

The Catholic Parish of Ongar and Doddinghurst

St. Helen's
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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
8th NOVEMBER, 2026 (A)



Sunday Mass Responses

Response to Psalm:
For you my soul is thirsting,
O Lord, my God.

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia.
Stay awake and be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.
Alleluia.

Communion Antiphon:
The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of bread

Our parish newsletter can also be found online at catholicparishongar.org where you can access any newsletter links.
Parochial Administrator: Fr Frank Westcott

In Case of Emergency If there's no answer from the parish phone and you are seeking a priest in an emergency please call one of the local parishes; either Loughton 02085083492, Epping 01992572516 or any nearby parish.

NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS November is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Souls, a special time when we lovingly remember and pray for our departed family members and friends.
If you would like your loved ones remembered at Mass throughout November, please complete a November Deceased List and return it via the presbytery or Sunday collection. Envelopes are available at both churches.
Mass offerings are entirely optional. The envelopes will be placed in a basket near the altar, and Mass will be offered daily throughout November for our departed loved ones.
I warmly encourage you to attend an extra weekday Mass during November as we remember those who have gone before us in faith. *God bless, Fr Frank*

RCIA: there will be **no RCIA on Tuesday 10th November**. Tuesday 17th @ 12.30pm will be a simple rehearsal for the Mass Liturgy of 22nd November.

ANNUAL RETREAT
I shall be away on my annual retreat next week. Fr Stewart Foster has kindly agreed once again to cover the weekend Masses in my absence. Please give him your usual warm and friendly welcome. God bless. Fr Frank

100 CLUB We have a draw at the end of every month for our 100 Club. If you would like to join in the fun, please complete and return a form (available at the rear of both churches).

Mass Times and Intentions

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) (Remembrance Sunday)		
SAT 7th NOV	**St H 5.30pm**	Sr. Camillus Gallagher Ints.
SUN 8th NOV	**St H 8.45am**	People of the Parish
	St M 10.30am	Jacqui Scarborough RIP (Corinne Adams)
MON 9th NOV	NO SERVICE	
TUE 10th NOV	St H 9.00am	Communion Service
WED 11th NOV	NO SERVICE	
THU 12th NOV	St H 9.00am	Communion Service
FRI 13th NOV*	St H 9.00am	**Communion Service followed by Holy Hour**

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)		
SAT 14th NOV	**St H 5.30pm**	Sr Elizabeth Taaffe Ints.
SUN 15th NOV	**St H 8.45am**	Lally & Frank Falco RIP (Paul Falco)
	St M 10.30am	People of the Parish

***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, Curtis & Family, Hayley Duff & Family, Bethany Luetchford & Family, Ann Bateson, Wayne Aikin, Frances Wiseman, Peggy Maxwell, Anastasia Morris, Betty Helliar, Chris Stone.

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.

