

# The Catholic Parish of Ongar & Doddingtonhurst



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## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

### Sunday 18th August, 2024

**Proverbs 9.1–6 Psalm 33 Ephesians 5.15–20 John 6.51–58**

In the Old Testament, wisdom is personified as a woman. Both ladies – wisdom and folly. invite people to share in the food they have prepared. Wisdom dispatches her servants to announce the feast she has prepared, asking her guests to come and eat and drink at the table in her house. She wants to save her guests from folly. Hence, she says, 'Leave your folly, and you will live.' Anyone who eats and drinks at her table will leave folly, have life and walk in the ways of perception.

Jesus, the Wisdom of God, speaks to us in the Gospel (Jn 6.51–58). The bread that Wisdom speaks of in the Old Testament has become a person in the New Testament. The Living Bread come down from heaven to give his own flesh for the life of the world. It is not like the manna the Israelites ate in the desert, and they are dead. This particular bread gives eternal life. The Eucharist gives us eternal life. St Paul (1 Cor. 1.24) calls Jesus the power and the wisdom of God.

Paul in the second reading tells the Ephesians, and us today, to be careful about the sort of lives we lead. Unlike the foolish (senseless) people (Eph. 5.15) who take after wine which can lead to folly, Paul urges his community in Ephesus, they, like the wise (intelligent) people, should be filled with the Holy Spirit.

*Keep safe and well, Fr Emile*



**Please remember in your prayers  
Fr. Andrew Hurley RIP  
10 Year Anniversary  
Monday 19th August, 2024**

O Lord,  
the God of mercies,  
grant unto the souls of Thy servants  
the anniversary day of  
whose burial we are keeping,  
a place of solace,  
of peaceful rest,  
of glorious light.  
Through Christ our Lord,  
Amen.

**A Big Thank You** to Margaret Payne for her help with taking Fr. Clement to St Marg every Sunday and also to the Doddy Drop in on Tuesday.

**PLEASE NOTE:** St Helens Car Park is currently under occasional camera surveillance. Also there is some hemlock growing at the bottom of the garden at st. Helen's. It is being treated but please avoid the area.

**Ingatestone Hall 2.30pm Sunday 22nd September**

Bishop Thomas has very kindly invited our parish to join their parish as part of the "linked parishes" on a special afternoon at Ingatestone Hall on Sunday 22nd September at 2.30pm. Dominic Petre, son of Lord Petre, will be conducting a personal guided tour and then afterwards there will be refreshments available in the Summer Parlour. Bishop Thomas would like to know numbers of those attending about a week before and there are about 6 places available with the group size being approximately . Please get in touch with Kelly Love in Parish Office if you would like to attend. For more information <https://www.ingatestonehall.com/>

**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.

## **Youth Gather, Essex Outdoors, East Mersea, 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> October**

For anyone in year 9 and above, join us for a weekend of speakers, workshops, prayer and more, alongside the opportunity to try high ropes, archery or climbing at the amazing Essex Outdoors in East Mersea. **Applications are now open** and you can apply and find all information at [www.bcys.net/events/youth-gather-2024/](http://www.bcys.net/events/youth-gather-2024/)

## **BBQ and Mass for young adults, Our Lady Immaculate, Chelmsford, Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September**

If you are 18+, having left school, from 1<sup>st</sup> September then you are very welcome to join a group of young adults for a BBQ from 3pm with Mass at 7pm, at Our Lady Immaculate Church in Chelmsford. No need to book, simply come along to meet other young adult Catholics and find out more about upcoming events just for you!

## **Walsingham House Anniversary Mass and Celebration, Walsingham House at Abbotswick, Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August**

Whether in Chingford, Canvey Island or Abbotswick, we have been blessed with 40 years of volunteer teams at our vibrant Diocesan Youth Retreat Centre “Walsingham House”.

Join us for Mass celebrated by Bishop Alan at 12pm, followed by a picnic in the beautiful grounds of Walsingham House at Abbotswick throughout the afternoon. If you can share any photos, or to find out more information, you can email [info@bcys.net](mailto:info@bcys.net), visit [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net) or search @brentwoodcys on Instagram and facebook.

**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 pay using the card box on the wall in the porch or get in touch with Ann Jackson if anything else required. Thank

**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 10/11 Sat 5.30pm: 22 Sun 8.45am: 19 10.30am: 30

**Offertory Collection: £158.25**

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.**

## **TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)**

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| <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  |
| <b>Mon 19th Aug, 2024</b> | Ilford 9.30am | <b>Fr. Andrew Hurley RIP,<br/>10 Yr Anniversary 2014</b><br>Brian John-Lewis<br>Hannah Hurley RIP (M Dixon)<br>Larry Dixon RIP (M Dixon)<br>Alan John -Lewis<br>Michael Conway RIP (K Cadam)<br>Linda Thomas Birthday 18/08<br>Annette Boriel Birthday<br>Kathleen Cadam Birthday 19/08 |
| <b>Tue 20th Aug, 2024</b> | St. H 9.00am  | <b>St Bernard, Ab, D</b><br>Josie Byrne int.  |
| <b>Wed 21st Aug, 2024</b> | St. H 9.00am  | <b>St Pius X, P</b><br>Patsy McDaid RIP   |
| <b>Thu 22nd Aug, 2024</b> | St. H 9.00am  |   |
| <b>Fri 23rd Aug, 2024</b> | St. H 9.00am  |   |

## **TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)**

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| <b>Sat 24th Aug, 2024</b> | St. H 5.30pm  | <b>ST BARTHOLOMEW, Ap Feast</b> |
| <b>Sun 25th 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 Varella, Bruno Vassallo