



St. Helen's
Catholic Church
The Presbytery
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The Catholic Parish of Ongar and Doddinghurst

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PENTECOST (A)

SUNDAY 24TH MAY, 2026

St. Margaret of Scotland
Doddinghurst Road
Doddinghurst
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Response to Psalm:
**Send forth your spirit, O Lord,
and renew of the earth.**

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia.

**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia.**

Communion Antiphon
**They were all filled with the Holy Spirit
and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.**

Our parish newsletter can also be found online at catholicparishongar.org to access newsletter links.

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, Epping 01992572516 or any nearby parish.

RCIA Our RCIA sessions will continue on Tuesday 26th May at 12:30pm. RCIA on Tuesday we will be discussing the Ten Commandments pg 37. If you are curious to learn more about the Catholic faith, you are warmly invited to join us. All are welcome, whether you are exploring for the first time or simply wish to deepen your understanding.

Blessing of the Graves

The Blessing of the Graves for the parish will take place at 3pm on Pentecost Sunday 24th May at Ongar Town Cemetary at Love Lane, Ongar. Please come along and remember your loved ones.

Mothers Prayers Group The Mothers' Prayers Group meets on the last Wednesday of the month at 1.30pm in the Presbytery. Everyone welcome. Please call Lesley Denton 07981964892 for more information.

St Helen

Please be careful when moving the kneelers during Mass as they can be noisy at times and cause disturbance.

World Communication Second Collection raised £22.46. Thank you.

Kelly Love Annual Leave

Kelly will be away on annual leave from Friday 29th May returning to the Parish Office on Tuesday 9th June.

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

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...please ask Fr Frank to activate it if required.

Mass Times and Intentions

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SAT 23 MAY	St H 5.30pm	Bernie Morrison RIP (Karen Markiewicz)
SUN 24 MAY	St H 8.45am	Barbara Bridle RIP (Lillie & Marvin)
	St M 10.30am	People of the Parish
Love Lane Cemt.	3.00pm	Blessing of Graves
MON 25 MAY	No Mass Service	
TUE 26 MAY	St H 9.00am	St Philip Neri, Pr Shef, Sue & family Int.
WED 27 MAY	St H 9.00am	ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY
THU 28 MAY	St H 9.00am	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST (A) National Feast
*FRI 29 MAY	St H 9.00am	

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (A) (Day for Life)

SAT 30 MAY	St H 5.30pm	Dr Ken Menon Int.
SUN 31 MAY	St H 8.45am	Dominic Lynch RIP Recently Deceased (Doreen)
	St M 10.30am	People of the Parish

*EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION / HOLY HOUR/ ROSARY following 9.00am Mass at St Helen's on Fridays.



The Sacrament of Individual Reconciliation is available on request at St Margaret's, Doddinghurst following the 10.30am Sunday Mass.

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, Frances Wiseman.

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.



Brentwood Catholic Children's Society invites you to a wonderful charity two-course luncheon at the beautiful Grade II listed Georgian house, The Lawn in Rochford.
Friday June 19th - 13:00-15:30 - Tickets are £38.50 per person. Please scan the QR code to book or go to <https://www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events-campaigns/>

Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine & Co. Mayo Led by Bishop Alan Williams

Monday 15th June 2026 to Friday 19th June 2026. 4 nights in Knock House Hotel, with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Visit Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Ballintubber Abbey, Fr. Peyton Centre. Price of £799.00 per person Package includes: Return flight from Lon Stansted – 10kg check in bag. 4 nights Dinner, B&B in Knock House Hotel. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours. Assistance from Knock Pilgrimages representative. Single room supplement £250.00. Maximum 3. Contact: Patricia Tel: 01268 762 278 Mob: 07740 175 557 knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.



Catholic Legacy Week, 24-30 May, is a time when Parishes and Catholic charities such as CAFOD celebrate the work made possible in the life of the Church through gifts in Wills. Find out more about the week using QR code or at [//cafod.org.uk/CatholicLegacyWeek](http://cafod.org.uk/CatholicLegacyWeek)

Campion School Open Evening Campion School would like to warmly invite parents/carers and year 5 boys to our Open Evening on Thursday, 25th June from 4.30 pm to 7 pm. The Headteacher's talk will be at 4.30 pm and repeated at 6.30 pm. Please visit our school website for more details www.thecampionschool.org.uk

THE CANONESSES OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE INVITE YOU TO A TALK BY DAVID NEUHAUS SJ (JERUSALEM):

MUST WE STILL HOPE? Wednesday 3rd June at 6pm (on ZOOM from Jerusalem)

We are deeply grateful to David Neuhaus SJ for agreeing to share his reflections on the topic of 'hope' in the midst of the Israel/Gaza conflict. In his talk, *'Must We Still Hope?'*, he will confront the difficult question of whether it is right to continue hoping in the face of the suffering in Gaza — and whether there are moments when despair seems inevitable. The talk is free of charge and ALL are welcome. For more details and to book your place please see the link via our home page www.canonesses.co.uk.

Hospital Lay Chaplain- Basildon Hospital A vacancy has arisen for a Hospital Lay Chaplain. All applicants should have strong communication skills and be able to deal with the private and confidential nature of the role. The post will be part-time working 5.25 hours per week – during the hours of 8am – 8pm. One day per week. The salary is £13.45 per hour The closing date for applications is 29th May 2026 and suitable applicants will be invited to attend an interview. If you have any queries or if you would like to apply, please send your CV to basildon@brcdt.org

Whatsapp Group: If anyone would like to join the parish Whatsapp Group, which is available for the whole parish to use and to help keep everyone up to date with current issues and events, please contact the administrator, Denise Terry-Roberts, at d.terryroberts@btinternet.com or on 07545 240064 for her to add your mobile number.

Dona Digital Collection Plate (rear of St Helen's church) :

We now have new contactless facilities available for Offertory, the Repository or general donations and special collections. The instructions are mostly self-explanatory; however, if you require any assistance, please do not hesitate to ask.

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. For information or to make a booking please contact Kelly Love on ongar@brcdt.org or 01277 362645

REPOSITORY: We have cards & gifts in stock for Easter, 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, the Dona device (Select Repository) or get in touch with Ann Jackson if anything else required.

Mass Attendance: May 9/10 5.30pm: 20 Sun 8.45am: 41 10.30am: 31 Total: 92

Offertory/Cheque Collections: £365.91

Please make cheques payable to: 'Catholic Church Ongar St Helens'

For electronic payments please email ongar@brcdt.org or use the Dona machine at St Helens.

For Gift Aid/Envelopes please contact Peter Gaston on 07949654401

Thank you for your continued selfless generosity and support.

Please consider remembering the parish in your will.