



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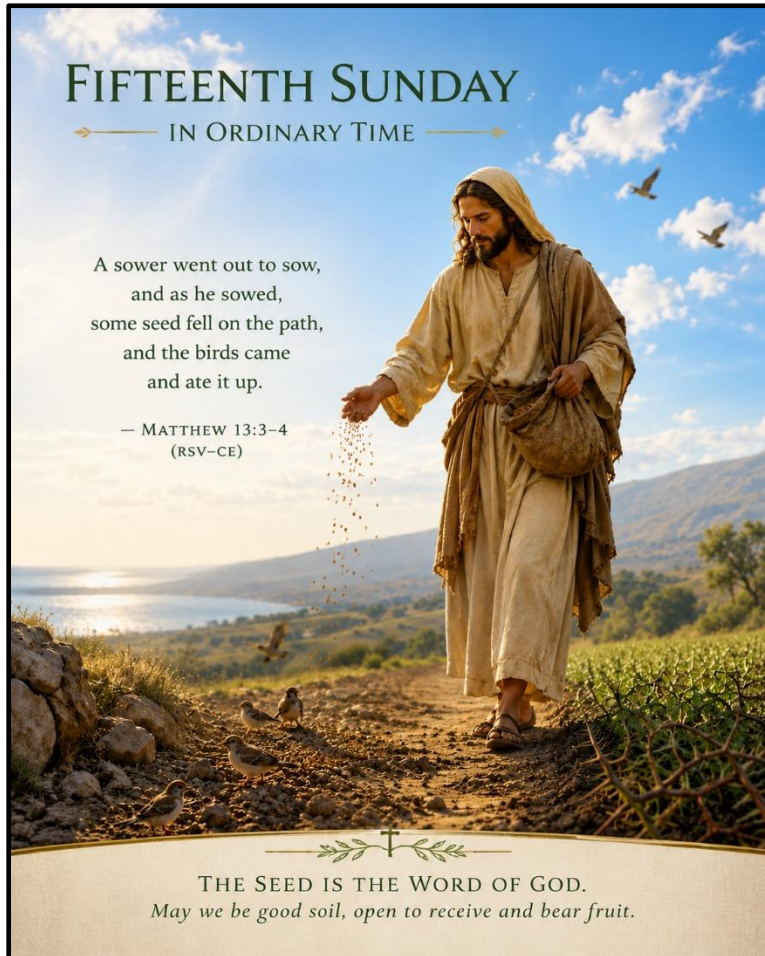
The Catholic Parish of Ongar and Doddinghurst

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
SUNDAY 12TH JULY, 2026

St. Margaret of Scotland
Doddinghurst Road
Doddinghurst
CM15 0QJ



Sunday Mass Responses

Response to Psalm:

Some see fell into good soil and yielded its fruit.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

**The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower,
all who find him will live for ever.**

Alleluia.

Communion Antiphon

**Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.**

Our parish newsletter can also be found online at
catholicparishongar.org where you can 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 There will be no RCIA this coming week. The next session will be on Tuesday 21st July 12.30pm. 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.

Masses This Week

Saturday/Sunday Weekend Mass 11th/12th July – Fr Stewart Foster, (archivist at Brentwood Cathedral), will be covering the weekend masses for Fr Frank, whilst on leave. Fr Frank will be returning for weekday Mass on Wednesday 15th July. There will be a Communion service only on Tuesday 14th July. Let us welcome Fr Stewart to our parish with all our usual warmth and support.

Mini BBQ – Sunday 19th July

Join us for a Mini BBQ immediately after the 10.30am Mass at St Margaret's, Doddinghurst.

Alan Chapman has very kindly offered to provide the barbecue, so do stay and enjoy some refreshments and fellowship after Mass.

All proceeds will go towards St Margaret's Screen Fund. Your support is greatly appreciated, and we hope to see you there!

