



PARISH NEWSLETTER



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Parish Priest : Fr. Graham Smith
 MASS: Sat. 17:30 Sun. 08:30

MASS: Sun. 10:00



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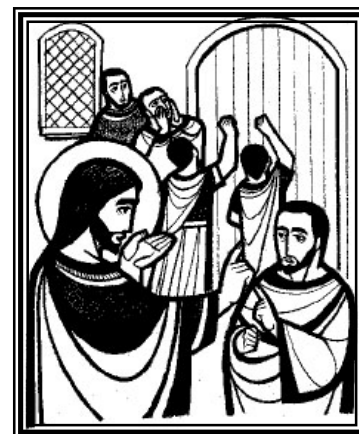
CONFESSION, BAPTISM & MARRIAGE BY APPOINTMENT

22nd/23rd August 2015
 Mass Books: 60 old, 65 new

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (b)

Joshua 24:1-2a,15-17,18b, Psalm 34:2-3,16-17,18-19,20-21, Ephesians 5:21-32, John 6:60-69.

This conclusion of the 'Bread of Life' sayings from John's Gospel today focuses on personal faith in the life of Christian discipleship. Each person must make his or her own judgment about who Jesus is and in doing so determine the way of life that he or she will follow. God's grace invites us to be Jesus' disciples, but each person must respond to the grace of God and confess as his or her own the belief that Jesus is the one from God. This faith then commits us to the path of life, leading us to eternal life.



Mass intentions this week:-

Sat	22nd August	21st Sunday in Ordinary time	5.30 pm	Patrick Lukwago RIP (Jennifer Mabwog)
Sun	23rd August	21st Sunday in Ordinary time	8.30 am 10.00 am	Carly Hullock RIP (Ann Rayment)
Mon	24th August	St. Bartholomew, Ap	9.00 am	
Tues	25th August	Feria	9.00 pm	
Wed	26th August	Feria	12 noon	Christopher Blackett (Carmen)
Thurs	27th August	St. Monica followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	9.00	
Fri	28th August	St. Augustine, Bp, D	9.00 am	
Sat	29th August	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	5.30 pm	Sean O'Brien's intentions (Mick McCarthy)
Sun	30th August	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30 am 10.00 am	People of the Parish Fr. Andrew RIP & Lesley Boyall RIP (the Arnell Family)



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 :

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.

Reserved Seating at St. Margaret's : Please note that the row of seats next to the fire exit in St. Margaret's is reserved for parents with babies and small children who have buggies and pushchairs, to prevent congestion at the back of the Church. It would be appreciated if the row could be left vacant for this purpose. Thank you for your co-operation.

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.

Buffet Lunch : There is to be a buffet lunch to belatedly welcome Fr. Graham to our parish. The lunch will be held on Sunday 6th September at the Balti House in Brentwood at 1.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and the cost will be £9.95 per person. Please bring your own drinks. If you would like to join us, please contact Bill Hamilton on 01277 822863.

Ishbel McGregor requests that the petition in the lobby at Church is signed to request that the Council proceed with the repair and reinstatement of the pavements in Ongar as they are in a state of disrepair.

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 : on 30th August we welcome Thomas Smith into our Church family, son of Sally and Bradley. May God bless Thomas 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

Pilgrimage to Walsingham for Our Lady Queen of Peace Day of Prayer will be taking place on **Sunday 31st August**. The cost is £15 per person, there are eight seats available and reservations will be on a first come first served basis. The seats will need to be paid for in advance. The Pilgrimage will include Rosary, Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The coach will be leaving Brentwood Cathedral at 8am sharp. For further details or to book a place, please contact Carmen on 01277 821886.

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.

Dolly Allen Paul Aston 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 Gail Crowe Jennifer Curtis Charles Dabourn Maureen Dempsy Ivy Denton Lesley Denton 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 Ian Maxwell Margaret Maynard Sunil Menon Keith Miller Janet Mitchell 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 Sophie's unborn baby 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 Annabel Wing



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		22nd/23rd August	29th/30th August
Vestment Colours		Green	Green
ST. HELEN'S			
Eucharistic Ministers	5.30 pm 8.30 am Ongar	(A) Sheena Lauren Lauren	Alison/Brian/Marie Clare Amanda Jane/Peter
Reader	5.30 pm 8.30 am	Aidan Hughes Christina Aston	Kathy Hamilton Bill Readman
Bell Ringer	5.30 pm	-	-
Welcomer	8.30 am 5.30 pm 8.30 am	William Mortimer - Lauren	Clive Cullen - Gillian
Children's Liturgy	5.30 pm	-	-
Cleaning Flowers		Anne Lesley	Sandy Lesley
ST. MARGARET'S			
Eucharistic Ministers	10.00 am Howard Lodge Dudbrook Hall	(B) Joanne.Hope Kathy Lorraine (C) Delores (D) Mary C (E) Sheena	Sarah/Teresa Sheena Jim Pauline Andy Pauline
Chairs		James Pay	Dean Macaree
Welcomer		Ann	Carol
Sacristan		Julie Gilligan	Kath Bishop
Reader		Jane Gay	Sarah Gilligan
Bidding Prayers		Dhilma	Hope Terry-Roberts
Psalmists		Errol	Margaret
Children's Liturgy		No Liturgy	No Liturgy
Teas		Clara Greenaway	Jenny Smith
Flowers		Margaret Bates	Ann Bateson