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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

Sunday 18th May, 2025

**I give you a new
commandment:
Love one another as
I have loved you.**

John 13

Fifth Sunday of Easter C) Sun 18th May, 2025

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia.

A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord, that you love one another, as I have loved you.

Alleluia.

Communion Antiphon:

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

Please note Kelly Love, Parish Office Administrator, will be on annual leave from Friday 16th May returning Tuesday 27th May. For emergencies, please contact Loughton Parish on 02085083492 and they will contact Fr. Frank otherwise Kelly will respond to any queries on return. For Hall bookings please contact Sue on 01277823750.

St Margaret's Hall Meeting - the next meeting will take place on Tuesday 20th May at St. Margaret's Hall, Doddinghurst. Please let Patrick Maher, Chairman, know of anything that may need to be added to the agenda by emailing patrickmaher1946@gmail.com or 01277823750.

The Bishops Conference has set up an online book of condolence for Pope Francis. <https://popefrancistributes.com/>

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham – 24th May 2025: Join Bishop Alan and other parishes around the Diocese of Brentwood in Walsingham to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope. We will celebrate Mass at the Basilica before walking the Holy Mile to the grounds of Walsingham Abbey to celebrate Vespers and Benediction on the site of the Holy House. [Are you coming to Walsingham? - Brentwood Diocese](#)

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham for young people (18+), Saturday 24th May 2025 A group of representatives from the BCYS (aged 18+), will join Bishop Alan and other parishes on pilgrimage to Walsingham, with opportunities for readers, servers, musicians and singers during the day.

There will be Mass at the Basilica, walking the Holy Mile to the grounds of Walsingham Abbey, Vespers and Benediction on the site of the Holy House.

To apply to join the BCYS group and find more information, please visit www.bcys.net/events

Foreign Currency for 'Mary's Meals': Please donate any unwanted currency or any UK notes and coins that are no longer legal tender to the Parish Office which we will forward to 'Mary's Meals', which is a charity which helps to provide nutritious school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest countries. Mary's Meal's was also recently supported by our Lenten Lunches. Thank you. www.marysmeals.org.uk.

St John Bosco Children's Camp 2025. For children aged 9-12 years old (school years 5-7), a week of great fun, activities including climbing wall and zip wire, fishing, football, archery and much more, all in a beautiful setting. The Camp has a Catholic ethos, and exists to give children a magnificent holiday. 26th July – 2nd August. For more details, and application information: www.boscocamp.co.uk. The Camp is a special work of Caritas Diocese of Brentwood.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2025: Join Bishop Alan in Lourdes from Friday 18 to Friday 25 July. We can support those with medical needs. For further information, please 'phone Tangney Tours on 01732 886 666 or book online: [Brentwood Lourdes Pilgrimage - Tangney Tours](#)

Brentwood Catholic Youth Service - Summer Lourdes Pilgrimage, 19th – 26th July 2025 Open to anyone in school year 10 and above. Join the BCYS for our annual pilgrimage to Lourdes, supporting the adult pilgrimage in a

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 to get your mobile number added.

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 last minute bookings only)
Hall Usage Calendar <https://catholicparishongar.org/hall-usage-calendar/>
Parish Events Diary <https://catholicparishongar.org/parish-events-calendar/>

Mass Attendance: May 10/11 5.30pm: **32** Sun 8.45am: **32** 10.30am: **40**

Offertory Cash/Chq Collection: £192.29

Vocations Second Collection: £161.32

Please make cheques payable to: 'Catholic Church Ongar St Helens'

For electronic payments please email ongar@brcdt.org

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.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

SAT 17 MAY	St H 5.30pm	Louis Pistone RIP (Peggy Maxwell)
SUN 18 MAY	St H 8.45am	Patti Nicholson RIP (Ann Jackson)
	St M 10.30am	People of the Parish
MON 19 MAY		<i>No Weekday Mass</i>
TUES 20 MAY	St H 9.00am	Weekday Mass
WED 21 MAY	St H 9.00am	Weekday Mass
THU 22 MAY	St H 9.00am	Weekday Mass
FRI 23 MAY	St H 9.00am	Weekday Mass

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

SAT 24 MAY	St H 5.30pm	People of the Parish
SUN 25 MAY	St H 8.45am	Barbara Bridle RIP (Lillie & Family)
	St M 10.30am	People of the Parish

Prayer List: Please pray for all our parishioners and friends who are sick and need the benefit of our love and prayers: Alan Chapman, Maureen Hamilton, Lucy Gay, Sue Potter, Philip Denton, Ivy Denton, Douglas Jordan, John Varellas, Bruno Vassallo, Fr. Emile Nkumu, William Readman, Richard Denton, Theresa Aikin, Cathy Love.

Please also pray for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time.

Prayer for sick: God of all goodness, Look with mercy on all who suffer any kind of infirmity, sickness or injury, that they may be comforted. Let your hand of healing and protection be upon them. When they are fearful, ease their fear and anxieties. When they are afraid, give them strength and courage. When they feel alone, send them someone to listen and to care. When they are confused, provide reassurance and direction. When they are in pain, ease their suffering. When they despair, give them hope. May they experience your healing presence in the comfort of a caregiver's calm gaze and tender touch. We ask this in your holy name. Amen