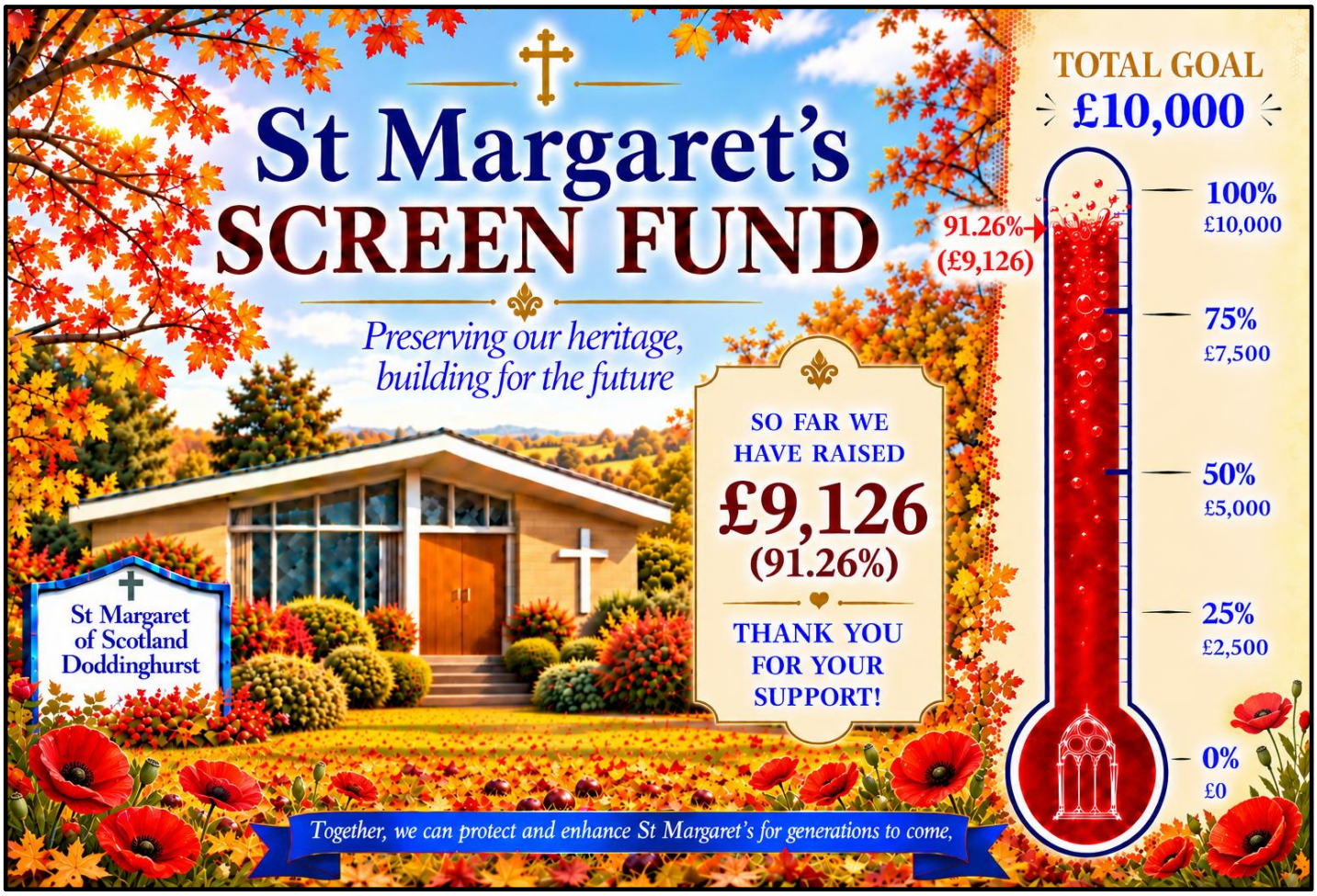
Whatsapp Group: The parish Whatsapp Group, which is available for the whole parish to use and to help keep everyone up to date with current issues and events, please contact the administrator, Denise Terry-Roberts, at d.terryroberts@btinternet.com or on 07545 240064 if you'd like to add your mobile number.

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 required.

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 Attendance: 31st October/ 1st November: 5.30pm 28; 08.45am 32; 10.30am 55; Total: 115
Offertory/Cheque Collections: £765.58
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.

The Brentwood Diocese Trust is a Registered Charity no: 234092



A heartfelt 'thank you' to everyone who has contributed to St Margaret's Screen Fund. Every contribution, large or small, is greatly appreciated. Thank you

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 and local 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 HelenAccount Number: 01017616 Sort Code: 40-13-22

01277 362645

ongar@brcdt.org

Cheques may be made payable to: **Catholic Church Ongar ST Helens**

There is an option now available for the Screen Fund on the Dona Contactless Device at St Helen's or, alternatively, you can use the QR code for card payments. Please note that you can Gift Aid your donation using one of the yellow general envelopes available at both churches. Please mark Screen Fund and Gift Aid number on your envelopes if using. There is also an option available on the Dona machine in the Altar Screen Fund. You only need to enter GA info once per bank card used. Those that are members of the Gift Aid Scheme will be identified in the usual way.

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

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.

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/**

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.

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.

Lavendar Bags Thanks to everyone who bought lavender bags from Margaret Payne. Margaret will be back on **21st November** for **Pat's coffee morning** and all further sales that day will also go to the **screen fund** too.



CHRISTMAS TOY COLLECTION

🎄 Last year, thanks to your wonderful generosity, **250** disadvantaged children in Newham received Christmas gifts, bringing joy and smiles to their faces. **With more donations, the charity could have reached even more children**. Please help us make an even greater difference this Christmas! We are collecting **new toys** for children of all ages, from **newborn babies to teenagers**. For older children, gift vouchers from shops such as Argos, Boots or Amazon would also be greatly appreciated. Please leave any toys **unwrapped** (but **include some wrapping paper)** either at **St Helen's (after any Mass)** or on **Sunday 22nd November at Mass at St. Margaret's (final day of collection).** Thank you for your kindness and generosity in helping to make Christmas brighter for children this year.



