

# The Catholic Parish of Ongar & Doddinghurst



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## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) Sunday 6th February, 2022

**Isaiah 6.1–8, Psalm 137 1 Corinthians 15.1–11 Luke 5.1–11**

Today we have the call of Isaiah to be a prophet and speak God's word.

The people have not been faithful to the Covenant, and they have not fulfilled its demands. What is significant is that before Isaiah can say any more *his lips are cleansed by the live coal applied by the seraph*. It is God's action that makes Isaiah acceptable: *'your sin is taken away; your iniquity is purged.'* It is God's doing that makes Isaiah able to hear the call for a messenger, and to be fit for the task.

Isaiah responds to the call *'here I am, send me'* – but he does that because God has made it possible, it is not something he takes on himself. That idea of God's initiative is very important in the call of the prophet – and indeed in the call of any disciple or minister.

The initiative comes from God, and the possibility of response is due to grace. So it is throughout Scripture and throughout the life of the Church, and as is the case with Jeremiah and Isaiah, the promise that goes with it is God's promise: 'I am with you to deliver you, and protect him.'

Keep yourself safe and well. *Fr Emile.*

## **Parish Census**

For anyone in the Parish who has yet to fill out a Parish Census form then it is important that you please do so we can improve communication with you. Please place in the box at the back of the churches or, if preferred, it can either be dropped in or scanned and emailed to the Parish Office at [The Presbytery ongar@diocesseofbrentwood.org](mailto:ongar@diocesseofbrentwood.org). Forms are available at the back of the churches.

## **Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee**

On 6th February, Mass will be offered for the intentions of Her Majesty, the Queen as this marks her Platinum Jubilee. We have sent Her Majesty a card to inform her, to congratulate her and to offer her our best wishes for her celebratory year.

## **First Holy Communions**

The next session, with the theme 'Caring', for the children making their First Holy Communions, will be on Wednesday 9th February, 2022 at 4.30-5.30pm at St. Margaret's, Doddinghurst.

## **Confirmations**

The Parish are happy to welcome Claire Kabaga, Patricia Kabaga and Isabelle Delaney, who were enrolled for confirmation on Sunday at St Margaret's, Doddinghurst. The Confirmation Mass with Bishop Alan will be held at St Margaret's on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 at 10.30am. The next meeting with the theme 'I Believe in the Catholic Church', will take place on Thursday 10th February 7-9pm at The Presbytery.

## **100 Club**

The first winner of the 100 club in 2022 is Clara Greenaway. She was delighted to receive £71. Thank you to everyone who supports the Parish in this way. 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.

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. The next draw will be on Sunday 27th February.

## **Doddy Drop-in**

We do hope that many of the parishioners are able to come to the first of the monthly drop-in socials on Tuesday 8th February 2-4pm at St Margaret's Hall, Doddinghurst. Come for coffee and a chat, to meet up with friends or for a game of whist or scrabble. Although the parish is hosting the event, everyone is welcome and it will be nice for those able to venture out again.

**Thresholds of Hope Question: What does it mean to talk about a woman as Mother of God and Mother of the Church?** Input will be given by Fr Martin Hardy, parish priest of St Thomas of Canterbury, Grays today, **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February** To join this Zoom meeting simply forward a contact email to [adultformationvicariate@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:adultformationvicariate@dioceseofbrentwood.org). For more information go to [www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk](http://www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk)

### **Daily Gospel from Bishop Barron**

Bishop Barron sends out a daily Gospel email which you may helpful as a short two or three paragraph sermon or thought for the day. Please follow the link <https://dailycatholicgospel.com/sign-up-page> and click on 'Email my reflections' for a daily Gospel reflection email to your inbox.

### **BCYS Summer Lourdes Pilgrimage 2022: 23<sup>rd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

Applications are **now open** for our summer pilgrimage to Lourdes for those in Years 11-13, with those of school leaver age (18+) invited to join us as young leaders. This is one of our most popular events and after a 2 year gap we are excited to be returning next year. The week is spent travelling alongside the main Diocesan pilgrimage as we assist the elderly and infirm with going to Masses and services, as well as visiting shops and cafes within the town. For those travelling with the BCYS the week will also include a retreat, reconciliation service, as well as social events and a party. Please see [www.bcys.net/events/sl22/](http://www.bcys.net/events/sl22/) for more information including visas, vaccinations and how to apply.

### **BCYS March Youth Mass - Cafod - Step into the Gap with Sophie**

First Thursday of the Month. There will be food in the Parish Hall from 6pm, where we will then be joined by Walsingham House Volunteer Sophie Pereira, who is also taking part in CAFOD's "Step into the Gap" programme this year, a programme which offers opportunities for 18-30 year olds to gain experience, develop leadership skills and spend a year in the service of others. Sophie will tell us a bit more about her experience and inspire us with some of CAFOD's excellent resources this Lenten Season.

Monthly Youth Mass will then begin in the Cathedral from 7:30pm, where Fr Stephen Morrison and Fr Gary Dench will join us to celebrate Mass and preach the Gospel.

After Mass you are very welcome to return to the Parish Hall for refreshments, and if you are being collected the whole evening should finish by 9pm.

