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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) **Sunday 22nd September, 2024**

Wisdom 2.12,17–20 Psalm 53 James 3.16 – 4.3 Mark 9.30–37

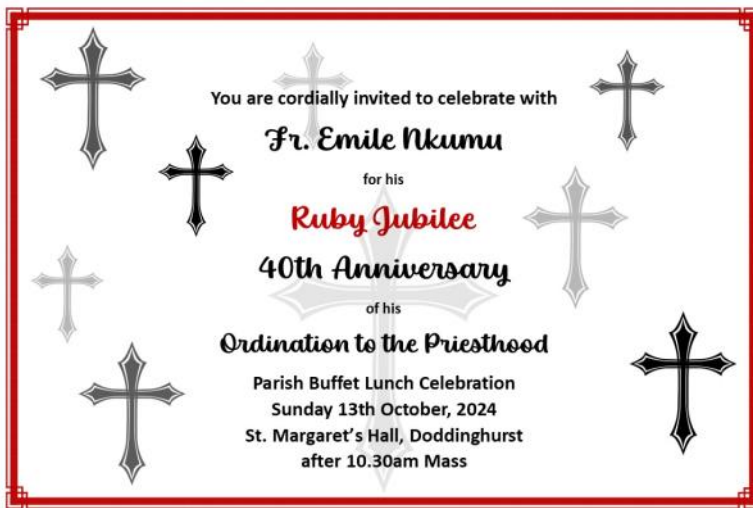
The suffering servant in the book of the prophet Isaiah is the Son of God. The Messiah will suffer before entering into glory. The disciples do not understand what Jesus is saying but are afraid to ask him. They understood something else because they begin to discuss who would succeed Jesus.

While Jesus is telling them something fundamental about his end, the disciples are arguing about who would take over the position of Jesus when he was gone. So, he subtly rebukes them. 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' The servant is a person who rendered helpful service, a helper. Jesus further demonstrates that each of his disciples should emulate the little child. Jesus reveals the kind of humility he desires from his disciples. He is the humble, obedient and suffering servant who does the will of the Father.

Jesus took the servant position, coming into the world to save us (Phil. 2). In the same way, if we are in a position of authority, we must humble ourselves and be the servant of all those in our charge.

James tells us in the second reading that 'wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony and wicked things of every kind.' Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder. Selfishness undermines other people. It focuses on the individual and not on other people. Jesus does not want self-centeredness among his disciples. Instead, as James tells us, Jesus wants them to imbibe divine wisdom, which is pure and makes for peace, kindness, and consideration

Keep safe and well, Fr Emile



Parish Events Diary and Timeline: Please see the website for our Forthcoming Events Calendar for the next few months for the parish and saves the dates to your diaries <https://catholicparishongar.org/parish-events-calendar/> This will also be included in the Friday newsletter emails.

Confirmations: The Confirmation programme is available every year for young people in school Year 10 and above. Bishop Alan will be visiting our parish next year on Wednesday 9th April, 2025 which will be an ideal opportunity for our young people of the parish to get Confirmed on that date or indeed adults who, for whatever reason, have yet to make their Confirmation and would like to. Forms are available at both churches and please get in touch with Fr. Emile or the parish office if you would like to register ongar@brcdt.org

First Holy Communions: We are now taking applications for First Holy Communions for the next programme. Application Forms are available at both churches or contact Fr. Emile or the parish office to register your child on the programme. ongar@brcdt.org

Gardening St Margaret's Thanks very much to all those who helped with the Gardening Party at St Margarets last week.

An Afternoon with the  **ongar Singers**

Sunday 29th September, 2024 St. Mary's Church, High Ongar – 3pm

Ticket £10 including tea and cake

Contact: 07724 995667

CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal – Harvest (Friday 4 October)

Daniel, a young man in Democratic Republic of the Congo, is carving a better future for his family with carpentry skills he learned in a CAFOD-funded training centre. Give to CAFOD today and you'll fund training, tools, equipment and safe spaces so

more people like Daniel can learn new skills and fulfil their God-given potential. Use the envelope in church or give online at [//cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope).

New Seated Fitness Class at St Margaret's Hall, Doddington Come and join our new and exciting Chair Based Exercise classes **Thursdays 4.15 - 5pm**. A gentle chair or standing exercise class to help improve your flexibility, balance and mobility. A great way to meet new people while keeping active. All levels welcome, classes £6. If you would like any more information please contact Michele on 07966254769.

Open House Billericay: Saturday, 12th October 2024

On Saturday, 12th October 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.

Special invitation from Bishop Alan Williams:

"As Bishop of Brentwood, I warmly invite you to join us for the Divine Renovation Open House event hosted by Most Holy Redeemer Parish. This gathering is a wonderful opportunity to renew our commitment to parish renewal and mission, empowering us to bring the light of Christ more fully into our communities."

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/>

100 Club Please contact Bernie or Anne if you would like to join and application forms are available on the website. Subscription is just £24 for one year for the monthly parish draw which is nice way to support the parish and have a little fun at the same time!. Thank you for your much appreciated support.

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 you.

Whatsapp Group: If anyone would like to join the parish Whatsapp Group 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: **Sep 14/15 Sat 5.30pm: 22 Sun 8.45am: 23 10.30am: 32**

Offertory Collection: £TBA

Second Collection - Evangeli Gaudium: £TBA

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.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Sat 21st Sep, 2024	St. H 5.30pm	ST MATTHEW, Ap, Ev People of the Parish	Feast
Sun 22nd Sep, 2024	St. H 8.45am	Peter Smith RIP (Paul Falco)	
	St. M 10.30am	Dominique Coughlin (Corinne Adams)	
Mon 23rd Sep, 2024	Ilford 9.30am	St Pius of Pietrelcina, Pr Catherine John Lewis Birthday 18.09 Hannah Haughey RIP (Eileen Riordan) Madonna, Louis & Family int. Deloris Mansfield int. (Sick) (Mary Dixon) Claver D'Souza RIP Eulogio D'Souza RIP	
Tue 24th Sep, 2024	St. H 9.00am	Our Lady of Walsingham Jim Hennessey int. (Eileen Riordan)	
Wed 25th Sep, 2024	St. H 9.00am		
Thu 26th Sep, 2024	St. H 9.00am		
Fri 27th Sep, 2024	St. H 9.00am	St Vincent de Paul, Pr	

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Sat 28th Sep, 2024	St. H 5.30pm	People of the Parish	
Sun 29th Sep, 2024	St. H 8.45am	Paddy Curin int.	
	St. M 10.30am	The Souls of Anna Baily (sister of Michael, Martin, Reggie, Terry, Sean Nora and Bernadette) & Terry Baily	

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, Fr. Emile Nkumu, Brian Kellaher, William Readman, Richard Denton