



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

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**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
SUNDAY 5TH JULY, 2026**

St. Margaret of Scotland
Doddinghurst Road
Doddinghurst
CM15 0QJ



Sunday Mass Responses

Response to Psalm:

I will bless your name forever, my God and King

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

**I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
you have revealed the secrets
of the kingdom to little children
Alleluia.**

Communion Antiphon

**Come to me, all who labour and are burdened,
and I will refresh you, 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 The next meeting for RCIA will be held at the presbytery on **Wednesday 8th July 12.30pm**. We will be exploring the 'Practice of Confession' on page 47/48 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.

Masses This Week There will be a Mass on **Monday 6th July** at St Helen's but not on the Tuesday this forthcoming week. Consequently RCIA will be on Wednesday 8th July. Then, there will be a Communion service only on Friday 10th July.

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.

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.

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

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

SAT 4 July	St M 5.30pm	Teresa Lacey RIP recently deceased (Mary Jones)
SUN 5 July	St H 8.45am	People of the Parish
	St M 10.30am	Patricia Annesley RIP recently deceased (Ann & Graham)
MON 6 July	St H 9.00am	St Maria Goretti, V,M Tina Ion Ints. (Fr Frank)
TUE 7 July	No Service	
WED 8 July	St H 9.00am	Sergey Int.
THU 9 July	St H 9.00am	Lally & Frank Falco (Anniv. Lally) (Paul Falco)
*FRI 10 July	St H 9.00am	Communion Service

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) (Sea Sunday)

SAT 11 July	St M 5.30pm	
SUN 12 July	St H 8.45am	
	St M 10.30am	Ann Bateson Birthday Ints. (SVP Ongar & Doddinghurst)

*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, 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: June 27/28 5.30pm 22; 08.45am 35; 10.30am 25; Total: 82

Offertory/Cheque Collections: £645.68

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.

A Big Thank You!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended and helped make our Parish Picnic at St Margaret's last Saturday such a happy and enjoyable occasion. It was wonderful to see so many parishioners and friends enjoying good food, great company and fellowship together.

A special word of thanks goes to Graham for providing the excellent entertainment, which added so much to the afternoon and was greatly appreciated by everyone.

Thanks to your generosity, we also raised £162 towards the St Margaret's Screen Fund. Every contribution brings us a little closer to our goal. We have also received some other very generous donations to our Screen Fund which is great start!

Thank you once again to all who organised, volunteered, donated and attended. Your generosity and parish spirit made the day such a great success. *God bless, Fr Frank*

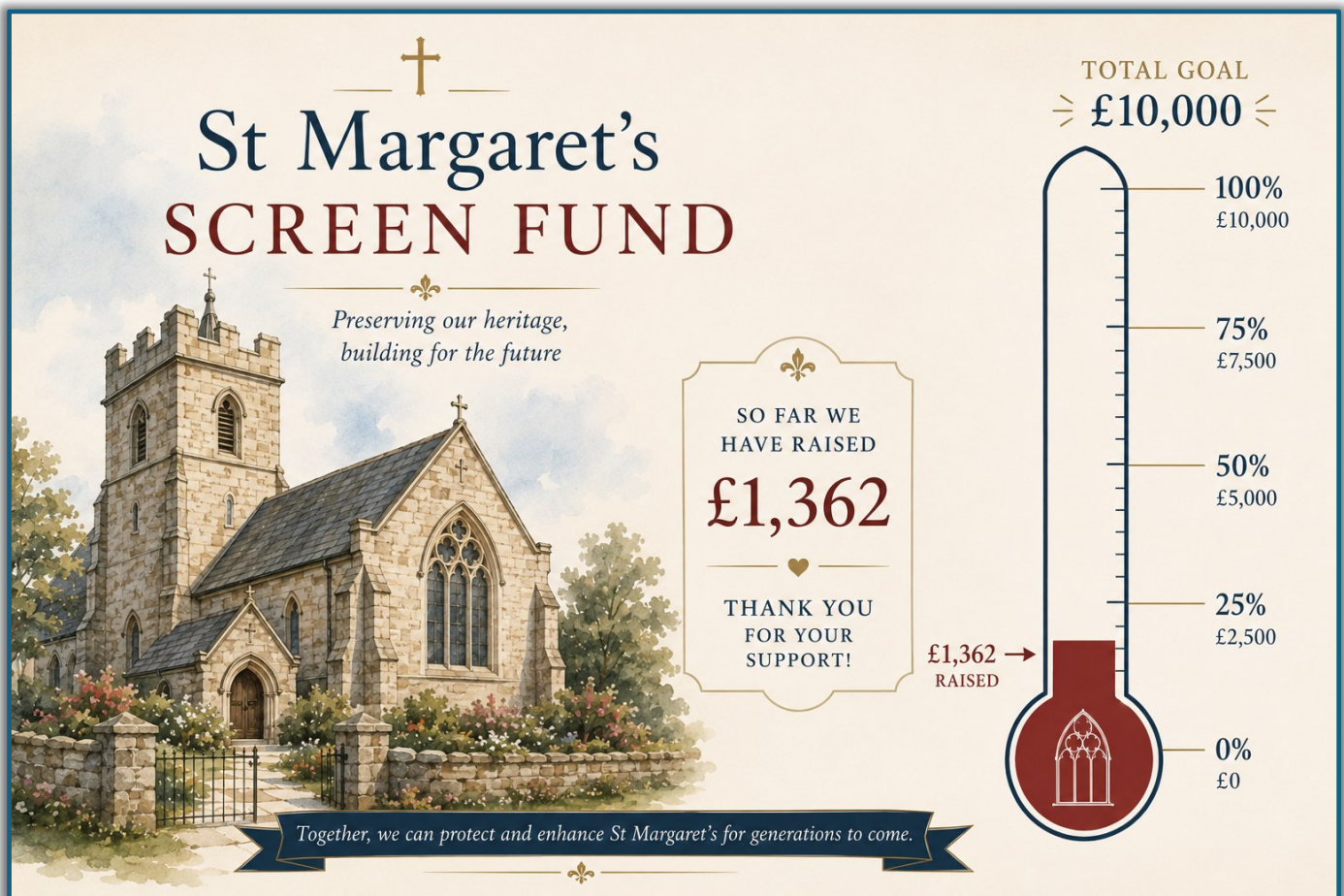
Unclaimed Raffle Prizes:

Yellow 131 Patrick Mooney

Yellow 136 Mary Jones

Green 70 ?

Please contact the presbytery for your prizes.



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.

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.

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.

Diocesan Second Collection Day for Life Peter's Pence 2026

£54.00 was raised in the Parish last weekend for Peter's Pence – thank you for your generous support.

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:

Walsingham House Manager To ensure the smooth and efficient running of Walsingham House at Abbotswick, as an inspiring, faith-filled retreat house welcoming over 5,000 young people each year. Specific responsibilities include leading retreats, and leading and training the volunteer community. The post holder also has overall responsibility for Safeguarding and (together with the Site Manager) Health and Safety. Location- Walsingham House at Abbotswick, with travel to retreat locations and BCYS events, as needed. Hours- 35 hours per week- including significant evening and weekend work
Start Date- Ideally September 2026/autumn term Salary- £30 - 32K depending on prior experience (ideally this is a "live in" role, with a one bedroom flat provided, however it is not essential). Contract: 3-year fixed term contract. The closing date for applications is midday Tuesday 7th July 2026 (suitable applicants to interview in the week commencing 13th July 2026). For more information on the BCYS website (www.bcys.net/news/vacancies/)

Headteacher – St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Upminster

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

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