



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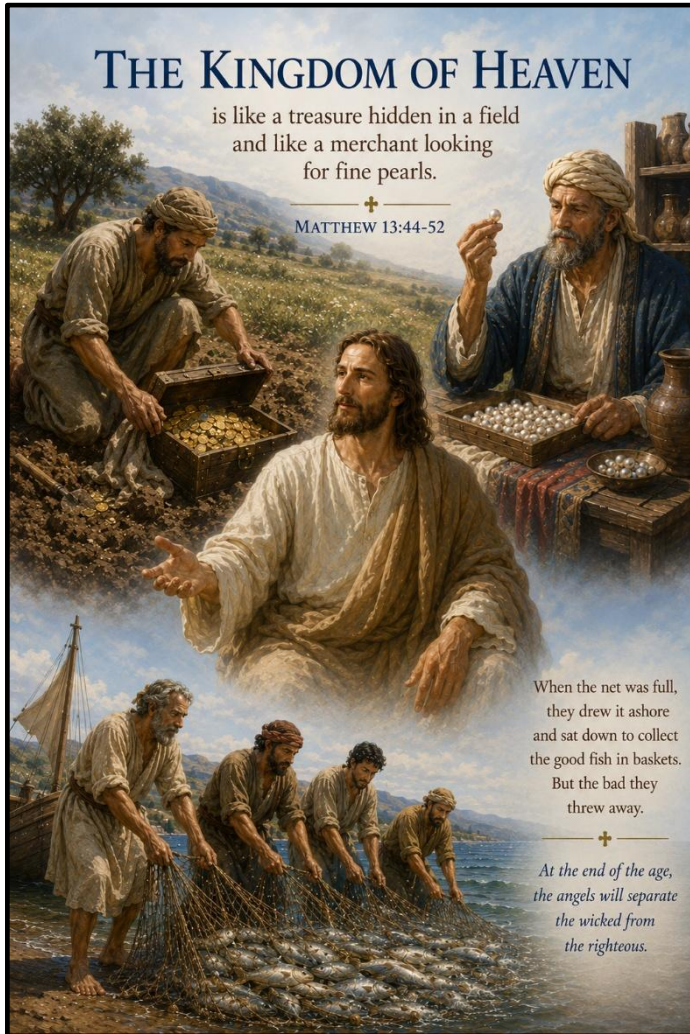
The Catholic Parish of Ongar and Doddinghurst

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
SUNDAY 26TH JULY, 2026

St. Margaret of Scotland
Doddinghurst Road
Doddinghurst
CM15 0QJ



Sunday Mass Responses

Response to Psalm:

Oh Lord, how I love you law!

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 :

**Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall receive mercy.
Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they shall see God**

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 session will be on **Tuesday 28th July, 12.30pm** and will be covering the subject 'Praying the Mass' on page 45. 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 which will be this week **Wednesday 29th July**. Everyone welcome. Please call Lesley Denton 07981964892 for more information.

CONGRATULATIONS!!



Wishing a wonderful Diamond Anniversary to a truly inspiring couple. Ann and Graham, your six decades together are a beautiful testament to God's grace in the Sacrament of Marriage. *Ad multos annos!* Sending you both God's love and blessings, on this very special day, from your parish family.

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

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

SAT 25 July	St M 5.30pm	John Kaganda RIP (Agnes)
SUN 26 July	St H 8.45am	Kathleen Toleman RIP (Neé Hinchin)
	St M 10.30am	Ann & Graham Bateson Diamond Wedding Anniversary (Ann & Graham)
MON 27 July	No Service	
TUE 28 July	St H 9.00am	Rita Doran (Paul Falco)
WED 29 July	St H 9.00am	Ss Martha, Mary and Lazarus Gordan Gay RIP Anniv. 27/07 (Jane Gay)
THU 30 July	St H 9.00am	Mary Gallagher RIP
*FRI 31 July	St H 9.00am	St Ignatius of Loyola, Pr Brian O'Leary RIP (Patsy Clark)

