

# The Catholic Parish of Ongar & Doddington



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## THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) Sunday 27th October, 2024

**Jeremiah 31.7–9 Psalm 125 Hebrews 5.1–6 Mark 10.46–52**

It takes a blind man to see things clearly. The **rich man** and **James and John** have a faulty vision of Jesus' purpose in life. Bartimaeus, despite his blindness, calls out for Jesus to show mercy on him, to have pity. Mark's graphic account draws us into the event, to wonder what we would have done if we had been there. Would we have tried to keep him out of Jesus' way as the crowd did, as the disciples recently tried with the little children? In throwing off his cloak Bartimaeus gives away his security and his begging pitch. The ensuing dialogue between two apparent strangers is powerful and simple. 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus gives the blind man his sight back again. So he is restored to a full place in society. When Jesus tells him to go because his faith has saved him, the insightful **Bartimaeus** does not go away but rather **follows Jesus along the road**. This miracle comforts the blind,. Jesus will guide a follower to a smooth path where he will not stumble.

Daily the Lord asks us what we want him to do for us. With Bartimaeus **we need to ask to see the way** we should walk as individuals, as parish, as Church. We can be confident in our prayers because Hebrews reminds us that Christ too lives in the limitation of weakness. As he is the Son, through our baptism we are able to live as God's daughters and sons, sisters and brothers of the Lord. This allows us to approach the Son who continually intercedes for us at the Father's right hand for what we need to live our baptismal life more fully. The collect asks for an increase in faith, hope and charity and a love for God's commands. Loving his commands will show us how to see his way as his children. The virtues will enable us to make that a reality.

*Keep safe and well, Fr Emile*

**Please note the clocks go back one hour this Sunday 27th October at 2am.**

**ALL SAINTS DAY** Please note there will be an extra mass at 8pm on Friday 1st November at St Margarets for All Saints Day.

**November List** We remember our dead and communion that we still enjoy with them during the forthcoming month of November. We also pray and offer Masses for the repose of their souls in the eternal life of God. During the month of November, the small individual crosses will be available and will be an opportunity for each parishioner to write the names of their deceased loved ones, relative or friend on a cross. The completed crosses can then be placed in the baskets provided on the offertory tables and will become part of the offertory at each mass. Crosses will be available at every mass during November.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR Catherine Cynthia Cullen** who recently passed away. The funeral will be held at The Immaculate Conception - Epping Catholic Church at 11.30am Friday 25th October followed by Committal at Parndon Wood Cemetery, Harlow at 1pm. May she rest in peace. Please remember the bereaved family in your prayers.

**Missio - World Mission Sunday** - Thank you for your donations to the World Mission Sunday appeal last weekend which raised nearly £200 with red boxes still to be counted. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, we stand united as God's global family, in prayer, solidarity and action. Your prayers and support will help missionaries work alongside communities worldwide, regardless of background or belief. Please continue to pray for all who share the love and hope of Christ with our sisters and brothers in need throughout the world. To support mission year-round, visit [mission.org.uk](http://mission.org.uk) or call 02078219755. Please hand in your red box if you still need to do so to either Mary or Dolores.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:ongar@brcdt.org)

**Assisted Suicide Bill** Kim Leadbeater MP is introducing a bill to introduce assisted suicide, which will be voted on by MPs on the **29 November**. We know that assisted suicide laws in other jurisdictions have had devastating consequences for the poor, disabled and marginalised. This is the biggest threat to the vulnerable in a decade, and we need a huge effort to lobby MPs. Please contact your MP by visiting [www.livesworthliving.org.uk](http://www.livesworthliving.org.uk)

## **BEAT THE WINTER BLUES**

JOIN US FOR A FUN QUIZ AND LUNCH

ON SATURDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER

AT 12 MIDDAY

VENUE, ST. MARGARET'S HALL, DODDINGHURST ROAD.

ONLY £7.50 PER PERSON.

Tables of 6-8

You can either book a table or allow us to allocate you a place.

ALL WELCOME

For tickets contact Jane on 01277 821204 or Bernie 01277 821986

**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/)

**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](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: **Oct 19/20** Sat 5.30pm: **15** Sun 8.45am: **16** 10.30am: **26**

**Offertory Collection: £117.60**

Please make 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.**

## THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

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<b>Sat 26th Oct, 2024</b>	St. H 5.30pm	<b>St Cedd, Bp</b> <b>Secondary Co-Patron of the Diocese</b>
<b>Sun 27th Oct, 2024</b>	St. H 8.45am	John Ward RIP Recently Deceased 04/10/24 (Ann Jackson)
	St. M 10.30am	Doreen RIP (Thelma's Mum) (Kathy Scott)
<b>Mon 28th Oct, 2024</b>	Ilford 9.30am	<b>SS SIMON AND JUNE, App</b> <b>Feast</b> Sean & John McGuire Anniv. Kathleen Fynes Birthday 23/10 Barney O' Neil RIP (recently deceased) Evelyn Corbett Birthday Terence Long RIP (E. Riordan)
<b>Tue 29th Oct, 2024</b>	St. H 9.00am	Ashley Blaise RIP
<b>Wed 30th Oct, 2024</b>	St. H 9.00am	Kathleen Fynes Birthday (Kathleen Cadam)
<b>Thu 31st Oct, 2024</b>	St. H 9.00am	Bridie Meenaghan Int. (Kathleen Cadam)
<b>Fri 1st Nov, 2024</b>	St. H 9.00am	<b>ALL SAINTS</b> <b>Solemnity</b> <b>HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION</b> John Keane RIP
	St. M 8.00pm	<b>ALL SAINTS</b> <b>Solemnity</b> <b>HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION</b>

## THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

<b>Sat 2nd Nov, 2024</b>	St. H 5.30pm	<b>COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS DAY)</b> Barney O Neil RIP
<b>Sun 3rd Nov, 2024</b>	St. H 8.45am	Olga Santorelli RIP (Paul Falco)
	St. M 10.30am	Fr Kieran Dodd RIP

**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, Theresa Aikin