



St. Helen's
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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
SUNDAY 19TH JULY, 2026



Sunday Mass Responses

Response to Psalm:
O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

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 :
The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.

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 21st July 12.30pm and will be covering The Lord's Prayer. 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.

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!

Second Collection for Stella Maris on Sea Sunday, last weekend, raised £87.00 Thanks very much.

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.

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

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SAT 18 July	St M 5.30pm	People of the Parish
SUN 19 July	St H 8.45am	Anne & Eddie Fagan RIP (Robert Fagan)
	St M 10.30am	People of the Parish
MON 20 July	No Service	
TUE 21 July	St H 9.00am	Holy Souls
WED 22 July	St H 9.00am	ST MARY MAGDALENE
THU 23 July	St H 9.00am	ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN, Rel Patron of Europe
*FRI 24 July	St H 9.00am	Robby Ridgewell RIP anniv. 25/07 (Jane Gay)

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

SAT 25 July	St M 5.30pm	John Kaganda RIP (Agnes)
SUN 26 July	St H 8.45am	People of the Parish
	St M 10.30am	Ann & Graham Diamond Wedding Anniversary (Ann & Graham)

***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: July 11/12 5.30pm 14; 08.45am 25; 10.30am 30; Total: 69

Offertory/Cheque Collections: £368.92

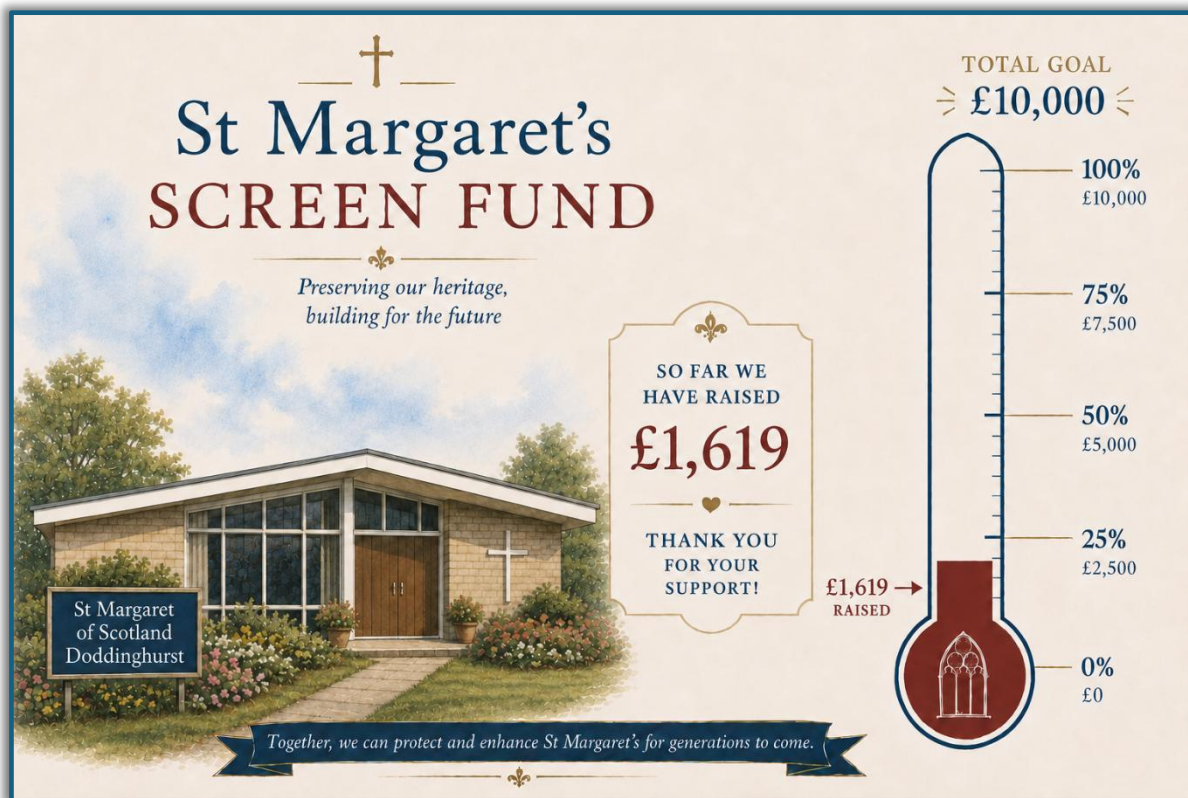
Please make cheques payable to: 'Catholic Church Ongar St Helens'

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 £82 this week. 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**, **Doddinghurst 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 further details, please contact:

St Helen & St Margaret's RC Parish Office

☎ [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.

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.

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.

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:

[//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

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