

The Catholic Parish of Ongar and Doddingtonhurst



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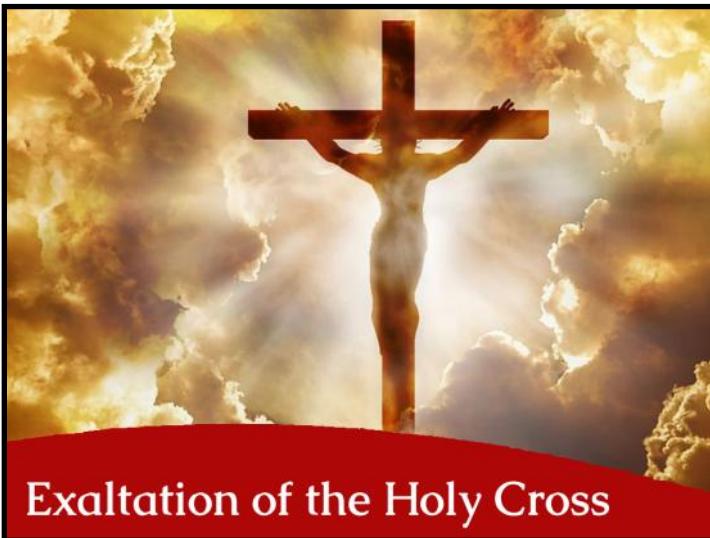
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THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS (C)

SUNDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER, 2025



Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia.

**We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
because by your Cross you have redeemed the world.
Alleluia.**

Communion Antiphon:

**When I am lifted up from the earth,
I will draw everyone to myself, says the Lord**

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, Dodinghurst.

St Margaret 's Gardening Thanks to all who braved the elements on Thursday to help in the garden. We got such a lot done and managed to pick the apples from the tree planted in memory of Lesley Boyall. Grateful thanks from the Hall Committee.

Harvest Festival

As a parish this year, we hope to celebrate Harvest Time by donating as a parish to our local Food Banks. Please bring your donations on Saturday/Sunday 27th/28th September to be presented during the Offertory at each Mass at both St Margaret's and St Helen's. They will then be collected and taken to the local Food Bank Centre. Thank you for your generosity.

Baptism - This weekend we look forward to welcoming Frankie Goss and Reginald Wright as newly baptised members of our parish and God's family.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Noreen Earl, who was a member of the parish who recently passed away. The funeral will take place on Monday 29th September at 12.00pm at St Helen's, then 1.30pm at Bentley Crematorium.

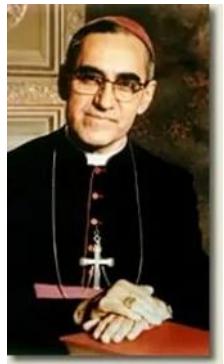
100 club Thanks to all who continue to support the 100 club. You can join at any time in the year. Forms are always available! We have enrolled some new members so the prize this month is now £107. Thanks to everyone.

Catechist and Training Resources Day

To be held on Saturday 8th November, 2025 at Brentwood Ursuline School 10-3.30pm. For more info and to book - <https://bcys.net/events/catechists2025/>

Brentwood Ursuline - Our Open Evening will take place on **Thursday 25th September, from 6.30pm to 9.00pm**, and we will also be holding two **Open Mornings on the 2nd and 3rd October**. Additionally, if any of parishioners have children currently attending schools in **Wickford, Billericay, Rayleigh or South Woodham Ferrers**, we would like to hear from them if they are potentially interested in a **new school bus route** covering these areas. Further information and a **Notice of Interest** form will be available at our open events. To book a place on one of the Open Mornings, parents can visit our **Eventbrite page** via our website.

ARCHSBISHOP SAINT ÓSCAR ROMERO: Archbishop John Wilson (Archbishop of Southwark), will be giving a Talk and power-point Presentation on Saint Óscar Romero, in Brentwood Cathedral Parish Hall on Wednesday 8th October at 7.30pm. Archbishop John has made a special study of St Oscar Romero, and it is a great honour and privilege to invite him to our Cathedral Parish and Diocese for this talk.



BRIEF BIOGRAPHY: Saint Óscar Romero was a Salvadoran archbishop and a powerful voice for justice who was assassinated in 1980 for speaking out against human rights violations and the government's repression during El Salvador's civil war. Born in 1917, he became a priest, bishop, and eventually Archbishop of San Salvador in 1977. Though initially viewed as a conservative, the murder of his friend Father Rutilio Grande radicalized Romero, leading him to use his weekly radio sermons to denounce injustice, defend the poor, and ultimately urge the military to stop the repression, which led to his own assassination while celebrating Mass the next day.

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: Sep 6/7 5.30pm: 19 Sun 8.45am: 38 10.30am: 36
Offertory Cash/Chq Collection: £256.90

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.

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SAT 13 SEP	St H 1.00pm	Baptism - Frankie Goss
	St H 4.30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	St H 5.30pm	Lally & Frank Falco RIP (Paul Falco)
SUN 14 SEP	St H 8.45am	Kathleen Toleman RIP (née Hinchin)
	St M 10.30am	Kath Bishop RIP (Brendan Dunn) People of the Parish
	St H 1.00pm	Baptism - Reginald Wright
MON 15 SEP		<i>No Weekday Parish Mass</i>
TUE 16 SEP	St H 9.00am	Ss Cornelius, P and Cyprian, Bp, M Weekday Parish Mass Thomas Wrobel RIP (Bernie & Stan Wrobel)
WED 17 SEP	St H 9.00am	Weekday Parish Mass
THU 18 SEP	St H 9.00am	Weekday Parish Mass
FRI 19 SEP	St H 9.00am	Weekday Parish Mass followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Evangeli Gaudium Sunday

SAT 20 SEP	St H 4.30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	St H 5.30pm	Marion McGovern RIP (Mary Jones)
SUN 21 SEP	St H 8.45am	Sarah & David Marshall RIP (Lillie & Marvin) People of the Parish
	St M 10.30am	Extraordinary Ministers & 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.