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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A) - SUNDAY 30TH NOVEMBER



Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Show us, O Lord, your mercy,
and grant us your salvation.**

Alleluia.

Communion Antiphon:

**The Lord will bestow his bounty,
and our earth shall yield its increase.**

Our newsletter can also be found online at catholicparishongar.org

Parochial Administrator: Fr. Frank Westcott.

Please note that Kelly Love is away on annual leave returning to the parish office on Tues 9th December.

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.

Fr Emile Nkumu RIP Fr. Emile's Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Friday 28th November at 11.30am at the church of SS Peter and Paul, 342 High Road, Ilford, IG1 1QP followed by Burial at Manor Park Cemetery then afterwards at St Cedds, 4 Blythwood Rd, Ilford IG3 8SH - all welcome. Thank you once again for your kindness and generous donations to Fr Emile's Collection which exceeded over £1000 which was paid directly to the family. May he rest in peace.

BEREAVEMENT – BISHOP THOMAS McMAHON <https://brentwoodcathedral.org.uk/diocese-mourns-bishop-thomas-mcmahon-rip/> Please pray for the repose of the soul of Rt Rev Thomas McMahon, Bishop Emeritus of Brentwood Diocese, who died peacefully at his home in Stock on Monday 24th November 10 a.m. The Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 16 December in the Cathedral at 11.30 a.m. The burial will take place in the Cathedral cemetery. May he rest in peace.

**SVP AFTERNOON TEA PARTY
PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
CHRISTMAS DODDY DROP-IN
MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT
DANCING, RAFFLE AND A TASTY
BUFFET
ON TUESDAY
16TH DECEMBER AT 2.00pm
VENUE - ST MARGARET'S HALL
DODDINGHURST ROAD
(free entry)**

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 ongar@brcdt.org or 01277 362645

Hall Usage Calendar

<https://catholicparishongar.org/hall-usage-calendar/>

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 the Dona device or get in touch with Ann Jackson if anything else required.

Mass Times and Intentions

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

SAT 29 NOV	St H 4.30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	St H 5.30pm	People of the Parish
SUN 30 NOV	St H 8.45am	Geoffrey Stork RIP (Elaine Nyman)
	St M 10.30am	Caroline & Family Int. (Clara Greenaway)
MON 1 DEC		<i>No Weekday Parish Mass</i>
TUE 2 DEC	St H 9.00am	St Francis Xavier, Pr Ayshe & Mustafa Hassan RIP
WED 3 DEC	St H 9.00am	Rodney Baker RIP (Jim Browning)
THU 4 DEC	St H 9.00am	Mary Dowling Birthday 22/11 (Sue & John Fahey)
FRI 5 DEC	St H 9.00am	Peter Millington Int. (Nalan)

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

SAT 29 NOV	St H 4.30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	St H 5.30pm	Peter Smith RIP (Paul Falco)
SUN 30 NOV	St H 8.45am	People of the Parish
	St M 10.30am	Hannah & Paddy Maher RIP (Patrick Maher)



The Sacrament of Individual Reconciliation is available on request at St Margaret's, Doddinghurst.

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, Richard Denton, Theresa Aikin, Finlay Wilson and Family, David Love, Curtis & Family, Hayley Duff & Family, Bethany Luetchford & Family, Ann Bateson, Wayne Aikin.

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.

If you would like to add a name to our prayer list, please contact the parish office. Let us keep one another in our prayers.

Parish Quiz A huge thank you to everyone who took part in our Parish Quiz and Lunch Event on Saturday. Through the activity of your grey matter and the sale of Mila's preserves, we raised an amazing £856.00. A special thanks to all those who helped organise, donated prizes and bought tickets. Your support makes a real difference to our parish community.

Toys for Christmas This is the last call for you to bring toys to Mass on Saturday 29th or Sunday 30th November to be placed at the altar. These will then be taken to St Nicholas Church, Kelvedon Hatch, for the vicar to transport to Newham. Thank you for your generosity.

Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine & Co Mayo – Led by Bishop Alan Williams. Monday 15th June 2026. £799.00 pps. Price includes flight from London Stansted, 10kg hold luggage, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock Shrine, Ballintubber Abbey, Fr. Peyton Centre & Kylemore Abbey. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

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 a Hearing Loop available at St Helen's Church.

Mass Attendance: Nov 22/23 5.30pm: 22 Sun 8.45am: 25 10.30am: 31

Offertory Cash/Chq Collection: £170.67 Second Collection Youth Sunday: £54.51

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.