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

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

(Sea Sunday)

SAT 11 July	St M 5.30pm	Sue & Stef Ints. (Fr Frank)
SUN 12 July	St H 8.45am	People of the Parish
	St M 10.30am	Ann Bateson Birthday Ints. (SVP Ongar & Doddinghurst)
MON 13 July	No Service	
TUE 14 July	St H 9.00am	Communion Service
WED 15 July	St H 9.00am	St Bonaventure, Bp, D Fr Tenny Antony (recently ordained) (Fr Frank)
THU 16 July	St H 9.00am	
*FRI 17 July	St H 9.00am	

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

(Sea Sunday)

SAT 18 July	St M 5.30pm	
SUN 19 July	St H 8.45am	Anne & Eddie Fagan RIP (Robert Fagan)
	St M 10.30am	

***EUCHARISTIC 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, Peggy Maxwell.

Please also pray for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time.

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.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

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: July 4/5 5.30pm 19; 08.45am 32; 10.30am 35; Total: 86

Offertory/Cheque Collections: £314.00

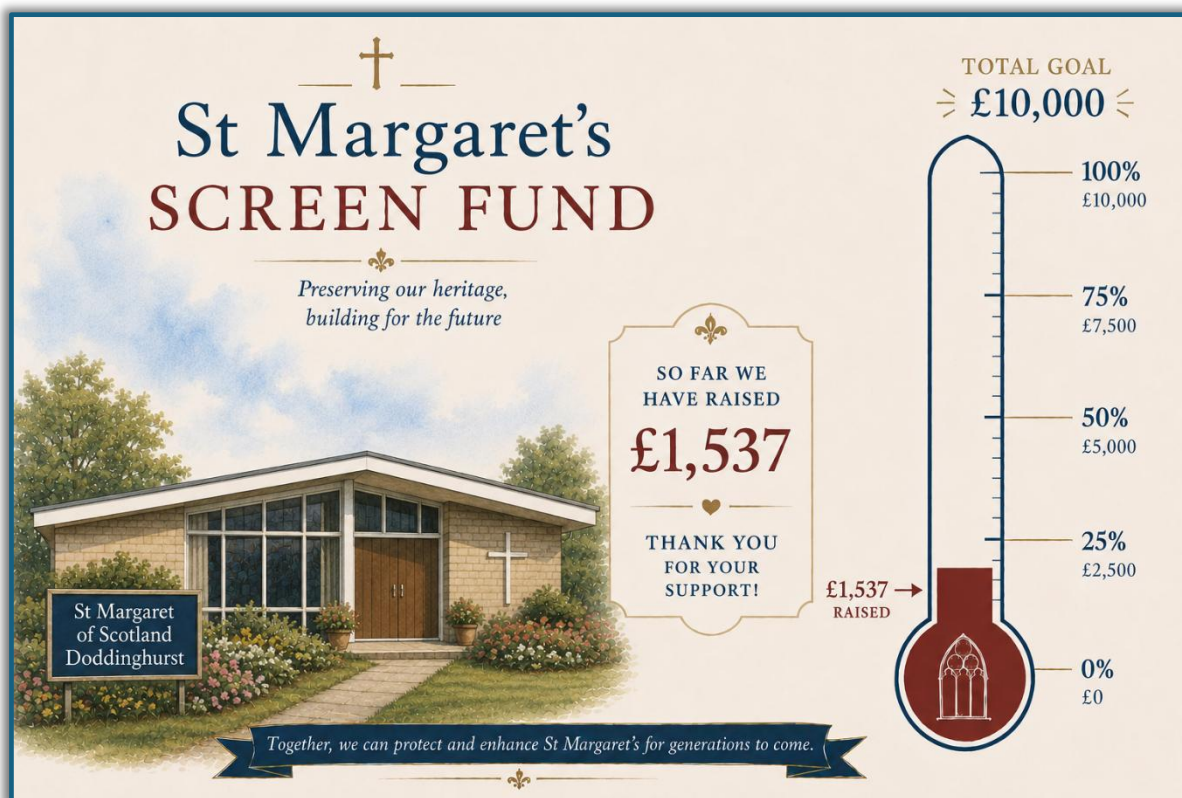
Please make cheques payable to: 'Catholic Church Ongar St Helens'

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.



St Margaret's Screen Fund A huge thank you to Mila, whose Marvellous Marmalade has raised an amazing £175 for our Screen Fund. What a fantastic achievement! Thank you to everyone who supported this wonderful effort, and congratulations to Mila on such a sweet success. Well done!

Second Collection

This weekend there will be a Second Collection for Sea Sunday (Stella Maris). See posters for more details.

