

The Catholic Parish of Ongar & Doddinghurst



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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Sunday 12h July 2020

Isaiah 55.10–11 Psalm 64 Romans 8.18–23
Matthew 13.1–23

Matthew portrays in this passage a contrast between what Jesus says to the crowds and how he instructs his disciples. The disciples who have made a commitment to Jesus will receive explanation and teaching 'thus those who have, more will be given', but to those just present out of curiosity, nothing is offered they see without seeing and listen without hearing'

The seed which is scattered is **the Word**, and it lands in many places; but it all too easily fails to produce a harvest, because the Word was never received with understanding (**edge of path**) or the initial enthusiasm wanes (**rocky ground**), or other things become more important (**the thorns**). Without commitment to discipleship, there is no understanding and so no harvest.

The parable states that disciples who have already made a commitment and continue to live a life of discipleship produce a rich harvest; good soil is required but that rich soil is **a life of faith & commitment** that allows the word to **be planted and take root**. As Isaiah tells us, God's word always carries out what it was intended to do.

Keep safe and well

Fr Emile

Please, read this carefully. This information will affect your Attendance Retiring collection This week end will be a collection for Apolostleship of the Sea (Sea Sunday) is when we have the opportunity to remember and pray for seafarers, their families and all who support them. Thank you for your donation

ST Helen Ongar CHURCHES is already OPEN FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP: Last Sunday about 15 parishioners attended Mass spread over the two Masses, all celebrated at St Helen the 2-metre distancing. As the faithful begin to return to Mass in greater numbers face-coverings will be needed in case the distancing reduces to 1-metre. A big thank you to those willing to volunteer stewards who will keep an eye on numbers and compliance with the rules, and to our cleaners, who sanitise after each Mass, and who give the church a thorough clean after each mass and on Fridays. Please remember that THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS ON SUNDAYS AND HOLY DAYS HAS BEEN SUSPENDED, and, if you are elderly, or frail for any reason, it may be wise not to come to Mass until it seems safer to do so. PLEASE DO NOT COME TO CHURCH OR ATTEND MASS if you feel ill, have a sore throat, are vulnerable, or ought to be shielding. .

Thank you to all our volunteers who worked tirelessly till now for our beautiful little church

Mass will be offered at St Helen's church 5:30 Saturday evening and 8:30 Sunday morning. There are changes both to seating and movement in the church and to the Mass itself:

- * There will be no singing and no Bidding Prayers
- * Stewards will be here to help with seating and social distancing
- * The East door will be used for entering and the West door for exiting.
- * There will be no access to a toilet and no gathering after mass
- * Families may sit together on a single pew, otherwise there is a limit of 3 persons per pew. There are fewer pews available for seating.
- * The church capacity is now 30 people if there are families attending, fewer if only individuals.
- * Please bring your own mask if you feel the need to wear one.

For everyone's health concern we must maintain social distancing, so it is very important to let us know. There is still no Sunday obligation.

May God bless all of you. We thank God for the donation our Church. received from Robert Hattrell £1500, paid on 15 March 2020. Receive a Big Thank you Rob Hattrell all parishioners for the support you gave once again for the Church at Ongar & Doddinghurst.

Congratulations to **Marvin Bourke** who came home after the surgery. Thank God for **Adrian Smith** who is recovering at home. **Let us praise God for all those signs of love**. Let us Pray for all friends and families.

Pray for Bill Tillott who is in St Marguerite Hospital. Peter davenport will update us. Two weeks ago I spoke to Bill.

PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: If it is convenient, you can always make your contribution by bank transfer or standing order .Alternatively, you can put your money aside and bring it to the church or presbytery when you can. If it is convenient to you to make your contribution by bank transfer, these are our bank details for both churches: These are our bank details:

Name: **Catholic Church of Ongar St Helens (Catholic Church Ongar)**

HSBC, 91 High Street, Brentwood.

