

# The Catholic Parish of Ongar & Doddinghurst



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## EASTER SUNDAY

### THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (C)

SUNDAY 17TH APRIL, 2022

Acts 10.34, 37-43, Psalm 117 Colossians 3.1-4 John 20.1-9

The importance of witnessing is an immediate consequence of the Resurrection.

The Gospel of John has a wonderful account of the Resurrection: 'they have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him.' And when Peter and John arrive, they see nothing to explain what has happened – the stone is moved away, there is no body, but the burial cloths are lying around.

Yet the simple sight of the empty tomb is enough for the beloved disciple: 'he saw, and he believed' – the implication is that the one who is the beloved disciple, because of his love, is able to see through the confusion and indeed perceive – the understanding is a consequence of his love and faith. When the early Church rejected the Gospel of Peter – and so many other 'apocryphal' writings – it did so because it recognised that belief in the resurrection was not a consequence of spectacle, but of faith rooted in knowledge of the Lord and a deep love coming from that – as it still is.

Keep yourself safe and well. *Fr Emile.*



### **Easter Message**

Wishing you all a very happy & blessed Easter! Have a truly wonderful Celebration. I pray for all of you who have worked in preparation for this day. May all of you get some rest and relaxation. I would like to thank all the parishioners for the help and support shown to me and to the parish. - Fr. Emile

**Congratulations** to Edel & Martin McDonagh who were married on the 25th June 2021. They are pleased to announce they have a new baby boy who was born on 22nd April 2022.

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR TONY KASS**

Caroline Kass, daughter-in-law of Tony Kass let us know that Tony is very unwell and also please pray for his wife Veronica.

### **Walk of Witness**

Basil Vaz will be representing our church as part of the Ongar Churches Together on Good Friday 15th April by carrying the cross from St. Helen's for the Walk of Witness. This will start at 10am at St. James Church, visiting St. Helen's where there will be a hymn and short reading, the Library, St. Martin's and finishing at the United Reformed Church, followed by refreshments.

### **First Holy Communions**

We will pray for the First Holy Communion Children that they may continue to deepen their relationship with Christ. The next lesson with the theme 'Giving Thanks for Creation' for the children making their First Holy Communion will be on Wednesday 20th April at St. Margaret's Hall, Doddinghurst.

### **100 Club**

Thank you to everyone who supports the Parish by being a member of the 100 Club. This raises a small but regular income and gives the members a chance to win every month. If you are not already a member, you can collect application forms from either Church, the parish office or from the website or renew your subscription for next year.

The cost is £24 a year - either cash, cheque or via standing order. 50% of the income goes to the Parish and 50% to the monthly winner.

**EASTER SERVICES 2022**  
**HOLY WEEK**



<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME OF SERVICE</b>	<b>CHURCH</b>
Palm Sunday 10th April	8.45am	St. Helen's
	10.30am	St. Margaret's
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	No Service	St. Helen's
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	9.00am	St. Helen's
	7.00pm Penitential Service	St. Margaret's
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	4.00pm Penitential Service	St. Helen's
Maundy Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	7.30pm	St. Margaret's
Good Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	3.00pm	St. Helen's
Saturday Vigil Mass 16 <sup>th</sup> April	7.30pm	St. Margaret's
Easter Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	8.45am	St. Helen's
	10.30am	St. Margaret's

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES - APRIL 2022-MARCH 2023**

Most parishioners who contribute to the Parish Gift Aid scheme using the special weekly envelopes will by now have received their supply for the coming financial year. However, some will find that their envelopes are ready for collection from the Presbytery.

If you are a member of the scheme and have not received your envelopes and you find that they are not available at the Presbytery, then please contact Bernard Adams, the Parish Gift Aid Organiser on 01277 823511.

**Newsletter Prayer Request from St. Margaret's: Hail Holy Queen**

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy,  
hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope.  
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve:  
to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears.  
Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us,  
and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus,  
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!  
Pray for us, Oh Holy Mother of God,  
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Amen.

