



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

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)
SUNDAY 10TH MAY, 2026

St. Margaret of Scotland
Doddinghurst Road
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Response to Psalm:
Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia.

If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him.

Alleluia.

Communion Antiphon

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, 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.

The Ascension of the Lord – Holyday of Obligation There will be a Mass for the Ascension of the Lord on Thursday 14th May at 7.30pm at St Margaret's, Doddinghurst.

RCIA – “The Church” Our RCIA sessions will continue on Tuesday 12th May at 12:30pm.

RCIA on Tuesday we will be discussing 'Mary and the Four Last Things' 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.

St Helen's Garden

Many thanks to everyone who helped with Wednesday's Garden tidy-up at St Helen's. It was a great team effort, and the car park and garden areas are looking much tidier as a result — a small reflection of St Augustine's image of the Church as “the garden of the Lord.”

(No snails, well only a few, we're harmed in the process!)

St Helen's Sign

We are sincerely grateful for the generous donation received from a parishioner who wishes to remain anonymous towards our new sign for St Helen's Church. This thoughtful gift will help visitors and parishioners alike feel informed and welcomed. Thank you for your kindness, generosity, and support of our church community. God bless you, Fr Frank

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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

SAT 9 MAY	St H 5.30pm	People of the Parish
SUN 10 MAY	St H 8.45am	Amanda, Alicia & Toby Trew Int. (Lillie & Marvin)
	St M 10.30am	People of the Parish
MON 11 MAY	No Mass Service	
TUE 12 MAY	St H 9.00am	St John Houghton, Pr M Tina Ion Int.
WED 13 MAY	St H 9.00am	St Erconwold, Bp
THU 14 MAY	St H 9.00am St M 7.30pm	The Ascension of the Lord Holyday of Obligation
*FRI 15 MAY	St H 9.00am	Holy Souls

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) (World Communications Day)

SAT 16 MAY	St H 5.30pm
SUN 17 MAY	St H 8.45am St M 10.30am

*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.



Mass for Migrants

The annual Mass for Migrants took place on Bank Holiday Monday, 4 May, bringing together Catholics from many nations and communities in a celebration of the universal Church. Archbishop Richard Moth, who earlier this year became Archbishop of Westminster, preached at the Mass, while Bishop Alan Williams was the principal celebrant. Originally ordained for the Diocese of Southwark,

Archbishop Moth previously served as Bishop of Arundel and Brighton before his appointment to Westminster. He is known for his gentle pastoral style, his concern for families and young people, and his commitment to Catholic education and social outreach. In his homily, Archbishop Moth reflected on the Gospel call to welcome the stranger and to recognise the dignity of every person. Speaking to congregations representing many cultures and backgrounds, he encouraged Catholics to recognise the richness that migrant communities bring to the life of the Church. The Mass for Migrants is an important reminder that the Catholic Church unites people across nations, languages and cultures in faith and prayer. Please keep Archbishop Moth in your prayers as he begins his ministry serving Catholics across Westminster Diocese and the Church in England and Wales.

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.

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.

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: Would you like to join our bishop and parishioners and clergy from around the diocese on our annual pilgrimage to Lourdes this summer? The dates are Friday 17th - Friday 24th July. Please visit <https://tangney-tours.com/brentwood> for further information and to book, or contact Deirdre Pembroke, lourdes@brcdt.org if you have any questions. Paper booking forms to follow.

Caritas You are invited to our online Caritas Conversation on 13th May 2026, 18:30-19:30. This is an opportunity to explore our three areas of focus: Refugees, the Environment, and Homelessness, as well as the Cost of Living. Anyone can join, and we look forward to you registering: <https://dob-conversations.eventbrite.co.uk>

Flame 2027 – Saturday 6th March, OVO Wembley Arena Almost 1,000 young people from the Diocese are already registered. A limited number of early bird tickets (£30) remain available. To book, please complete the form: <https://forms.office.com/e/KTevSZwGQH>

CAFOD are hiring. Could you inspire Catholics to participate in the Church's mission, working to overcome poverty and injustice? Do you want to work for CAFOD and encourage support and partnership within the Church? We are looking for a Community Participation Coordinator to work in the Diocese of Brentwood. Follow the link for more details and please pass on to any friends or relatives who might be interested. Closing date: 18 May 2026. See cafod.org.uk/work-with-us

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

MARANATHA at Grays Friday 15 May 2026

Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus! All are warmly invited to an evening of prayer, praise and worship, including Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Catholic Church of St Thomas of Canterbury, Grays RM17 6SR on Friday 15 May 2026, led by Fr. Paschal Uche. The time is from 7:00pm to 9:00pm, with refreshments afterwards. Come and join us! Everyone is welcome.

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.

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.

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

Mass Attendance: May 2/3 5.30pm: 22 Sun 8.45am: 44 10.30am: 32 Total: 98

Offertory/Cheque Collections: £302.80

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.