



The Catholic Parish of Ongar & Doddinghurst



St. Helen's Catholic Church
The Presbytery
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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Readings: Exodus 32: 7-11,13-14 / 1 Timothy 1:12-17 / Luke 15: 1-32

The parables of lost sheep, coin, and son. Each one of us is God's child, loved by Jesus who looks for us like a Shepherd searches for his lost sheep. Christ Jesus, God dwelling in our human life, rejoices when one finds his way back home to him. God initiates the search for the lost and doesn't cease until he finds.
Can we imitate him?

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

**At St. Margaret's Doddinghurst*

Saturday 10 th	Vigil Mass	5.30pm	
Sunday 11 th	Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	People of the Parish
		10.00am*	Ron Morris RIP (Gilligan Family)
Monday 12 th	Feria		NO MASS
Tuesday 13 th	St. John Chrysostom	9.00am	Lally & Frank Falco RIP (Paul Falco)
Wednesday 14 th	Exaltation of the Holy Cross	12.00pm	
Thursday 15 th	Our Lady of Sorrows Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	9.00am	
Friday 16 th	Ss Cornelius and Cyprian	9.00am	
Saturday 17 th	Vigil Mass	5.30pm	People of the Parish
<i>Saturdays at St Helen's 4.30pm-5pm (and by request) - Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>			
Sunday 18 th	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	
		10.00am*	Ron Morris RIP (Mary & Bernard Adams)



WE HAVE CHILDREN'S LITURGY FOR CHILDREN AGED 3 & ABOVE AT THE SATURDAY 5.30PM MASS, ST. HELEN'S, AND SUNDAY 10.00AM MASS, ST. MARGARET'S.

CONTACT INFORMATION & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Ill/Housebound: Please call Sheena Mackintosh to arrange communion at home on 01277 821524

Hall Bookings: Ann Rayment 01277 824029

New Parishioners: Please introduce yourself to Fr. Emile

Newsletter & Prayer List: Eileen 01277 362645

Gift Aid Organiser: Bernard Adams 01277 823511

Family Fun Day: 18th September, 12.00pm, St. Margaret's

PPC Meeting: Thursday 22nd September, 7.30pm, Presbytery

Philosophers Arms: 26th September, 7:30 pm, Kings Head

Welcome Fr Emile & Farewell Fr Graham: Friday 30th September, 7.00pm, St. Margaret's

Mass Attendances: Sat: 42 Sun 8.30am: 57 Sun 10am: 68

Offertory: Env: £..... Loose Plate: £..... **Total: £400**

WEEKLY ROTAS

Date	Mass	Reader	Bidding Prayers	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 10 th	5.30pm	Anne Roberston		Jane / Peter
Sunday 11 th	8.30am	Christina Aston		Delores
	10.00am	Graham Bateson	Fiona Parker (Louise)	Julie / Mary / Lorraine
Saturday 17 th	5.30pm	Aidan Hughes		Sally
Sunday 18 th	8.30am	John Sherry		Lauren
	10.00am	Errol Woodburn	John Adams	Teresa / Julie / Sheena

Complete rotas are available on the website - www.catholic-parish-ongar.org.uk/rotas

PARISH NEWS

Farewell Fr. Graham & Welcome Fr Emile: A reminder that we will be having a fish and chip supper at St. Margaret's on Friday 30th Sept to wish Fr Graham well and welcome Fr Emile Nkumu to the parish. The cost will be £7pp. Please complete the form below and submit it with your payment to either Eileen at St. Helen's or to Brendan at St. Margaret's. Please reply as soon as possible, and no later than Sunday 25th September, as we shall need to finalise the order.

Keys at St. Helen's: Can those who have keys to either the church or the presbytery at St. Helen's please return them to Eileen as soon as possible. New keys will be issued and distributed where necessary over the coming weeks.

PPC News: Although the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) has not met formally, please note some matters that we wish to bring to your attention: Fr. Emile will have Monday as his day off, subject to any previous arrangements that require him to be in attendance in the Parish on that day. Therefore there will be no Mass on Monday but Fr Emile is hoping to introduce a Eucharistic Service in the very near future.

Fr. Emile wishes to reinstate the Sacrament of Reconciliation which, from 11th September, will be available each Saturday from 4.30pm to 5pm at St. Helen's Church, or on request.

The forthcoming PPC meeting to be held on 22nd September is very important and will continue as planned. The meeting will start at 7.30pm with Mass at St. Helen's and then continue in the Presbytery from around 8pm.

Maintenance & Health & Safety at St. Margaret's: Chris Beith has decided to step down as both Health & Safety representative for St. Margaret's and from looking after the general maintenance. If you are willing to volunteer to take over one or both of these positions from Chris, please contact the presbytery or speak with Fr Emile.

Catholic Education Service: There will be a Diocesan second collection this week in aid of Catholic Education. Please do give what you are able.

Home Mission Day: There will be a Diocesan second collection next week in aid of Home Mission Day. Please do give what you are able.

Mike Fitzgerald Charity Walk: Over the past 3 years I have been fundraising to raise money for research into Motor Neurone disease which has taken my brother, Barry. I will walk through Switzerland and over the St Bernard Pass and on to Rome, a distance of 725 miles. I hope to complete this walk in 35 days and would ask you to support this very worthy cause. Please see me after Mass this week or next or visit my donation page at <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/michaelfitzgerald2>

Quiz Night: There will be a quiz night on Friday 16th Sept at 7.30pm at Frank Bretton house in Ongar in aid of Ongar in Bloom. Tickets will be £10 and include a buffet. For tickets or more information please contact Alan Brindley on 01277 362037.