Act of Spiritual Communion Prayer:

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there

and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

**Covid Response - Living with Covid -19**

The following points are suggested by the Catholic Bishops Conference as methods of good practice against the transmission of the virus in our churches:

- Hand sanitiser should be available for all to use at places of entry and exit to our churches.
- The necessity for social distancing is removed so churches should operate up to their normal capacity figures.
- Those who wish to wear a face covering may do so during the celebration of Mass.
- The use of hymn books and other worship aids are permitted as part of the liturgy. Servers and their various ministries (acolyte, book-bearer, incense) are to be encouraged to return.
- Those who distribute Holy Communion should wear a face covering and sanitise their hands before doing so.
- Singing can occur and there is a general encouragement to wear face coverings while singing. However, it is recognised that not everyone will feel able to do this.

**Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel**

At the end of the mass, as you may have noticed, Fr. Emile says a prayer to St Michael. You are warmly encouraged to also say this prayer along with Fr. Emile if you wish.

Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle.

Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God thrust down into hell

Satan and all the wicked spirits

who wander throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

**Eucharistic Ministers** if you feel God is calling you to be a Eucharistic minister in the area where you live please speak to Sheena Mackintosh or Father Emile as we have so many vulnerable people in our community who really need our assistance. Thank you.

**REFUGEE COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP:** A volunteer group is being set up here at St John Payne, in conjunction with the Diocese of Brentwood and Caritas Brentwood, to raise funds and provide practical support for a refugee family, to be housed in Colchester. Anyone interested in becoming involved or finding out more is warmly invited to attend a meeting, chaired by Fr Dominic Howarth, on Saturday 7th May 2022 at 1.30pm, at St John Payne Catholic Church Hall, Blackthorn Avenue, Colchester CO4 3QD. Please email [SJPRefugeeProject@gmail.com](mailto:SJPRefugeeProject@gmail.com) for more information.

### **Volunteering at Sion Community**

Sion Catholic Community for Evangelism runs a Mission House in Brentwood which hosts weekend events to help young people, families and adults deepen their faith. Do you have some free time? Would you like to put that time to service of God and his church? We are looking to recruit some volunteers to help prepare guests' rooms before and after our events. Or maybe you could spare a weekend to come and assist with hospitality tasks during one of our retreats. We can offer travel expenses should this be an obstacle to help plus overnight accommodation for those helping at the weekend. A Diocesan DBS would be required at no cost to yourself, which we can process. If you are interested or would like further information please email [admin@sioncommunity.org.uk](mailto:admin@sioncommunity.org.uk) or ring 01277 234401.

**The Passage**, a Catholic charity working with homeless people is raising funds through the Big Give a matched giving scheme. Every £1 donated online by 12.00 noon on Tuesday 19 April makes £2 and £2.25 if you are a taxpayer through Gift Aid. Please visit: <https://bit.ly/BigGiveMarch22> to support the campaign. The campaign 'It takes more than a house to make a home' focuses on the services we provide to people who have been homeless in their journey to being happily settled in a new home. The Passage would be very grateful for your support. For questions about the campaign or assistance making a donation please ring 020 7592 1856.

### **Repository Shop - St Helen's, Ongar**

We have a large selection of Easter cards stocked in the repository shop for very reasonable prices. We also have some lovely religious gifts including rosaries, bookmarks, crosses, prayer cards and missals etc which are ideal for occasions such as Christmas, Baptisms, First Holy Communions and Confirmations. If you wish to purchase anything or request an order then please speak to Ann Jackson, usually available after mass in Ongar or alternatively please contact Kelly Love at the Parish Office.

## Standing Orders, QR Codes and Contactless Giving

We are very grateful that many of our parishioners now donate to the Parish using standing orders to support us, particularly in this very difficult time. If you wish to set up a standing to our bank account please use Account Number 01017616, Sort Code: 40-13-22 and quote your gift aid number as a reference. For alternative ways to donate, QR codes have also been sent up to make it easier.

To make a donation please scan the QR code with a QR code scanner app for the appropriate amount using your mobile phone. The amount will be deducted from your bank account electronically and sent to the Parish bank account. If you wish to Giftaid-it please scan the codes in the Giftaid-it section after reading the declaration. Codes are also available at the back of the church.



Please treat as gift aid donation, all qualifying gifts of money made from the date of this declaration. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that, if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in the current year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations, it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Donate £3.00	Donate £5.00	Donate £10.00	Donate £20.00

### *Donate without Giftaid-it*

If you are unable to donate with Giftaid-It then please use the codes below.

