

The Catholic Parish of Ongar and Doddington



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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) SUNDAY 17TH AUGUST, 2025



Jeremiah on the ruins of Jerusalem

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) - Sunday 17th August, 2025

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia.

**My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord,
and I know them, and they follow me.**

Alleluia.

Communion Antiphon:

**With the Lord there is mercy;
in him is plentiful redemption.**

Our newsletter can also be found online at catholicparishongar.org

Tea and Coffee is 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 spend some time before the Lord? Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be available after the Friday Mass every week at St Helen's, Ongar with Reconciliation/Confession available on request.

Fr. Frank will be on holiday 19th August.

100 club Those who are thinking of joining the 100 club and have taken a form, if you return it before the end of the month you will be included in the August draw!

Brentwood Catholic Youth Service – Youth Gather, 25th – 26th October

Youth Gather is a weekend of faith, fun and friendship – with speakers, workshops, prayer and outdoor activities, meeting friends old and new, and all while sharing in and celebrating our Catholic faith. There will be coaches offering transport from around the Diocese included in the cost, as well as all meals, cabin accommodation and activities. This event is for year 9 and above. Apply now at www.bcys.net/events

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

Please note there is Hearing Loop available at St Helen's Church.

St. Vincent De Paul Society St. Helen's and St. Margaret's have had a SVP for many years. There are at present six members. Peter Davenport, Lauren Gardner, Ann Jackson Clara Greenaway, Bridget Mooney and Bernie Wrobel. We undertake social visits to people living in residential care or in their own homes. We hope to help those who are no longer able to attend church keep in touch with the parish. Sometimes we are able to offer practical help such as a lift to church or an event. Although the SVP is a Catholic organization, the service is offered to people of all religions or none. It is an international organisation which was founded in the 19th century in Paris. In some areas groups are involved in running soup kitchens, visiting prisoners and organising holidays for deprived children. Our group is twinned with an SVP group in India and we make a small contribution to them and, when we can, help with specific projects. We have also recently donated £100 to the SVP Sudan appeal. We organise an entertainment and high tea for the housebound of the parish once a year. This includes groups from the local residential homes and is very popular. We meet every three weeks to join in prayer and to arrange our visits. We are, of course, all DBS checked. If you know of anyone who would benefit from an SVP visit, or if you are interested in becoming a member or learning more about the Society, please contact the parish office 01277 362645 or Bernie Wrobel 01277 821986. Alternatively, you could speak to one of the members after Mass.

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: Aug 9/10 5.30pm: 16 Sun 8.45am: 40 10.30am: 32

Offertory Cash/Chq Collection: £825.92

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

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

SAT 16 AUG	St H 4.30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	St H 5.30pm	David Speller RIP 1st Anniv. (Kathy Speller)
SUN 17 AUG	St H 8.45am	Peter Smith RIP (Paul Falco)
	St M 10.30am	Fr Emile Int. (Pat Scott)
MON 18 AUG		<i>No Weekday Mass</i>
TUES 19 AUG	St H 9.00am	Word and Communion Service led by Anne Robertson
WED 20 AUG	St H 9.00am	St Bernard, Ab, D Weekday Parish Mass Bernard Glandfield RIP (Anne Robertson)
THU 21 AUG	St H 9.00am	St Pius X, P Weekday Parish Mass
FRI 22 AUG	St H 9.00am	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Weekday Parish Mass followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

SAT 23 AUG	St H 4.30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	St H 5.30pm	Pope Francis RIP (Pat Scott)
SUN 24 AUG	St H 8.45am	Brendan Matthews Get Well (Ann Jackson)
	St M 10.30am	Frances Harmon RIP (Pat Scott)

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.