



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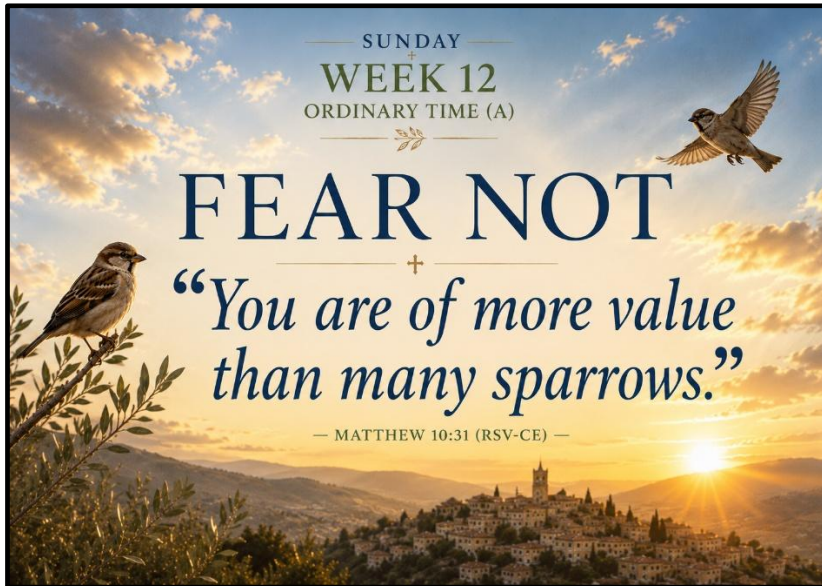
The Catholic Parish of Ongar and Doddinghurst

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**12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
SUNDAY 21st JUNE, 2026**

St. Margaret of Scotland
Doddinghurst Road
Doddinghurst
CM15 0QJ



Mass Responses

Response to Psalm:
In your great mercy, answer me, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia.
**The Spirit of truth will bear witness about me,
says the Lord, and you also will bear witness.**
Alleluia.

Communion Antiphon
**I am the good shepherd, and I lay down my life
for my sheep, says the Lord.**

Parochial Administrator: Fr. Frank Westcott

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

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.

Happy Father's Day - Sunday 21st June This weekend, we give thanks to God for the gift of fathers and father figures within our parish community. On *Father's Day*, we honour those who reflect the love, guidance, and sacrifice of St Joseph—the quiet and faithful guardian of the Holy Family. Through their care, strength, and example, fathers help to nurture faith, foster compassion, and lead their families closer to Christ. Happy Father's Day to all our fathers—may God richly bless you today and always.

RCIA The next meeting for RCIA will be held at the presbytery on **Wednesday 24th June 12.30pm**. We will be exploring 'The Eucharist' on pages 25/26 of your books. 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.

Sunday Vigil Mass and Parish Social Picnic – Saturday 27 June 2026

On **Saturday 27 June**, the **5:30pm Vigil Mass** will be celebrated at **St Margaret's** instead of St Helen's. Following Mass, there will be a **6.30pm – 8.30pm Parish Summer Evening Picnic**—all are warmly invited. Bring your own picnic and drinks. Tea and Coffee also available. There will also be a raffle with proceeds going towards the Screen Fund. If you require help with transport please contact Parish Office or B. Wrobel 01277 821986

Monday 22nd June Weekday Mass – There will be a Mass on Monday 22nd June at St Helen's but not on the Tuesday this forthcoming week.

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

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

(Day for Life)

SAT 20 th June	St H 5.30pm	People of the Parish
SUN 21 st June	St H 8.45am	Charles & Yvonne Westcott RIP
Father's Day	St M 10.30am	Patrick Maher Ints. (Kelly)
MON 22 nd June	St H 9.00am	SS JOHN FISHER, Bp & THOMAS MORE, MARTYRS Sarah Taylor Ints. (Anne Robertson)
TUE 23 rd June	No Mass Serv	
WED 24 th June	St H 9.00am	THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST
THU 25 th June	St H 9.00am	Holy Souls
*FRI 26 th June	St H 9.00am	Anastasia Morris Ints. (Ann & Graham)

SS PETER AND PAUL

SAT 27 th June	St M 5.30pm	People of the Parish
SUN 28 th June	St H 8.45am	Neil O. Sullivan RIP recently deceased (The Duggan Family) Mary McKay (Dolores & McKay Siblings)
	St M 10.30am	Fr Kieran Dodd RIP (Fr Frank)



The Sacrament of Individual Reconciliation is available 4.30pm - 5.15pm Saturday at St Helen's and 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.