Message From Smile Train - Thank you so much to you and the rest of your parish for raising money for Smile Train at your Lenten Lunches. We really appreciate that you thought of us. I confirm we have now safely received £855.50 donation into our account, and I've attached a certificate for the full amount for you (see noticeboards). This year marks the 20th anniversary since we expanded into the UK, which means 20 years of supporters like you making a difference all over the world for children with clefts. The numbers speak for themselves. Together, we've:

- Sponsored more than 2 million free cleft surgeries across 95+ countries — more than every other charity combined
- Trained more than 100,000 local medical professionals in vulnerable communities
- Infused an additional \$69 billion into the global economy as a result of our patients' accomplishments ...and that's barely scratching the surface. By donating to Smile Train, you have quite literally saved lives. "I will never forget what Smile Train and its partners have done. You gave my son more than a smile – you gave him a future." – Mekdenes, mother of baby Girum in Amhara, Ethiopia.

Thank you for giving children around the world hope for a better future and a lifetime of healthy smiles.

Kind regards, Amy, Smile Train UK, Supporter Care Team

Marriage & Family Life Mass, Saturday 11th July, Brentwood Cathedral, 3 p.m. If you would like to attend, there are still some tickets available. Please get in touch with Fr Frank.

100 Club The June prize was drawn at the summer picnic at St Margaret's on 27th June. The winner is 19 belonging to Basil Vaz. Don't think that we have made a mistake- yes, it really was the same number last month! Well done, Basil.

SVP Summer Draw SVP members now have raffle tickets available to purchase for the Summer draw at a cost of £1 per ticket. The draw is due to be made on 24th September and has a first prize of £5000. So if you'd like the chance of being a winner while raising funds for the SVP please see Ann J, Bernie, Bridget, Clara or Lauren after mass in July and August.

CAFOD-DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal

You can help our neighbours affected by the 24 June earthquakes in Venezuela with emergency shelter, water and food. CAFOD is already working with local Church partners to support people who have lost their homes, but we need your support to help more survivors. Your donation will provide essential supplies and help families rebuild their lives. Donate to the CAFOD-DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal today: cafod.org.uk/Venezuela or call 0300 999 0030 or scan the QR code. Please keep our neighbours in Venezuela in your prayers.



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

St Margaret's 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.

BCCS invites you to join them on an exclusive, personal tour of Ingatestone Hall, conducted by the Petre family, offering unbeatable insight of the past and present of his Grade I listed building and gardens, followed by a hot drink and homemade biscuit on Thursday 03rd September, 11:00-15:30. The event was over-subscribed last year so get your tickets fast - entry is £25 per person - book online today:

[//www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events-campaigns/](https://www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events-campaigns/)

Please note, due to the age of the building, there is no disabled access to the upper floor, and some of the lower floor and grounds are uneven and thus not suitable for those who have mobility issues.

Diocesan Job Vacancies:

[Headteacher – St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Upminster](#)

Deadline for application: 17:00 Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Parish Bookkeeper- Cathedral House

A vacancy has arisen for a Parish Bookkeeper, to provide dedicated support in respect of financial control and reporting functions to individual Parishes and manage the day-to-day parish related accounting function within the central finance department. The role will work closely with the Parish Support Finance Assistant, primarily based at Cathedral House with some travel to parishes required, and will be 14 hours per week worked over two days. The full job description is available on our website www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us The closing date for applications is 31st July 2026 and we will then invite suitable applicants to interview. If you have any queries or if you would like to apply, please send your CV to hr@brcdt.org

A Day With Mary is hosting an International Symposium from 29 July to 31 July 2026 at St Mary's Catholic Church, West Croydon Further information is available at www.adaywithmary.org/symposium

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

Final Places – Summer Holiday Opportunity. The St John Bosco Children's Camp is held near Brentwood. It is an activities camp including archery, fishing, Aqua Park visit, football, kayaking and much more. Final places are currently available for children currently in school year 5 – 7 (i.e. aged 9 - 12 on 31st August 2026) to spend a week at camp. Week One 25th July – 1st August or Week Two 1st – 8th August. The camp is run with a Catholic ethos and is for all children, especially those who may not otherwise have a summer holiday. Suggested donation £200, but fully funded places are also available thanks to generous grants. All application details are at www.boscocamp.co.uk