**Diocesan Directory** is now available to buy for £2.80 or £4.00 Ringbound

## **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.

## **Covid Guidance in relation to Places of Worship**

### **COVID-19 Update - 28 January 2022**

England has returned to Plan A with regard to measures to protect against COVID-19.

People are advised to continue to wear a face-covering in crowded indoor spaces; allow in plenty of fresh air when meeting/ gathering indoors and follow test and self-isolation rules where necessary. Bear in mind that although the Plan B rules have now been relaxed and we are moving towards learning to live with the virus, COVID-19 is still in circulation in our communities. COVID-19 risk assessments will still need to be kept up to date. The precautions you apply in your parishes should continue to be based on the position in your local community to ensure that clergy, employees and volunteer workers stay safe and individuals participating in services, activities and events can be confident about taking personal responsibility for their own risk.

### 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.

## **Be part of the Walsingham House Team 2022/23**

If you are 18+ and looking for an exciting gap year opportunity, then a year on the Walsingham House Team could be for you. Spend a year as a volunteer in a thriving young Catholic Community, working with thousands of young people from Essex and East London. We are looking for inspiring individuals who want to share their faith with other young people and are also looking to learn new skills, grow deeper in their own faith and enjoy a challenge. For more information please contact Joseph Beattie, manager of Walsingham House, by emailing [josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or calling 01277 373959. There is more information about our work on our website ([www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net)) and social media @Brentwoodcys

## **Bishop's Certificate in Catechesis and Youth Ministry**

The Bishop's Certificate is designed to be an entry level qualification to help in the ongoing formation of adults involved in sacramental preparation or youth ministry in the Diocese of Brentwood. It includes both the development of practical skills & the deepening of theological knowledge. The course is online and taught through engaging, short videos with expert interviews. The course will begin on the evening of 24th February, with an introduction and welcome evening, held at Walsingham House at Abbotswick. For more information please see our website: <https://bcys.net/bishops-cert/> or email your expression of interest to [bishopscertificate@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:bishopscertificate@dioceseofbrentwood.org) by Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

## **Diocesan Job Vacancies**

Please see the diocesan website for vacancies advertised <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/vacancies/school-vacancies/>

Positions currently available include:

**Catholic Schools Executive Leader (CSEL), Our Lady of Grace Trust,**

**Newham-** applications close 11<sup>th</sup> February, required for September 2022

**Headteacher, Holy Cross Academy, Harlow,** effective from September 2022, applications close 21<sup>st</sup> February, required for September 2022

## **Repository Shop**

We have a small selection of religious cards and gifts including rosaries, bookmarks, crosses, prayer cards etc in our Repository Shop which are ideal for occasions such as Christmas, Baptisms, First Holy Communions and Confirmations. If you wish to purchase anything then please speak to Ann Jackson, usually available after mass or alternatively please contact 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, 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, Joan Marshall, Ian Maxwell, William Mortimer, Billy Nurse, Alan Nyman, Paul Nyman, Leslie Pay, Elizabeth Sainsbury, Ann Rayment, Bruna Roberts, 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 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

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

**Safeguarding Officer:** Peggy Maxwell 01277525912

**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: January 29/30 : Sat 5:30pm: 23 Sun 8:45am:15 Sun 10:30am: 40

Offertory: £422.12

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

# MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<b>FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)</b> <b>(World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life)</b>		
Sat 5 Feb 2022	(St.H) 5.30pm	<b>St. Agatha, V, M Bernadette Richardson RIP (Peggy Maxwell)</b>
Sun 6 Feb 2022	(St.H) 8:45am	<b>For the intentions of Her Majesty the Queen Platinum Anniversary of her accession to the throne.</b>
	(St.M) 10.30am	<b>For the intentions of Her Majesty the Queen Platinum Anniversary of her accession to the throne.</b>
Mon 7 Feb 2022	(Ilford) 9.30am	<b>Eileen Clancy Int. &amp; Husband Val RIP Larry Dixon RIP &amp; Mary's Int. Margart &amp; James McDermott RIP</b>
Tue 8 Feb 2022	(St.H) 9.00am	<b>Day of Prayer for Victims of Trafficking and Those Who Work to Combat it. St Jerome Emiliani, Priest St Josephine Bakhita, Virgin Peter Vroome RIP (Fr. Young Bro-in-Law)</b>
Wed 9 Feb 2022	(St H) 9.00am	<b>St Teilo, Bishop Wales Tony Wood RIP Anniversary (Ruby, John &amp; Michael)</b>
Thu 10 Feb 2022	(St H) 9.00am	<b>St Scholastica, Virgin Joan Mackin, RIP</b>
Fri 11 Feb 2022	(St.H) 9.00am	<b>Our Lady of Lourdes, Principal Patroness of the Diocese - Diocesan Feast World Day for the Sick Thank you from Linda (M. Thomas)</b>
<b>SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)</b> <b>(Racial Justice Day)</b>		
Sat 12 Feb 2022	(St H) 5.30pm	<b>Christopher McDonagh (M. McDonagh)</b>
Sun 13 Feb 2022	(St.H) 8.45am	<b>All Women of Prayer Group and their Int. (M. McDonagh)</b>
	(St.M) 10.30am	<b>People of the Parish</b>