



PARISH NEWSLETTER



St. Helen's Catholic Church
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MASS: Sat. 17:30 Sun. 08:30

MASS: Sun. 10:00



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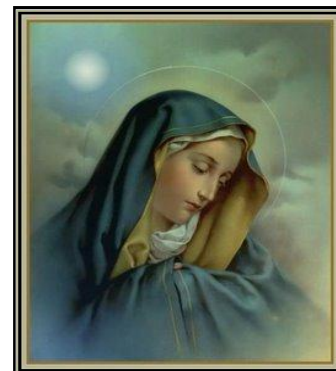
CONFESSION, BAPTISM & MARRIAGE BY APPOINTMENT

15th/16th August 2015
Mass Books: 102 old, 104 new

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (b)

Readings: Apocalypse 11:19,12:1-6,10|1 Corinthians 15:20-26|Luke 1:39-56

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a reminder of our own destiny. Where she has gone (Heaven) we are invited to follow. Today let us remember that our time on earth is simply a preparation for eternity in paradise. Jesus has opened the gates to heaven let us be prepared for our time with him and all the saints.



Mass intentions this week:-

Sat	15th August	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	5.30 pm	Bridget Sheridan RIP (Eileen Sunail)
Sun	16th August	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	8.30 am 10.00 am	Stephen Lodge RIP (Fiona Parker)
Mon	17th August	Feria	9.00 am	
Tues	18th August	Feast of St. Helen	8.00 pm	People of the parish
Wed	19th August	Feria	12 noon	Fr. Andrew RIP (Peggy Hayes)
Thurs	20th August	St. Bernard, Ab, D Followed by exposition	9.00	
Fri	21st August	St. Pius X, P	9.00 am	
Sat	22nd August	21st Sunday in Ordinary time	5.30 pm	
Sun	23rd August	21st Sunday in Ordinary time	8.30 am 10.00 am	Carly Hullock RIP (Ann Rayment)



WE HAVE CHILDREN'S LITURGY ON SUNDAYS FOR CHILDREN AGED 3 & ABOVE—
AT THE 5.30 P.M. MASS, ST. HELEN'S, AND 10.00 A.M. MASS, ST. MARGARET'S.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY :

FEAST OF ST. HELEN : 18th August Mass at 8.00pm at St. Helen's Church, Ongar guest speaker : Fr. Paul Keane (Vice-Rector of Oscott Seminary)

QUIZ FOR BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDRENS SOCIETY : Saturday 12th September at St. Margaret's Doddinghurst, time to be advised.

FAMILY FUN DAY : 20th September after the 10am Mass at Doddinghurst

FEAST OF ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND : Sunday 15th November Mass at 10.00am at Doddinghurst

HALLOWEEN THEMED JAZZ NIGHT : 31st October at St. Margaret's Church Hall, Doddinghurst

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR : 5th December, Budworth Hall, Ongar

CHRISTMAS CONCERT : 12th December at St. Margaret's Church Hall, Doddinghurst

(if you have any events that you want advertised in the newsletter, or any that are missing from this list, please contact the presbytery and it will be included in this section each week). It would be appreciated if entries for the newsletter could be forwarded no later than Wednesday afternoon for that week's publication.

Thank you

Mass Intentions for Ongar and Doddinghurst : Please inform Fr. Graham of any Mass intentions that you wish to include, using the brown envelopes provided, and include preferred dates and times of masses for the intentions. Thank you.

Fire Regulations : following the fire drill which took place at St. Helen's recently, if anybody has a condition which would be an impediment in the event of a fire, please inform one of the fire marshalls so that they are aware of the situation.

Keys : for insurance purposes it is necessary for a list to be made of people who are holding keys to the Presbytery. If you are holding a key would you please inform Fr. Graham. *Thank you*

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Hour will be held after Mass every Thursday. You are invited to spend an hour with Our Lord in front of the Blessed Sacrament for a time of prayer and reflection, finishing with Benediction. During our Holy Hour on Thursday mornings we will be praying for the Pope's prayer intentions for August which is :

- ◆ **Universal** : That volunteers may give themselves generously to the service of the needy.
- ◆ **Evangelisation** : That setting aside our very selves we may learn to be neighbours to those who find themselves on the margins of human life and society.

The Feast of St. Helen, 18th August : This year we are marking the feast of St. Helen in Ongar with an evening Mass with a guest preacher. I have invited Fr. Paul Keane who is the Vice Rector of Oscott seminary in Birmingham and a priest of this diocese to preach at this special Mass. Fr. Paul was born in East London in Upton Park and was educated at The Oratory School in the Westminster diocese, completed his degree in History at Cambridge then trained to be a priest in The English College in Rome. Fr. Paul is an engaging speaker and is a published author of a book about the English Martyrs. Please come to hear Fr. Paul and join us for refreshments afterwards.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

ILL/HOUSEBOUND? - TO ARRANGE COMMUNION AT HOME—Please phone Sheena Mackintosh on 01277 821524.

HALL LETTINGS & BOOKING INFORMATION—Ann Rayment (01277 824029)

NEW PARISHIONERS—If you are new to the Parish please introduce yourself to Fr. Graham.

