

The Catholic Parish of Ongar and Doddington



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SUNDAY 5TH OCTOBER, 2025



Year C

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia.

**The word of the Lord remains for ever
and this word is the good news that was preached to you.
Alleluia.**

Communion Antiphon:

**The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him.**

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.

Harvest Festival A big 'thank you' to everyone for your extremely generous response to last week's Harvest Day Appeal at St Helen's and St Margaret's. Your kindness will make a real difference and is a wonderful reflection of God's love at work among us. A special thank you to all those who distributed the goods to the relative food banks. God bless, Fr Frank

CAFOD is part of Caritas, the global Catholic aid network that brings love, hope and practical help to our neighbours experiencing poverty. More than ever in this Jubilee year, we can join together with this worldwide church network, and offer our support and prayers where they are needed most. Friday October 3 was family fast day and gave us an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters by skipping a meal. Please hand in your Cafod envelopes this weekend. Thank you.

World Mission Sunday - Missio - 19th October

There will be a special Holy Hour Parish Service at **3pm at St Margarets on Sunday 19th October** for Missionaries of Hope among all peoples - our chance to show love and solidarity to our brothers and sisters overseas. This will be followed by tea and cakes - bakers needed please! If you have a red Missio box please place it on the altar. Make sure your name is on it so it can be returned to you. Please continue to support the raffles after all Masses. As always, thank you for your generosity. Mary Cox.

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

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.

Doddy Drop In The next Doddy Drop In will be held on Tuesday 14th October which is held on second Tuesday of every month. Everyone welcome to drop in for a cuppa & homemade cake, a natter, join in some games or bring your crafts.

ARCHSBISHOP SAINT ÓSCAR ROMERO: Archbishop John Wilson (Archbishop of Southwark), will be giving a Talk and power-point Presentation on Saint Óscar Romero, in the 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.

Caritas Diocese of Brentwood All parishioners are invited to join Caritas Brentwood on Thursday, 6th November 2025, for an evening with the Santa Marta Group to explore and discuss 'What is Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking?'. To find out more and register, please go to: <https://caritas-sm-25.eventbrite.co.uk>

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 27/28 5.30pm: 31 Sun 8.45am: 32 10.30am: 30

Offertory Cash/Chq Collection: £489.99

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-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

SAT 4 OCT	St H 4.30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	St H 5.30pm	Cecilia Adams & Julia Marney (Michelle Frawley) People of the Parish
SUN 5 OCT	St H 8.45am	Olga Santorella RIP (Paul Falco)
	St M 10.30am	The Terry Family Int (Carol Terry)
MON 6 OCT		<i>No Weekday Parish Mass</i>
TUE 7 OCT	St H 9.00am	Our Lady of the Rosary Weekday Parish Mass Bethany Luetchford Get Well (Lillie & Family)
WED 8 OCT	St H 9.00am	St Osyth, Rel Weekday Parish Mass
THU 9 OCT	St H 9.00am	ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN, Pr Weekday Parish Mass
FRI 10 OCT	St H 9.00am	Weekday Parish Mass followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) (Prisons Week - 13-19 October)

SAT 11 OCT	St H 4.30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	St H 5.30pm	Jeanne Pizey RIP (Peggy Maxwell)
SUN 12 OCT	St H 8.45am	Lillian & Marvin Bourke Int (Pat Scott)
	St M 10.30am	People of the Parish

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, Curtis & Family

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.**