

The Catholic Parish of Ongar & Doddinghurst



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THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) Sunday 3rd November, 2024

Deuteronomy 6.2–6 Psalm 17 Hebrews 7.23–28 Mark 12.28–34

The Shema in Deuteronomy calls the Hebrew people to affirm their fundamental identity as God's people and their faithfulness to his laws and commandments. To reach their promised land where milk and honey flow, **they must love this Lord with all their heart, soul and strength**. We are rooted in that same Deuteronomic faith. Mark's dialogue draws us vividly into the scene between one of the more sympathetic scribes and Jesus.. We are immersed in the skilful way Jesus builds someone's faith. He rehearses the Shema and adds the second commandment, the Golden Rule, **to love your neighbour as yourself**. The scribe eager to affirm all that Jesus said moves on a stage. Living like this he says is more important than ritual holocausts or sacrifices. Jesus sees in this response a true wisdom which means that, like the children of earlier weeks, the scribe is not far from the kingdom of God. Let us 'Listen' to the call out . Affirming the fundamental tenets of our faith we try to break open the Word for that particular day so that together we can reaffirm our baptismal belief in the Creed that follows the homily. Today we are called to ask people to listen intently to the heartbeat of their own faith. As with this good scribe, we must love God and our neighbour with our whole being. **To do it well is a real challenge** Christ's power to intercede for all who come to God through him. As we celebrate the Eucharist together, we are conscious of it being the action of God's faithful people, the Church gathered in that place. We come as the Body of Christ to hear his word and receive his Body and Blood acknowledging that, as the collect prays, it is by God's gift that we can offer him right and praiseworthy service.

Keep safe and well, Fr Emile

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.

All Saints, Doddinghurst Remembrance Sunday Service - Sunday 10th November 10.15am followed by wreath laying at 10.45am - Jane, as a representative of St. Margaret's, will be laying a wreath as part of Doddinghurst Churches Together if anyone would like to also attend.

Doddy Drop In - Second Tuesday of every month. Please join for a natter and games or bring your crafts. Tea/coffee and homemade cake usually available with no purchase necessary and a warm space welcome to everyone. The Doddy Drop In is part of the Doddinghurst Wellbeing Hub - more info can be found [here](#) (see link online) The next Drop In will be on Tuesday 12th November at St. Margaret's.

PPC meeting - 7pm Wednesday 6th November at the Presbytery. Please submit any updates or agenda items to Pat Maher or Kelly Love if not able to attend in person.

Hall meeting 2pm Tuesday 19th November at St Margarets to finalise details for the Quiz and Lunch

New Fire Exit Door Sincere thanks to Ian (colleague of Steven Adams) who fitted a new fire door, completely free of charge, at St Margaret's this week. This will make a huge difference to security and heating for hall users.

Parish Writer's Group As you know, we have a small writer's group who add a short topical article to our church details in local publications. These are, The Doddinghurst Link, The Ongar News and The Fyfield Focus. This project was initiated by Peggy Maxwell a few years ago and it has been very successful in making our church information more interesting and raising our profile with the local community. If you would like to join the group or would like to learn more about it, please contact the Parish Office or Bernie Wrobel 01277 821986, bswrobel@hotmail.com.

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

Hall Calendar Please note that the monthly Hall Bookings/Usage Calendar is available on the website <https://catholicparishongar.org/hall-usage-calendar/>

New Seated Fitness Class at St Margaret's Hall, Dodinghurst 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. **Please note there will be a break in classes for the next couple of weeks then the next class will be on Thursday 14th November.**

Missio Updated Total £275.00- thank you very much for your support!

BEAT THE WINTER BLUES

JOIN US FOR A FUN QUIZ AND LUNCH

ON SATURDAY 23rd 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

REPOSITORY We have cards and gifts for Christmas, First Holy Communion's, Baptisms, Mass Intention Cards and other occasions for sale in the Repository in the porch 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: **Oct 26/27 Sat 5.30pm: 25 Sun 8.45am: 27 10.30am: 27**

Offertory Collection: £585.48

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.

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Sat 2nd Nov, 2024	St. H 5.30pm	COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS DAY) Barney O Neil RIP
Sun 3rd Nov, 2024	St. H 8.45am	Olga Santorelli RIP (Paul Falco)
	St. M 10.30am	Fr Kieran Dodd RIP
Mon 4th Nov, 2024	Ilford 9.30am	St Charles Borromeo, Bp Larry Dixon RIP (M Dixon) Nora & Ann Dilleen RIP Kevin O'Brien RIP recently deceased (Josie Byrne) Pat Keane RIP Kevin O'Brien RIP (Kathleen Cadam) Angela Stuart RIP recently deceased (Josie Byrne) Barney O'Neill RIP Jean Mendes RIP
Tue 5th Nov, 2024	St. H 9.00am	Nora Anne Dilleen RIP
Wed 6th Nov, 2024	St. H 9.00am	
Thu 7th Nov, 2024	St. H 9.00am	
Fri 8th Nov, 2024	St. H 9.00am	

THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) (Remembrance Sunday)

Sat 9th Nov, 2024	St. H 5.30pm	THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA Feast Antonio Leandro Lillo Fernández RIP
Sun 10th Nov, 2024	St. H 8.45am	Sarah & David Marshall (Lillie & Family)
	St. M 10.30am	John Eastwood RIP (Kathy Scott)

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