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

SAT 1 Aug	St M 5.30pm	Rose O'Connor RIP (Sue & John Fahey)
SUN 2 Aug	St H 8.45am	
	St M 10.30am	
*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: 18/19 July 5.30pm 27; 08.45am 33; 10.30am 32; Total: 92

Offertory/Cheque Collections: £572.50

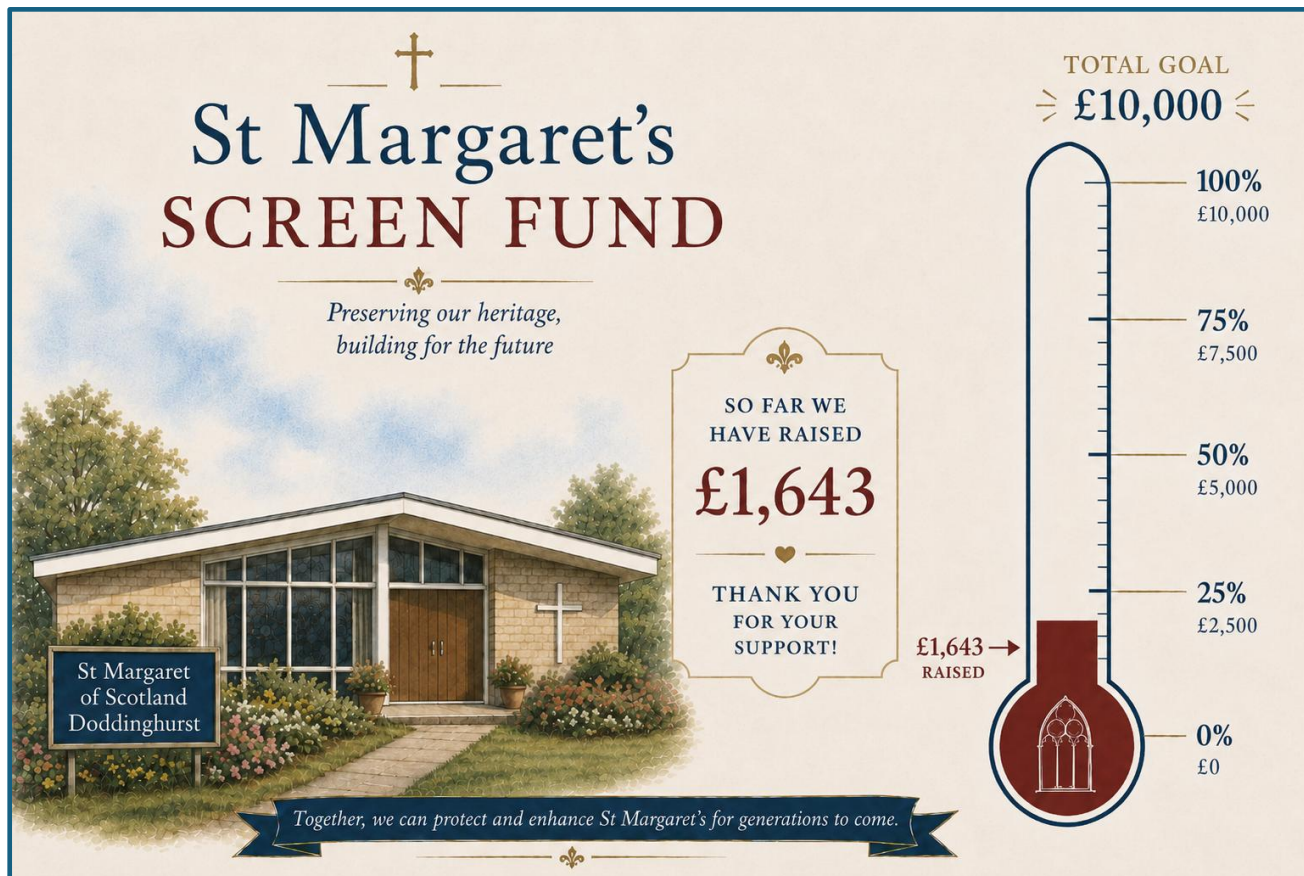
Please make cheques payable to: 'Catholic Church Ongar St Helens'

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.



