



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

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11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
SUNDAY 14th JUNE, 2026

St. Margaret of Scotland
Doddinghurst Road
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11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A



GOSPEL: MATTHEW 9:36–10:8

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them,
because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

Then he said to his disciples,

*“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few;
therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest
to send out laborers into his harvest.”*

Then he summoned his twelve disciples
and gave them authority over unclean spirits,
to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction.

ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION – CATHOLIC EDITION (ESV–CE)

Mass Responses

Response to Psalm:

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

**The kingdom of God is at hand;
repent and believe in the gospel.**

Alleluia.

Communion Antiphon

**Holy Father, keep in your name
those you have given me,
that they may be one as we are one,
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.

RCIA Our RCIA sessions will continue on Tuesday 16th June at 12:30pm. We will be discussing ‘Confession and Anointing’ page 27. 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.

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.

Sunday Vigil Mass and Parish Social – Saturday 27 June 2026

Please note that 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 **Parish Social**—all are warmly invited. Please save the date. Further details will be shared soon.

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

11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

SAT 13 th June	St H 5.30pm	John Kaganda RIP (Agnes)
SUN 14 th June	St H 8.45am St M 10.30am	Pat Ata B.Day Ints. People of the Parish
MON 15 th June	No Mass Serv	
TUE 16 th June	St H 9.00am	Dawn & Tony Cvek Health & Strength
WED 17 th June	St H 9.00am	Kay Martin Ints. Recently Bereaved (M. Payne)
THU 18 th June	St H 9.00am	
*FRI 19 th June	St H 9.00am	

12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) (Day for Life)

SAT 20 th June	St H 5.30pm	
SUN 21 st June	St H 8.45am	
Father's Day	St M 10.30am	Patrick Maher Ints. (Kelly)

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



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 06/07 5.30pm 22; 08.45am 43; 10.30am 33; Total: 98

Offertory/Cheque Collections: £272.50

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.

Thank you, and God Bless.

Fr Frank.

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.

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 Sick Clergy raised £139.00 – thank you very much for the generous support.

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.

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 - Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School & Nursery, Southend-on-Sea](#)

Deadline for application: 09:00 Wednesday 17th June 2026

[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

THE HOLY LAND: GIFT OR ENTITLEMENT? – TALK AT GIDEA PARK

For decades the struggle over the Land has led to conflict in the Middle East. How should believers interpret the biblical texts related to the Land?

Our renowned speaker, Fr John Deehan, is a Scripture scholar, who taught for many years at Allen Hall Seminary. Fr John will speak on Saturday 4th July from 11 am until 1 pm, with break for lunch, at Christ the Eternal High Priest Catholic Church, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH. Admission free. Coffee from 10.30. The event will also be available via live stream on www.whatgoodnews.org