Brentwood Foodbank Harvest Donations

This week we received a lovely letter thanking our parish for our amazing **Harvest 2026** donation of **147.5kg** of food and essentials to Brentwood Foodbank. A copy of the full letter and post can be found on the noticeboards at both churches and on this weeks email. Thank you to everyone for your support.

An Invitation to Help – New Bidding Prayer Writers Rota for 2027

We warmly invite parishioners to take part in this valuable ministry. The monthly rota follows the Church's liturgical calendar, offering a rewarding way to support our clergy and deepen our life of prayer. Internet resources are readily available. To find out more, without obligation, please contact the presbytery by email, telephone or in person.

World Youth Sunday – 22 November Second Collection

There will be a second collection for the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service, supporting events, retreats and pilgrimages for young people in Essex and East London. If you wish, you can also donate online at www.bcys.net/donate, and please do visit the website to find out more and how to get involved.

CAFOD could you inspire the next generation and gain valuable experience of presenting to young people at the same time? CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, is looking for volunteers to visit local schools to present assemblies and workshops. Full training and support provided. See cafod.org.uk/Volunteer for more information or contact CAFOD representative Chris Driscoll at cdriscoll@cafod.org,uk or call 07776 493162

BCYS Summer Lourdes 2027 – 17th–24th July: Join BCYS for an incredible week in Lourdes, France,combining pilgrimage, prayer, service and friendship. The first wave of applications opens **1st October 2026**, so now is a great time to start thinking about joining! For more information, and to apply, please visit www.bcys.net/events

FLAME 2027 – Saturday 6th March: Join thousands of young Catholics from across England and Wales at Wembley Arena for a huge day of inspiring speakers, live worship, prayer, Adoration and celebration. Open to young people in **Year 9 and above**, with BCYS group places available from £30. For more information, please visit www.bcys.net/events

Brentwood Catholic Youth Service The BCYS offers retreats, events and pilgrimages for young people throughout the Diocese of Brentwood. If you'd like to get involved, you can find out more at **www.bcys.net** or follow **@BrentwoodCYS** on social media.

World Youth Day 2027 – Seoul: Join young people from around the world in Seoul, South Korea, from **1st–8th August 2027** for an unforgettable week of prayer, celebration, friendship and encountering the global Church. The BCYS pilgrimage is open to those aged **19–30** in August 2027, with applications now open. For more information, and to apply, please visit www.bcys.net/events

Sacred Heart of Mary, Upminster - 6th Form Open Evening Join us at Sacred Heart of Mary Girls' School 6th Form Open Evening on **Thursday, 12 November 2026, from 6–8pm**. Discover the exciting opportunities available, explore our courses and facilities, and find out what makes our Sixth Form a fantastic place to learn, grow and plan for the future. We look forward to welcoming prospective students and their families!

READING THE BIBLE THROUGH ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, has just published. *Reading the Bible through Advent and Christmas*. This new book includes commentary on all the Scripture readings for Mass throughout these two seasons. Full information about the book can be found on the homepage of the website *www.whatgoodnews.org*

Invitation to a Mass of Thanksgiving

All parishioners from across the diocese are warmly invited to attend a Mass of Thanksgiving to be Celebrated by **Bishop Timothy Menezes** following his appointment as **Bishop of the Diocese of Brentwood.** Join us as we gather in prayer and thanksgiving to welcome our new Bishop and seek God's blessing upon his ministry. All are welcome.

Masses will be celebrated in three locations:

Tuesday 8th Dec: 11:00 a.m – Cathedral Church of St Mary & St Helen, Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AT
Tuesday 8th Dec: 7:30 p.m – St Antony of Padua Church, St Antony's Road, Forest Gate, London E7 9QB

Wed 9th Dec: 7:00 p.m - St James the Less and St Helen Church, Priory Street, Colchester CO1 2QB

CHAPTER OF CANONS MASS will take place in the Cathedral Church of St Mary & St Helen, Brentwood on Monday, 14th December at 10.30am Celebrated by Bishop Timothy Menezes. All are very welcome to attend.

In the New Year there will be an opportunity for each deanery to welcome Bishop Timothy.