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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) **Sunday 6th October, 2024**

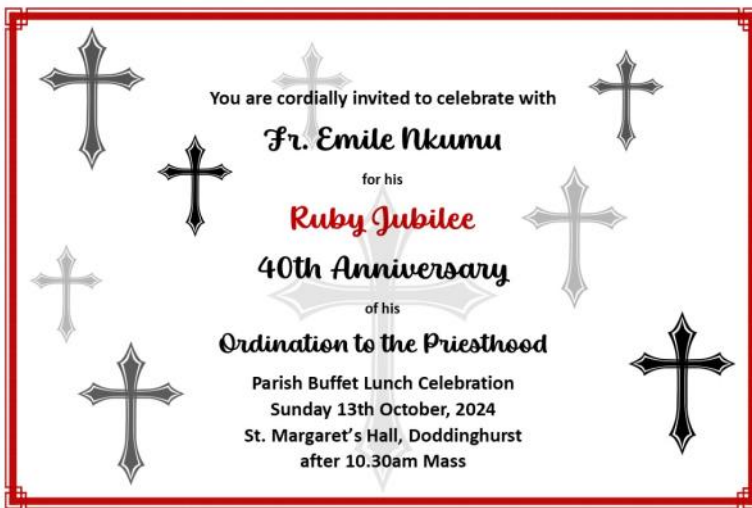
Genesis 2.18–24 Psalm 127 Hebrews 2.9–11 Mark 10.2–16

God created man and woman to live in relationship with each other, with other individuals and with all of creation. Jesus takes up the particular union man and woman in marriage as an expression of God's hope for our society. In their union they reflect God's covenant with all humanity; they imitate God's unending faithfulness, steadfastness and creative love. We have the opportunity to explore positively and sensitively the sacrament of marriage, aware of the difficulties some people face.

How do we as a parish support couples preparing for and celebrating marriage? To some the Gospel text will sound hard and unforgiving. How do we support and stand today beside those whose marriages are challenged? The Gospel asks us to learn from little children the way we should welcome the kingdom of God.

This is an invitation to reflect on Christian family life and how we celebrate and empower young people in the life of our church. Not everyone at Mass is married or has children, least of all the priest. God's call not to be alone invites us to evaluate all our human relationships. Hebrews reminds us we are of the same stock as Jesus and so he openly calls us his brothers and sisters. That bond of faith in Christ should likewise shape and influence all our friendships, the way we care for one another in the parish.

Keep safe and well, Fr Emile



We would like to ask if parishioners could help with the Parish Buffet Lunch Celebration for Fr. Emile's 40th Ordination by donating an item towards the buffet. There will be a list of items to add your name to at the back of both churches. No problems if there are some crossovers or extras of the same things - the more the merrier!

100 club : September Draw number 50 Pat Scott Congratulations

Parish Events Diary <https://catholicparishongar.org/parish-events-calendar/>

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

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](https://cafod.org.uk/envelope).

New Seated Fitness Class at St Margaret's Hall, Doddinghurst 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.

Art Exhibition: The Most Holy Redeemer, Laindon Road, Billericay, CM12 9LL, will be holding an exhibition of art work by a parishioner, Terry Ludden, on Saturday 5th October, 2.30pm-5pm in the Canon Roche Hall (behind the Church). The paintings will be for sale, all proceeds will go to the Parkinsons Society and the local Foodbank. There will be light refreshments and live music. Feel free to pop along.

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/>

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 28/29 Sat 5.30pm: 21 Sun 8.45am: 16 10.30am: 37**

Offertory Collection: £ 583.62

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.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Sat 5th Oct, 2024	St. H 5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun 6th Oct, 2024	St. H 8.45am	Mary and Vera Fusco RIP (Paul Falco)
	St. M 10.30am	People of the Parish
Mon 7th Oct, 2024	Ilford 9.30am	Our Lady of the Rosary
Tue 8th Oct, 2024	St. H 9.00am	St Osyth, Rel
Wed 9th Oct, 2024	St. H 9.00am	ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN, Pr National Feast
	12.00pm	Martin McDonagh 21st Anniversary (Mary McDonagh)
Thu 10th Oct, 2024	St. H 9.00am	
Fri 11th Oct, 2024	St. H 9.00am	

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Sat 12th Oct, 2024	St. H 5.30pm	Ss Ethelburga, Hildelithe and Cuthburga, Rel
Sun 13th Oct, 2024	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, Fr. Emile Nkumu, Brian Kellaher, William Readman, Richard Denton