.org](mailto:frdanmason@brcdt.org) by the 1st August. There will be a coach leaving for the Congress from St Edward’s Church, Romford (RM1 4AT) at 8am on the day. There is no charge for the coach or attending the Congress but you will need to bring a packed lunch. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/adoremus-at-oscott/national-eucharistic-congress-2024/>

**ADoRE spiritual mini-retreat 31st August 10.00-1.00** “BEAR THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT – our transformed lives will help other people.” Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring guest speaker Maria Heath. Please register for the Zoom meeting in advance at [/bit.ly/ADOREAUG2024](https://bit.ly/ADOREAUG2024)  
More information at [www.altonrenewal.com/this\\_month](http://www.altonrenewal.com/this_month)

**REPOSITORY** We have cards and gifts for First Holy Communion’s, Baptisms, Mass Intention Cards 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 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, 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](mailto:ongar@brcdt.org) or whatsapp/msg 07929241350.

Mass Attendance: Aug 3/4 Sat 5.30pm: **11** Sun 8.45am: **21** 10.30am: **26**

**Offertory Collection: £183.92**

Cheques payable to: ‘Catholic Church Ongar St Helens’

Please contact Kelly Love if you require bank transfer 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.**

## NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

<b>Sat 10th Aug, 2024</b>	St. H 5.30pm	<b>ST LAWRENCE, Dc. M</b> Patrick Hughes RIP Bruno Vassallo
<b>Sun 11th Aug, 2024</b>	St. H 8.45am	Dennis & Joan Newton RIP (Pat & John Scott)
	St. M 10.30am	People of the Parish
<b>Mon 12th Aug, 2024</b>	Ilford 9.30am	Breege Britton RIP Kathleen Buckley int. (Eileen Riordan) John Byrne Michael Dunn RIP recently deceased Josie Byrne int. (Eileen Riordan)
<b>Tue 13th Aug, 2024</b>	St. H 9.00am	Mary Samuel Int. (Fr. Clement)
<b>Wed 14th Aug, 2024</b>	St. H 9.00am	Peter Woods RIP
<b>Thu 15th Aug, 2024</b>	St. H 9.00am	<b>THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b> <b>Solemnity</b> HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION Maximillian Kolbe Priest
	St M 8.00pm	<b>THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b> <b>Solemnity</b> HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION
<b>Fri 16th Aug, 2024</b>	St. H 9.00am	Josie Byrne sick - Get Well

## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

<b>Sat 17th Aug, 2024</b>	St. H 5.30pm	People of the Parish
<b>Sun 18th Aug, 2024</b>	St. H 8.45am	People of the Parish
	St. M 10.30am	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, Douglas Jordan, John Varellas, Bruno Vassallo