

The Catholic Parish of Ongar and Doddington



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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) SUNDAY 31ST AUGUST, 2025



Parable of the Wedding Feast

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Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord,
and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.
Alleluia.**

Communion Antiphon:

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

Our newsletter can also be found online at catholicparishongar.org
Parochial Administrator: Fr. Frank Westcott

In Case of Emergency If there is no answer from the parish phone and you are seeking a priest in an emergency then please call one of the local parishes - either Loughton 02085083492 or Epping 01992572516 or any nearby parish.

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

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Noreen Earl, who was a member of the parish and who just recently passed away. Further details to follow.

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.

Request for Parish Mobile Phone

St Helen's is in need of a spare smart mobile phone to be used solely for parish activities. If you happen to have a working smartphone that you no longer need and would be happy to donate, please contact the parish office. Thank you again for your generosity and continued support of our parish community.

100 club Thanks to all who continue to support the 100 club. You can join at any time in the year. Forms are always available! We have enrolled some new members so the prize this month is £106. Thanks to everyone.

Gardening and Pizza Evening - Thursday 11th September from 5pm

Please come and join us for a tidy up in the garden at St Margaret's on Thursday 11th September at 5pm and stay for pizza afterwards. Bring your own gardening tools. Many thanks from the Hall Committee.00

Clergy Moves Bishop Alan has announced some clergy moves, expressing his gratitude to those involved. The following clergy appointments will take effect on the weekend of 6/7 September 2025:

PARISH PRIESTS

Fr Britto Belevendran from Wickford to Upton Park

Father Britto is the lead for interreligious dialogue within the diocese and will continue and develop this work from his new base in the Newham Deanery.

Fr Rick Fernandez from Lexden to Becontree

Fr Matthias Baidoo from South Woodham Ferrers/Danbury to Lexden

Fr Angelus Houle from Upton Park to South Woodham Ferrers/Danbury

Fr Philip Okoli Colchester from Assistant to Parish Priest

Fr Damien Wade from Assistant, Chelmsford Parishes to Wickford.

PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATORS

Fr Frank Westcott to Ongar

Fr Gary Dench appointed as Parochial Administrator of Ingatestone and will remain as Parish Priest of Hutton

PRIEST IN CHARGE

Fr Cherian John, new to Diocese from Syro-Malankara, Kerala to Hornchurch English Martyrs

ASSISTANT PRIESTS

Fr Michael Barwick from Walthamstow Our Lady & St George to Chelmsford Parishes.

CAFOD: Response in Gaza Your donations to Gaza since the start of the conflict have been a vital lifeline. Despite the restrictions on aid coming into Gaza, CAFOD's local partners are working tirelessly to help people. And with your ongoing support, they will do all in their power to keep doing so. You can find out more about how you can make a difference in Gaza at cafod.org.uk. Thank you for backing our work through holding collections for our Family Fast Day appeals and for continuing to [pray for peace](#) in the Middle East.

As part of compliance with safeguarding, any children under 16 using the Presbytery toilet will need to be accompanied by an adult. Please also be careful when using the uneven stairs in the accessway.

Parish Safeguarding Officers:

Margaret Payne 01277 362203 and Audrey McGill 01277 823485

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

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 23/24 5.30pm: 20 Sun 8.45am: 38 10.30am: 34

Offertory Cash/Chq Collection: £250.20

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.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

SAT 30 AUG	St H 4.30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	St H 5.30pm	John Scott RIP (Pat Scott)
SUN 31 AUG	St H 8.45am	Mary & Vera Fusco RIP (Paul Falco)
	St M 10.30am	Charlotte Donnelly 95th Birthday (Pat Scott)
MON 01 SEP		<i>No Weekday Parish Mass</i>
TUES 02 SEP	St H 9.00am	Weekday Parish Mass
WED 03 SEP	St H 9.00am	ST GREGORY THE GREAT, P, D Weekday Parish Mass
THU 04 SEP	St H 9.00am	Weekday Parish Mass Elliott Family Int.
FRI 05 SEP	St H 9.00am	Weekday Parish Mass followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Donal Bergin RIP (Mary Bergin)

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

SAT 06 SEP	St M 10.30am	Memorial Service - Eileen Donaghy
	St H 2.00pm	Baptism - Heidi Thea Blower
	St H 4.30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	St H 5.30pm	Stephen Spencer Int (Pat Scott)
SUN 07 SEP	St H 8.45am	Colette & John Bourke RIP (Lillie & Family)
	St M 10.30am	Fr. Frank Westcott Welcome and Int. (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.**