St Margaret's Screen Fund Thank you to all our parishioners at St Margaret's for the wonderful donation of £105.40 last week which actually turned out to be more than the amount previously mentioned in last week's newsletter! This generous gift comes from the tea-money donations given after Mass and at the Doddy Drop-In, and has been kindly contributed towards the St Margaret's Screen Fund.

The floor-to-ceiling screen that divides the Church area from the main hall has become badly damaged and now needs to be replaced. This screen has served the parish faithfully for over **40 years**, enabling the building to function both as a place of worship and as a vital community hall.

While Church services take place on Sundays and Feast Days, the hall is used throughout the week as a lively community hub. It regularly hosts the **St Margaret's Pre-School, Doddingtonhurst Women's Institute, Musical Theatre Group**, monthly social **Doddy Drop-In**, village events, exercise classes, the **Christmas Party for the housebound**, and is available for private bookings. The screen is essential for allowing all these activities to continue safely and comfortably.

To install a new screen, we need to raise **£10,000**, and so we have launched a parish appeal.

How You Can Help:

- Attend upcoming fund-raising events
- Make a personal donation — **every contribution, no matter the size, makes a difference**

For bank transfers, please use the following details:

Account Name: Catholic Church Ongar St Helen

Account Number: 01017616 Sort Code: 40-13-22

 [01277 362645](tel:01277362645)

 ongar@brcdt.org

Cheques may be made payable to: **Catholic Church Ongar St Helen's**

Your continued support and kindness are deeply appreciated, and every contribution helps us move closer to completing this much-needed project.

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.



Brentwood Foodbank – Lenten Lunches

Fr Frank has already given this a mention at last weekend's masses and had the certificates as they came in after the newsletter's were printed but here is the email also received by the Brentwood Foodbank which may be of interest:

'Thank you so much for your email, and for your incredibly generous donation of **£855.50**. We can confirm that we have received the bank transfer safely.

We are so grateful that you chose to support Brentwood Foodbank once again through your Lenten Lunches. Your generosity, and that of your parishioners and friends, is greatly appreciated.

Sadly, we continue to see many people in our local community struggling with the rising cost of living, and donations like yours really do make a significant difference. Your support helps us to continue providing emergency food and practical support to those who need it most.

Please find attached a thank you letter and poster for the Catholic Parish of Ongar and Doddinghurst. We hope these can be displayed in your churches as a small token of our gratitude and to let everyone know how much their kindness is appreciated.

Please pass on our heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in organising the Lenten Lunches and to all who gave so generously. We are truly thankful for your continued support of Brentwood Foodbank.

With sincere thanks and best wishes,

Kotryna (Eglė) Watts

Distribution (HUB) Manager

Trussell Trust - Brentwood Foodbank

Doddinghurst Road Community Church

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.

WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA: On *Saturday, 12th September* the **Diocese of Brentwood** will host the Visitation of the National Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and the relics of Saints Jacinta & Francisco, at the **Cathedral Church of St Mary and St Helen, Brentwood**. This will be a Day of Prayer & Devotions, with the opportunity for the veneration of the relics. Bishop Alan accompanied by Priests of the Diocese will concelebrate Holy Mass, this will be followed by the Consecration Prayer of the Diocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary by Bishop Alan.

As this is a Day of Prayer, we ask all those participating to bring a packed lunch, teas and coffees will be available in the Cathedral Parish Hall. Following lunch, there will be a Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with recitation of the Chaplet of Adoration and Reparation. Communal Recitation and reflection on the Joyful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed, and then a Docu-film and Talk in the Parish Hall on "Fatima Message for the World." Finally, the Enrolment and Investiture of the Brown Scapular will be facilitated in the Parish Hall. Please see poster for full details.

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:

<http://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.