NEWSLETTER—If you have an item for the Newsletter (**Deadline Wednesday**), or have someone you wish to be included in our Prayers section please phone the Presbytery (01277 362645).

e-mail ongar@dioceseofbrentwood.org, or post hard copy to the Presbytery. Thank you.

Please also inform the Presbytery if someone no longer needs to be included in our Prayers section.

GIFT AID ORGANIZER—Bernard Adams (01277 823511)

YOUNG PEOPLE'S REPRESENTATIVE—Alison Sainsbury (01992 522477) email alisainsbury@hotmail.com

Catholic Culture Club news: Next meeting is on Thursday 27th August in the presbytery at 7:30 p.m. Our next book to read and discuss is "The Alchemist" by Paulo Coelho. The novel tells the tale of Santiago, a boy who has a dream and the courage to follow it. After listening to "the signs" the boy ventures in his personal journey of exploration and self-discovery, symbolically searching for a hidden treasure located near the pyramids in Egypt. This club is an open meeting which means that all are welcome. Please join us if you would like to discuss the book and the issues raised.

Baptism : this weekend we welcome Elliott Allwright into our Church family, son of Sandra and Bradley. May God bless Elliott and his family

Congratulations : On Sunday 23rd August, Pat and John Allan will be celebrating 40 years of marriage, they will be renewing their wedding vows at the 10am Mass at St. Margaret's. After Mass there will be cakes for anyone wishing to stay behind for refreshments.

DIOCESAN NEWS

National Day of Prayer and Fasting for Life. On Friday 14th August, Feast of St. Maximilian Kolbe and Vigil of The Assumption please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed so that the women helped by The Good Counsel Network

will receive the Grace from God to continue their pregnancies. For information on the days of Prayer and Fasting contact The Good Counsel Network on 020 7723 1740 or see www.goodcounselnetwork.com.

Pilgrimages : (1) Our Lady Queen of Peace Apostolate are going to the Holy Land. The price is £750 which includes flights, half board, transfer and excursions, for seven days with a luxury coach and a local guide. The first pilgrimage will be from 11th November, please contact Carmen on the telephone number below to give details of your preferred dates and for further information.

(2) To celebrate St. Teresa of Avila's 5th centenary in Spain between 3rd and 7th September 2015 (price £700) with flights and half board, 3 star hotel and a local guide for daily visits. Please contact 01277 821886 /07738595534 for further details.

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society : a quiz night will be held throughout the diocese with the winning teams from each event attending a grand final at the Cathedral in November. I have been asked to arrange the quiz in our parish. It will be held on the evening of Saturday 12th September at St. Margaret's Hall. Tickets will be £6.00 and it will start at 7.30pm. Please bring your own drinks and nibbles. Please help me to make this a successful evening, and give your support to our local children's charity. I can be contacted on 01277 823485. Thank you.

Audrey McGill

Home to School Transport : You may be aware that Essex LA have re-tendered their contractor for statutory provision of Home-to-School Transport. This means that those who wish to pay for a seat for their child, although not eligible for this transport, may not be able to get their children into a Catholic School. Might there not be a case for organising shared transport among the parents, or parents and parish organising private transport for those Catholics wishing to send their children to Catholic schools and are willing to pay? If so, the necessary arrangements need to be in place during August, particularly for those whose children are attending Reception in the Primary school, or Yr. 7 in the Secondary school.

Further to the above, parents considering alternative shared transport for pupils to and from school are welcome to benefit from the experiences of a mother who initiated and continues to organise a successful solution for her own and other children. Surrey County Council withdrew coaches to Catholic schools from outlying areas two years ago but groups of parents have overcome this by acquiring access to suitable mini-buses and sharing driving responsibilities through a volunteer rota. If you'd like to know more about how this type of scheme can be organised and operated, parishioners Neil and Valerie McCarthy -- 01277 822882 or ncjmccarthy@gmail.com will put you in contact with their daughter, Kirstin.

Tutoring : if private tutoring is required in Maths and English, please contact Helen Goodwin on 07835708841.

RSCM-EEL Annual Choral Festival 2015. This year in the beautiful setting of Brentwood Cathedral on Saturday 26th September, 10am - 5pm Festival service at 4pm **MUSIC IN THE LITURGY** An invitation to all singers to join us for an exciting and innovative day of music making culminating in a liturgical celebration of music for worship. Featuring music by Alan Bullard (including a Magnificat and Nunc dimittis especially composed for the occasion) and a dialogue sermon with the Bishop of Brentwood. *Put the date in your diaries now.* Further information will be available from our web site <http://www.rscm-eel.org.uk>, or email shirleytimmins@btinternet.com

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, DODDINGHURST



CREAM TEAS

IN PRIEST HOUSE

**AFTERNOON TEA WITH
CREAM TEA OR
HOME MADE CAKES**

SUNDAY
21ST JUNE
19TH JULY
16TH AUGUST
20TH SEPTEMBER

**2:30 TO
4:30 P.M.**



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH WILL BE OPEN TO VISITORS

FAMILY FUN AFTERNOON

St. Margaret's, Sunday 20th September, Noon-4.30 p.m



FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY
EVERYONE WELCOME!