Philosophers Arms: The next meeting of the Philosopher's Arms will be on Monday 26th September, 7:30pm at the Kings Head in Ongar to discuss 'Do we waste too much food?'

DIOCESAN NEWS

Year of Mercy Autumn Talks - Cathedral House Conference Centre, Brentwood

'*Living the Works of Mercy in a secular age*' Speaker: Fr Martin Boland, Saturday 1st October 2016, 10.30am-12.00noon.

'The Four Last Things' Speaker: Bishop Emeritus Thomas, Saturday 15th October 2016, 10:30 - 12:00noon.

'Transformed by Mercy' Speaker: Bishop Alan, SM, Saturday 5th November 2016, 10:30 - 12:00noon.

To book a place, please contact the Brentwood Religious Education Service (BRES) Office on 01277 265285 or email:

jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Study Day at Gidea Park: Fr Adrian Graffy will lead a study day entitled 'God's Mercy is from Age to Age: the mercy of God in the Old Testament' on Saturday 8th October from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH. The study day in this Year of Mercy will explore the presence of God's mercy in the Scriptures. Admission is free, tea and coffee will be provided, but please bring a packed lunch. It is essential to book your place and this should be done by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com

Healing Mass at Abbotswick House of Prayer, Brentwood to be celebrated by Fr Eamonn Power at 2.30pm on Wednesday 21st September 2016. Please call 01277 373959 or visit www.abbotswick.org for more information. All are welcome!

PRAYER LIST

Please continue to pray for all sick and housebound parishioners and friends.

Ann & Frances, Bruna Roberts, Ellen Witt, Maureen McGuinness, Betty Boulwood, Mary Sage, Marjorie Robbins, Maureen Walsh, Kevin O'Donnell, Sheila Davies, Yvonne D'Cruz, Jane Jowers, Lucy Callabritto, Joan Marshall, Anne Fagan, Chris Easter, Margaret Bates, Joan Scully, Richard Denton, Alan Nyman, Lily Bourke, Ian Maxwell, Douglas Jason, Trudi Burrows, Marie Sainsbury, Sybil McCloud, Norman Miller, Kathleen Walsh.

Fish & Chip Supper - 30th September

I will be attending the fish & chip supper to welcome Fr Emile to the parish and bid farewell to Fr Graham on Friday 30th September and will require the following meals:

NAME:.....

I require Fish meals I require Chicken meals

I enclose £..... as payment

Please return to Eileen in the Presbytery or Brendan at St. Margaret's

Please ensure that you are aware of the position of the emergency FIRE EXIT door in the Church



**Diocese of Brentwood
Education Department**

From Robert Simpson, Diocesan Director of Education – 1st September 2016

Applying for a place in a Catholic school for September 2017

DIOCESAN GUIDANCE TO PARENTS/CARERS

Dear Parents/Carers,

If you are intending to apply for a place for your child for next September in a Catholic Secondary School, you will probably already know that the process changed last year.

Instead of asking your Priest to complete a reference form regarding your Catholicity which he would then send directly to the school, you now need to see your Parish Priest and ask him for a Certificate of Catholic Practice. Your Parish Priest will give this to you providing he is satisfied you are a practising Catholic. You will then need to take this to the Catholic School to which you are applying, together with your child's Baptismal Certificate (or Certificate of Reception where appropriate).

If you do not, for whatever reason, qualify for a Certificate of Catholic Practice and your child is baptised, then your application will come into the next category for Baptised Catholic Children. For further details, please read carefully the admissions criteria/arrangements of the Catholic school to which you wish to apply.

If you think you are likely to be, in this second category, **please do still apply** in the normal way, as explained by the Catholic school or the Local Authority, and remember to take a copy of your child's **Baptismal Certificate** to the school.

Yours sincerely,

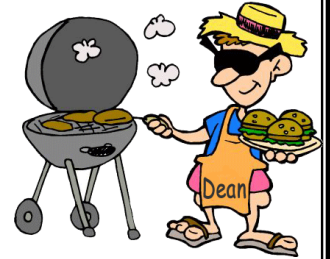
Robert Simpson
Diocesan Director of Education

FAMILY FUN AFTERNOON

St. Margaret's, Sunday 18th September, Noon-4.30 p.m



**FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY
EVERYONE WELCOME!**



**FORGET THE COOKING! COME FOR LUNCH
& AFTERNOON TEA.**

Dean's Delicious Barbecue

Licensed Beer & Wine Tent + Soft Drinks.

Afternoon Teas, including home made scones

Bouncy Castle provided by Phil (Phil's Paradise Promotions)

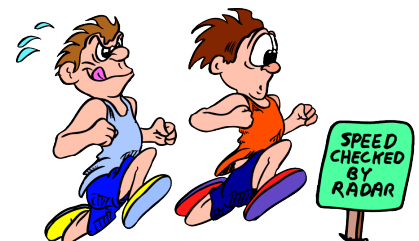
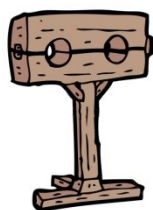
Half-Yard of Ale competition (squash for the children)

Raffle

Races including Egg & Spoon Race, Sack Race.

Tug of War

Stocks



For any other information please contact Leslie Pay on 01277 824029