

The Catholic Parish of Ongar and Doddingtonhurst



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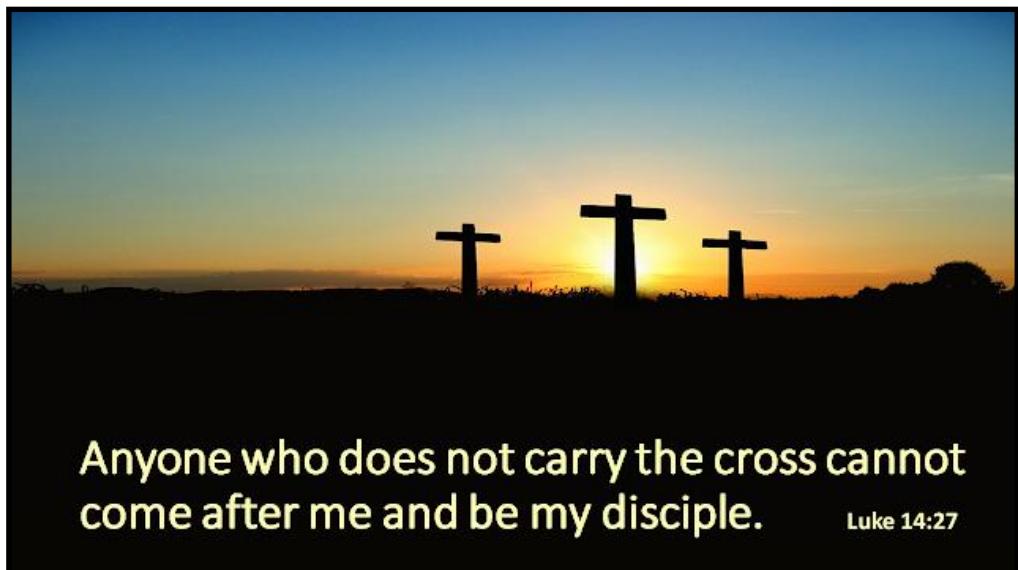
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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)
SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER, 2025



Anyone who does not carry the cross cannot come after me and be my disciple.

Luke 14:27

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Let your face shine forth on your servant,
and teach me your decrees.**

Alleluia.

Communion Antiphon:

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

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.

This Sunday at St Helen's and St Margaret's

We are delighted to welcome Susan Farrow (Director of Music) together with the Choir from St Edmund's, Loughton, who will be joining us for Holy Mass at both churches. Let us offer them our customary warm welcome—and be sure to raise our voices in joyful song!

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 Heidi Thea Blower as a newly baptised member 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 and who just recently passed away. The funeral will take place on Monday 29th September at 12.00pm then 1.30pm at Bentley Crematorium.

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.

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.

SVP Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets for the SVP Summer Raffle. Sales amounted to an amazing £135. The draw will take place on **25th September** with winners notified shortly after. We hope your luck matches your generosity!

100 club Congratulations to Doreen Ledwidge who was the lucky winner of £106 in the August 100 Club Draw. 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.

Canonisation of Carlo Acutis

On Sunday 7 September, Pope Leo XIV will canonise Blessed Carlo Acutis at a ceremony at St Peter's Basilica. The British-born teenager and Italian student has been called the first millennial saint and God's Influencer. He was devoted to the Eucharist and used digital media to promote Catholic Devotion especially among young people. He created a website documenting Eucharistic Miracles. He died at the age of 15 from leukaemia and is affectionately known as 'Saint in the Blue Jeans'. (<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2025-06/carlo-acutis-and-pier-giorgio-frassati-to-be-canonicalized-together.html>)

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 30/31 5.30pm: 29 Sun 8.45am: 33 10.30am: 36

Offertory Cash/Chq Collection: £648.56

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 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. Andrew Hurley RIP, Lesley Boyall RIP & Brian Arnell RIP (Richard Arnell & Arnell Family) People of the Parish
TUE 8 SEP	St H 9.00am	Weekday Parish Mass Doug Hale Int.
WED 10 SEP	St H 9.00am	Weekday Parish Mass
THU 11 SEP	St H 9.00am	Weekday Parish Mass
FRI 12 SEP	St H 9.00am	Weekday Parish Mass followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Alan Nyman RIP Anniv. 13/09 (Helen Nyman & Family)

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS (C)

SAT 13 SEP	St H 1.00pm	Baptism - Frankie Goss
	St H 4.30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	St H 5.30pm	St John Chrysostom, Bp, D 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

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.**