Whatsapp Group: 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 if you'd like 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 require.

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

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

Mass Attendance: June 13/14 5.30pm 22; 08.45am 33; 10.30am 30; Total: 85

Offertory/Cheque Collections: £229.25

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.

HELP REQUIRED:

We have many exceptionally talented people in the Parish, who give their time and expertise in all sorts of ways. These range from finance, gardening, DIY to working in the sacristy, music, and singing. All commit to ensure the myriad, of little 'hidden' things, that happen without which the Parish would flounder. As everyone knows, there is always something that needs doing in the Presbytery, St Helen's and / or St Margaret's. With this in mind, I would like to compile a list of individuals (to be kept private and confidential) who either currently do things within the Parish or would be happy to offer their talents, time and skills, either on a regular basis or when needed (no obligation). If you feel that you would like to help the Parish in this way, please drop an email to me, at the Presbytery with your name, telephone number, and a brief description of what you can do and how you would like to help.

100 Club Congratulations to No. 19 Basil Vaz, who was the lucky winner of the 100 Club draw in May.

Doddy Drop In Everyone is very welcome to drop in for our friendly social on the second Tuesday of every month at St Margaret's Hall, Doddinghurst between 2-4pm.

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.

St Margaret There is now a box of religious cards available at St Margaret's. These will be available when teas and coffees are served after Mass on Sundays and are all individually priced. .

Diocesan Second Collection Day for Life 2026 –On Sunday, 21 June, we mark the Day for Life under the theme "The Wonder of the Child in the Womb." The theme also recognises the loss of children who died before birth and the grief of their parents. The Bishops' message and prayers can be found on the Day for Life website: www.dayforlife.org. The second collection will go towards the Day for Life Fund, which distributes grants to organisations that promote respect for life from conception until natural death. You can also donate online via the Day for Life website. Copies of Sunday's homily / Bishops' Message are available at the narthex of both churches.

Maranatha at Grays 19 June 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, where we come together to encounter the Holy Spirit and share fellowship in a Catholic context. At St Thomas of Canterbury, Grays RM17 6SR on Friday 19th June 2026 7:00pm to 9:00pm, with refreshments afterwards. Come and join us!

Diocesan Job Vacancies

[Headteacher - St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Chingford](#)

Deadline for application: 09:00 am Friday 26th June 2026

[Deputy Director of Education – Diocese of Brentwood](#)

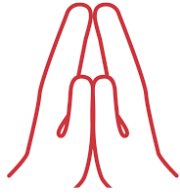
Deadline for applications: 5pm, Monday 29th June 2026

Friends of Essex Churches Trust – Ride & Stride

Could you take part in Ride & Stride's 75th anniversary year to raise money to help your own church and others? The Friends of Essex Churches Trust strive to raise money to award grants to preserve and improve Christian places of worship of all denominations in Essex, Southend, Thurrock, Barking and Dagenham, Havering, Newham, Redbridge and Waltham Forest.

Open to all from keen cyclists, hikers, families with young children, teenagers, the elderly and more, the event takes place on Saturday 12th September 2026 9am-5pm and is an opportunity to visit some of England's most rare and unusual places of worship. Half of any money you raise through sponsorship is returned to your church, and half goes into the main fund. And if you don't walk or ride, there are many other ideas for fundraising on this website: www.friendsofessexchurches.org.uk/ride-stride

Missio



The Red Box is not simply a box for collecting money. "It is a living, dynamic sign of our response to God's call. A sign of faith, hope and love; a sign of our desire to help bring about God's Kingdom where suffering, evil and death will one day be no more."

Words to us from Father Anthony Chantry (Missio Director)

2026 marks 90 years of the Red Box and the partnership between Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. It has built churches, presbyteries, convents, schools, children's homes, health centres and dispensaries. It has trained local priests, sisters and catechists. It has contributed to thousands of other projects helping the Church grow in service to those in need.

Our support through the Red Box helps alleviate terrible poverty, discrimination and even persecution. It is a reminder to those communities that they are not forgotten.

Please help yourself to the Summer edition of Missio Today Impact Report and prayer cards (back of the church).

Thank you always for your support.