FORGET THE COOKING! COME FOR LUNCH
& AFTERNOON TEA.

Activities being considered:

Barbecue



Beer/Wine Tent, Soft Drinks.

Afternoon Teas

Bouncy Castle

Children's Entertainer

Football or Rounders

Yard/Half Yard of Ale competition (squash for the children)

Treasure Hunt

Raffle

Races including Egg & Spoon Race, Sack Race.

Tug of War



We need your ideas and some more volunteers

If you would like to help plan the event, or contribute in any way
please contact Leslie Pay on 01277 824029

I am hoping for some more volunteers to help with ideas to plan the event and to help on the day. Also, previously we have run a talent competition, which the children (and some adults) seemed to enjoy enormously. I will do this again this year if there is enough interest. So please contact me if you can help with the event in any way, and also let me know if you or your child (children) would like to show off their talent(s).

Thank you. Leslie Pay 01277 824029.

PRAYERS

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR ALL SICK & HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS.

Gail & Family Charmaine Arnold Debbie Arnold Jonathan Arnold Rev. Jason Askew Reg Baines Barry Eileen Bendon Julie Bentley Sheila Boar Jacques Bouchard Colum Bresing Don Brockman Robert Catherine 'Charlie' (great Grand-son of Mary & Bernard Adams) Sue Collis Holly Cooper Jennifer Curtis Charles Dabourn Maureen Dempsey Sonia Denton Francesca Diana Beryl Dodson Harry & Oliver Dowsett Clifford Dowsett Sister Marie Andre (Dullaghan) Chris Easter Mark Ellis Mary Enright Peter Fabrizi Sandra Fagan Fran Francis Jean Gaughran The Grimshaw Family Joan Grotzinger Alice Hadley (Fiona Parker's niece) Henry Hamilton Annette Healey Charlotte Herridge Christine Hilton Katherine Hinton Alan Hopkins Sister Joyce Jowers Kathleen (Ireland) Theresa Kavanagh Joanna Keen Kate, Julian & family, Annie Freshwater, Tara Kelly-Hassett Maria Kemp Peter King Katie Leadley (Baby) Bethany Leutchford Maura Macmahon Beatriz Manzo Margaret Maynard Keith Miller Pat Mortimer Jim Mulvey Alan Nyman John O'Donovan Patrick O'Sullivan Tony Packman Pam, John & family, Carol Perkins & family René Rabbe Nick Rainsford Arthur Rhodes Bernadette Rigler Bruna Roberts Derek Rose Ray Saunders Mary Scott Patricia Sherwin Bernard Simmons Alexa Smith Ann Smith Aaron Smith Eileen Smith Pat Spicer Elizabeth Straszynski Suzanne & baby Florence Neil Tanner Joe Toland Simon Truelove Bill Tween Jacques Visser Margaret Volkaerts Lily Walsh Welma (Verone's mother) Hope & Tracy Stringer Molly Watson Sharon Weaver Michael Weaver Michael Weston Dolly Allen Annabel Wing Chris Easter Sunil Menon Gail Crowe Janet Mitchell Ivy Denton Lesley Denton Ian Maxwell Sophie's unborn baby



Those at: Dudbrook Hall – Freda Godfrey Eileen Margaret Hood

Howard Lodge – Marjorie Robbins, Maureen Walsh, Kevin & Kathleen O'Donnell, Sheila Davies, Yvonne D'Cruz Jane Jowers

May they all be touched by God's healing hand.

Please contact the Presbytery if anyone no longer needs to be on the Prayer List.

ROTAS		15th/16th August	22nd/23rd August
Vestment Colours		White	Green
ST. HELEN'S			
Eucharistic Ministers	5.30 pm 8.30 am Ongar	(A) Pauline Jane/Peter Jim	Sheena Lauren Lauren
Reader	5.30 pm 8.30 am	Anne Robertson Bernard Hayden	Aidan Hughes Christina Aston
Bell Ringer	5.30 pm	-	-
Welcomer	8.30 am 5.30 pm 8.30 am	Eddie Tighe - Helen	William Mortimer - Lauren
Children's Liturgy	5.30 pm	-	-
Cleaning		?	Anne
Flowers		Lillian	Lesley
ST. MARGARET'S			
Eucharistic Ministers	10.00 am Howard Lodge Dudbrook Hall	(B) Teresa/Mary <i>Sheena</i> Kathy (C) Pauline (D) Andy (E) Sheena	Joanne.Hope <i>Kathy</i> Lorraine Delores Mary C Sheena
Chairs		Graham Bateson	James Pay
Welcomer		Jenny	Ann
Sacristan		Jenny Smith	Julie Gilligan
Reader		Fiona Parker	Jane Gay
Bidding Prayers		Carol Terry/Meaghan	Dhilma
Psalmists		Carol	Errol
Children's Liturgy		No Liturgy	No Liturgy
Teas		Jim Townsend	Clara Greenaway
Flowers		Sue Potter	Margaret Bates