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THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) **Sunday 10th November, 2024**

1 Kings 17.10–16 Psalm 145 Hebrews 9.24–28 Mark 12.38–44

Generosity is our theme today. The widow took a risk in trusting Elijah as God's messenger with the last scraps of food and oil she had. Her trust was rewarded with meal not spent nor jug of oil emptied.

In the Gospel, Jesus describes a poor widow who is in marked contrast to the vain, pompous, greedy scribes. She gives everything she possesses, all she has to live on, two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Such generosity reflects God's generosity to us for he has given us all that we have.

Hebrews reminds us that we see this too in the way Christ sacrificed himself so generously to do away with sin. Now we are called to respond to such generosity by the way we live the gospel. We need to look back to the good scribe of last week's Gospel and love God with all we have and our neighbour as ourselves. In our communities, we will be aware of many people who sacrifice themselves in different ways by their care for others. We need to ask how we can support them individually and as the parish and how we engage with groups and services that can be of help and service to others. November is a time to reflect on those who have gone before us, especially those close to us. Many will have given us so much, so our prayers for them is our act of thanksgiving, our suffrage. It is also a time to remember all who have given themselves and still do for the sake of peace and justice, defending truth and goodness. Like the widow, their example needs to be honoured to inspire others to serve. There is no better way of thinking about this than to celebrate and share fully the sacrifice of Christ together in our Eucharist.

Keep safe and well, Fr Emile

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 paper 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 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 also like to 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.

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

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

CAFOD Middle East Humanitarian Appeal - there will be an extra second collection next Sunday 17th November. Thank you for your support.

Catholic Bishops During the Bishops' upcoming plenary meeting at Hinsley Hall in Leeds, they will pause to take part in a Holy Hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament to pray for the dignity of human life - particularly as the assisted suicide bill passes through Parliament. The Holy Hour will take place at **5.30pm on Wednesday, 13 November 2024**. Bishops' Conference President, Cardinal Vincent Nichols, has

called for Catholics to pray at this time in solidarity with our bishops. We would like as many people to take part as possible. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/dignity-of-life/>
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, 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. **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.**

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@bredt.org or whatsapp/msg 07929241350.

Mass Attendance: Nov 2/3 Sat 5.30pm: 30 Sun 8.45am: 25 10.30am: 28

Offertory Collection: £225.71

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.

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

Sat 9th Nov, 2024	St H 5.30pm	THE DEDICATION OF THE LAT- ERAN 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)
Mon 11th Nov, 2024	Ilford 9.30am	St Martin of Tours, Bp Denis Murphy RIP Manuel Santos RIP (Annette 's sister) Larry Dixon RIP (M Dixon) Dan Int. (Eileen Riordan) Tommy & Katie Loughlin RIP (Kathleen Buckley)
Tue 12th Nov, 2024	St H 9.00am	St Josaphat, Bp, M Thomas Wrobel RIP (Wrobel Family)
Wed 13th Nov, 2024	St H 9.00am	Joan Makin RIP (Kathleen Buckley)
Thu 14th Nov, 2024	St H 9.00am	PHILIPPE NKIERRE (RIP) Bishop Emerit of Inongo Diocese
Fri 15th Nov, 2024	St H 9.00am	

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) (World Day of the Poor)

Sat 16th Nov, 2024	St H 5.30pm	St Edmund of Abingdon, Bp Secondary Co-Patron of the Diocese Paddy Hinchin RIP Anniversary
Sun 17th Nov, 2024	St H 8.45am	Maria Falco RIP Anniv. (Paul Falco)
	St M 10.30am	Pat Forde RIP Anniv.17/11/24

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