Donate £3.00	Donate £5.00	Donate £10.00	Donate £20.00

### Weekly Offerings:

Offerings may be made at Mass or posted through the door of the Priest's House marked with your Gift Aid number or you can use your envelopes if you have them. Cheques should be payable to Catholic Church Ongar St Helens and will be dealt with by the Parish Office. Alternatively a bank transfer/standing order with your Gift Aid number as a reference can be made by using Account Number 01017616, Sort Code: 40-13-22. To apply for the Gift Aid Scheme please contact Bernard Adams on 01277 823511. Thank you.

### Prayer List:

Josie Biggs, Carmen Blackett, Ken Blackett, Carla Brennan, Marvin Bourke, Kathleen Cullen, Matthew Dansey, Richard Denton, Kathleen Donovan, Chris Easter, Lucy Gay, Emma Harnett, Harry & Family, Ron Hawkins, Jane & Family, Joanie, Nawal Freij, Douglas Jason, Veronica Kass, Joanna Keen, Sharon Lewis, Vivian Levett, Anna Lumley, Dean Macaree, Ian Maxwell, William Mortimer, Billy Nurse, Alan Nyman, Paul Nyman, Leslie Pay, Elizabeth Sainsbury, Ann Rayment, Verone Rontganger, Kathy Scott, Margaret Simons, Sophie, Adrian Smith, Amelia Solomon, Mary Sage, Marie Sainsbury, Dave Speller, Jean Thurston, Pam Townsend, John Varellas, Michael Weaver, Frances Wiseman, Ellen Witt, Ruby Woodford, Harrison Wybow, John Harris, Mary Adams, Sonia Denton and all those afflicted by Covid-19.

### INFORMATION

**Sick/Housebound:** Sheena Mackintosh - 01277 821524

**Hall Bookings:** Kelly Love Parish Office 01277 362645

**New Parishioners:** Please introduce yourself to Fr Emile after mass

**Steward of the Gospel:** Alan Chapman 01277 822793

**Safeguarding Officer:** Peggy Maxwell 01277 525912

**Gift Aid Organiser:** Bernard Adams 01277 823511

**Repository Gift Shop:** Ann Jackson (see after mass)

**Parish Administrator:** Kelly Love 01277 362645

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The Parish Office is open Tuesday - Fridays 10am - 3pm

If you are unable to reach anyone above then please contact the Parish Office.

Mass Attendance: 09/10 April : Sat 5:30pm: **21** Sun 8:45am: **20** Sun 10:30am: **28**  
Offertory: £110.94

**Thank you very much for your continued selfless generosity  
and support to our Parish.**

# MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<b>THE SEASON OF EASTER (PASCHALTIDE)</b> <b>EASTER SUNDAY -THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD Solemnity</b>		
Sat 16 APR 2022	(St. H) 7.30pm	<b>HOLY SATURDAY Vigil Mass</b> Bruna Roberts RIP Int (SVP)
Sun 17 APR 2022	(St. H) 8.45am	Bruna Roberts RIP Int. (D. Ledwidge)
	(St. M) 10.30am	Fr. Andrew Hurley RIP Int. Lesley Boyall RIP Int. Brian Arnell RIP Int. (R. Arnell & Arnell Family)
Mon 18 APR 2022	(Ilford) 9.30am	<b>MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER</b> Kathleen and John Fynes int. Kathleen Buckley Birthday Larry Dixon RIP (M Dixon) Patrica Halloran Int. Brian Bailey Easter Helena Dolcee Evelyn Boatebg Corry Family
Tue 19 APR 2022	(St. H) 9.00am	<b>TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER</b> Bernie Mc Loone RIP Ian Manchester RIP
Wed 20 APR 2022	(St. H) 9.00am	<b>WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER</b>
Thu 21 APR 2022	(St. H) 11.00am	<b>THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER</b>
Fri 22 APR 2022	(St. H) 9.00am	<b>FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER</b>
<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)</b> <b>(Divine Mercy Sunday) (Octave of Easter)</b>		
Sat 23 APR 2022	(St. H) 5.30pm	<b>SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER</b>
Sun 24 APR 2022	(St. H) 8.45am	Derek Mitchell (Bill & Susan Muckleston)
	(St. M)10.30am	People of the Parish