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

Your OFFERTORY ENVELOPES (**GIFT AID**) are available for collection from the Church Porch and can be picked up any time the church is open. If you have any queries, please contact Bernard Adams on 01277 823 511. Your box have your name, post-code and door number on it. If there is no box for you, please speak to Bernard Adams

Parish Prayer Group: The Prayer Group is still active, though not meeting in person. If you have a prayer request or would like to join with group in its prayers, please email a.robertson54@hotmail.com.

First Holy Communion: The Parents have been asked to teach their own children from the book, chapter by chapter, week by week, so that the children are prepared. Once classes can resume, arrangements will be made for the children to show the Catechists that they are ready to make their first Holy Communion. This might perhaps be possible at a date Fr Emile and Dolores will define. Please note that the celebrations will be small scale and very restrained.

Church Security: Unfortunately, due to some unpleasant vandalism in the car park, the church **gate must be locked overnight** when the church is locked. This will continue when lockdown is over.

Harlow Food-bank Donation: Trussell Trust have announced the last fortnight has seen the greatest ever need for emergency food parcels up 81 percent on same 2 weeks last year and up 122percent for need of parcels for children. We are still able to take our weekly car load to the Storehouse from the Ongar area thanks to those who donate in Sainsbury . You can also donate online at [https:// www.trusselltrust.org/make-a-donation/](https://www.trusselltrust.org/make-a-donation/) .in our parish account.

At the time of writing, St Marguerite is not yet opened for social gatherings and worship / Mass. We will keep you informed .

If you are a professional in any field or not , your parish is really looking for you .Come to talk to the parish priest to offer anything your parish may need to go forward .

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME(A)
Feria (Sea Sunday)

Note that all Celebrations are taking place at St Helen, Ongar.

(StH) Sat 11th JULY

5.30pm : **Carmen Blackett (Birthday)**

(StH) Sun 12th June

8:30am: The Terry Family int (Mary & Bernard Adams)

Mon 13h July: **Feria**

(Ilford) 09.30am: Bill Tillott speedy recovery

Tues 14th July : **Feria**

(StH) 9.00am: Linda Thomas Get well (Josie Byrne)

Wed 15th July **St Bonaventure Bp, D**

(StH) 9:00am : Margaret Mc Laughlin int (Josie Byrne)

Thu 16th July : **Feria**

(StH) 9.00am: Manuel Santos (RIP)

Fri 17h July: **Feria**

(StH) 9.00am :

Sat 18th July:

(StH) **(Sat) 5.30pm St Benedict, Abbot Patron of Europe**

Sun 19th July: SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

(StH) 8.30am: People of the Parish

PRAYER LIST: Mike Anthony, Josie Biggs, Carmen Blackett, Marvin Bourke, Joan Cooper, Kathleen Cullen, Matthew Dansey, Yvonne D'Cruz, Richard Denton, Kathleen Donovan, Chris Easter, Ann Fahey, Anne Fagan, Lucy Gay, Emma Harnett, Harry & Family, Ron Hawkins, Maria Hickey, Jane & Family, Joanie, Douglas Jason, Joanna Keen, Sharon Lewis, Vivian Levett, Anna Lumley, Dean Macaree, Joan Marshall, Ian Maxwell, Sybil McCloud, Ishbel McGregor, Norman Miller, William Mortimer, Billy Nurse, Alan Nyman, Paul Nyman, Leslie Pay, Elizabeth Rainsbury, Ann Rayment, Bruna Roberts, Verone Rotanga, Kathy Scott, Margaret Simons, Sophie, Amelia Solomon, Mary Sage, Marie Sainsbury, June Sherry, Adrian Smith, Jean Thurston, Pam Townsend, John Varellas, Michael Weaver, Ellen Witt, Ruby & Tony Woodford, Harrison Wybow and all those afflicted by Covid-19.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Hall Bookings: Please contact Ann Rayment 01277 824029
New Parishioners: Please introduce yourself to Fr Emile
Steward of the Gospel: Alan Chapman: 01277 822793
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