

# The Catholic Parish of Ongar and Doddington



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## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) SUNDAY 20TH JULY, 2025



**Christ in the House of Martha and Mary**  
**Artist: Johannes Vermeer (1632–1675)**

## **Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) - Sunday 20th July, 2025**

Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**Blessed are those who hold fast to the word of God  
in an honest and good heart,  
and bear fruit with patience.**

**Alleluia.**

Communion Antiphon:

**The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.**

Our newsletter can also be found online at [catholicparishongar.org](http://catholicparishongar.org)

**Tea and Coffee will be served after Mass on Sunday at both St Helen's, Ongar and St Margaret's, Doddinghurst.**

**No matter how long it's been, God is always ready to welcome you back with open arms. The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is a beautiful opportunity to experience God's mercy, healing, and peace. The Sacrament of Individual Reconciliation is available on Saturdays 4.30pm – 5.15pm before Holy Mass at 5.30pm at St. Helen's, Ongar.**

**Why not attend an extra morning mass during the week, held from Tuesday to Friday at St Helens at 9am.**

**Please note that Mondays are Fr. Frank's day off.**

**There will be no Weekday Mass on Thursday 24th July.**

**Missio** Raising funds for Missio there will be an **Open Garden at 11-5pm on Sunday 27th July at 2 Days Cottages, Days Lane, Doddinghurst, CM15 9SL**. Suggested admission £4. Refreshments, plants and art work sale. If you have a Red Missio box please keep filling it! To donate via Direct Debit or standing order details online or on back of the Mission Today Impact report. If you need a Red Box or your one needs emptying please call me on 01277974145. **There are Missio red boxes currently n St Helen's church porch. There is a list there if you wish to sign up for a box.**

**St Vincent de Paul (SVP) raffle tickets** representatives will be selling raffle tickets for the annual summer draw £1 per ticket. To purchase contact Bernie at 5.30pm Mass, Ann and Lauren at 8.45am Mass and Bridget and Clara at 10.30am St Margaret's Mass. Thank you for your support.

**Cathedral Young Adults Group.** Are you aged between 18 – 35 and interested in meeting like minded individuals in a relaxed and social environment? The Group meets on the first Sunday of each month after the 6.30 Sunday Mass at Brentwood Cathedral. We walk to a nearby Pub after Mass for some food or drink and to meet and support each other spiritually and socially, wherever you are on your Faith journey. For details email [cathe-dral@brcdt.org](mailto:cathe-dral@brcdt.org)

**Ingatestone Hall Tea & Tour** Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is excited to invite you to a special day exploring the beautiful Ingatestone Hall! Join us for a private guided tour led by Lord Petre or his son, giving you a rare glimpse into this stunning 16th-century Grade I listed manor house. The tour lasts about 1½ hours, and afterwards, you'll be treated to tea and cake in the parlour — a lovely way to relax and chat! **Date:** Thursday, 11th September **Times:** 10.30 am and 12.30 pm (two tour options) **Tickets:** £25 per person — you can reserve yours here: <https://eu.jotform.com/form/251772844632361> If you'd like more info, please get in touch with Julie: Email: [jabbott@bccs.org.uk](mailto:jabbott@bccs.org.uk) / 07912277413 and we look forward to welcoming you to Ingatestone Hall for a day of history, hospitality, and stunning architecture.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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: Jul 12/13 5.30pm: 18 Sun 8.45am: 42 10.30am: 40  
Offertory Cash/Chq Collection: £546.10 Second Collection Sea Sunday: £94.97  
Please make cheques payable to: 'Catholic Church Ongar St Helens'  
For electronic payments please email [ongar@brcdt.org](mailto: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.**

## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

SAT 19 JUL	St H 4.30pm	Confession
	St H 5.30pm	A Special Intention (Bernie & Stan Wrobel)
SUN 20 JUL	St H 8.45am	Catherine & Clive Cullen RIP (Lillie & Marvin)
	St M 10.30am	People of the Parish
MON 21 JUL		<i>No Weekday Mass</i>
TUES 22 JUL	St H 9.00am	<b>ST MARY MAGDALENE</b> Weekday Mass
WED 23 JUL	St H 9.00am	<b>ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN, Rel</b> <b>Patron of Europe</b> Eddie Marshall - Farewell Brud (Lillie & Marvin)
THU 24 JUL	St H 9.00am	<i>No Weekday Mass</i>
FRI 25 JUL	St H 9.00am	<b>ST JAMES, Ap</b> Weekday Mass

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

SAT 26 JUL	St H 4.30pm	Confession
	St H 5.30pm	People of the Parish
SUN 27 JUL	St H 8.45am	Rita Doran (Paul Falco)
	St M 10.30am	Robby Ridgewell RIP Anniv. 25th July & Gordon Gay RIP Anniv. 27th July (Jane Gay)

**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, Douglas Jordan, John Varellas, Bruno Vassallo, Fr. Emile Nkumu, William Readman, Richard Denton, Theresa Aikin, Finlay Wilson and Family, David Love

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

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace.**