

The Catholic Parish of Ongar & Doddinghurst



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C) SUNDAY 8TH MAY, 2022 GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Acts 13.14, 43–52 Psalm 99 Revelation 7.9,14–17 John 10.27–30

This Fourth Sunday of Easter is 'Good Shepherd Sunday'. It is offered, for that reason, as a Sunday to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

The use of that imagery to explore the relationship of the believer to Christ. The concept of the shepherd and shepherding has a long tradition in the Hebrew Scriptures in cultures dependent on pasturing sheep and goats. The key insight that this section of Jesus' teaching offers is the importance of the fact that the sheep listen to the voice, they can come to know the shepherd and recognise his voice, and so are able to follow where he leads. It is that element of trust is so important. If they can follow and will never be lost but have eternal life. The shepherd has the initiative and does the leading; the sheep are simply required to follow, but they do so because they can hear and listen and know they can trust him.

Today we expect those who seek eternal life to listen for the voice and trust it enough to follow where it leads, which is to the Father, where they will be very safe.

Keep yourself safe and well. *Fr Emile.*

Message for the newly-confirmed

Fr. Emile and the Parish would like to welcome the newly-confirmed young people to attend at either St. Margaret's or St. Helen's church as regularly as they are able to and would be very happy to see them.

First Holy Communions

On Wednesday 9th May there will be a Parent's Meeting at The Kings Head, 177 High St, Chipping Ongar, Ongar CM5 9JG at 7pm.

The next lesson with the theme 'Sharing a Meal' for the children will be on Wednesday 18th May at St. Margaret's Hall, Doddinghurst. We will pray for the First Holy Communion Children that they may continue to deepen their relationship with Christ.

PPC Meeting

The next PPC Meeting will now be on Tuesday 17th May at 6.30pm at the Presbytery. If you wish to add anything to the agenda then please contact Patrick Maher, the Chairman or Fr. Emile.

Second Collection

This weekend there will be a second collection for Good Shepherd Sunday for the Diocese for the Promotion of Vocations. Thank you for your support.

Tony Kass

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Tony Kass who sadly passed away recently. The funeral will take place at St Helens on Wednesday 25th May at 10.45am at St Helens followed by a cremation at Bentley Crematorium, Brentwood at 12.30pm.

Platinum Jubilee Sunday 5 June 2022 St Margaret's Church Doddinghurst Cream Teas 2pm - 5pm

We have been asked to represent St. Margaret's Catholic Church in Doddinghurst Village by supplying the Cream Teas at Doddinghurst Village Hall, as part of the Jubilee celebrations. We urgently need volunteers to either prep, serve the teas, clear tables, or wash-up for about an hour at a time on a rota basis, allowing people to help but also to enjoy all the celebrations in the village too! We are also going to provide a small selection of tray bakes, mainly for children, so we would appreciate any donations!

Please let us know if you can help, everyone is welcome, especially also from St. Helen's to represent our whole Parish. If you can spare any time, in any capacity, we will be immensely grateful,

Your church needs YOU!

Please email Sue Maher at sue.maher1@btinternet.com or ring 01277 823750 if you are able to help.

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. The next draw will be Sunday 29th May at St. Helen's.

Kelly Love

Please note that Kelly Love, the Parish Administrator, will be on holiday from 6th May and will return to the Parish Office on Tuesday 24th May, 2022. For any hall bookings before her return then please contact Sue Maher on 01277 823750 or sue.maher1@btinternet.com.

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

or email ongar@dioceseofbrentwood.org

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

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

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.

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**Mass Attendance 11/12 December : Sat 5:30pm: 17 Sun 8:45am: 27 Sun 10:30am: 35**

**Offertory Collection : £ 171.31**

Thank you for your continued selfless generosity and support.

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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)
(Day of Prayer for Vocations)**

Sat 7 May, 2022	(St. H) 5.30pm	Feria Karen Lyons RIP
Sun 08 May 2022	(St. H) 8.45am	Bill Tillott RIP (Pat Murray, Caroline, Harry & Eleanor)
	(St. M) 10.30am	People of the Parish
Mon 09 May 2022	(Ilford) 9.30am	Feria Kathleen Fynes Sick Mary Gaffney int. B'day 06/05 Joe MC Williams RIP
Tue 10 May 2022	(St. H) 9.00am	Feria Anne Thomas RIP 35 Anniv
Wed 11 May 2022	(St. H) 9.00am	Feria
Thu 12 May 2022	(St. H) 11.00am	St. John Houghton, Pr, M
Fri 13 May 2022	(St. H) 9.00am	St Erconwald, Bp Secondary Co-Patron of the Diocese

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

Sat 14 May 2022	(St. H) 5.30pm	ST MATTHIAS, Ap	Feast
Sun 15 May 2022	(St. H) 8.45am	People of the Parish	
	(St. M)10.30am	People of the Parish	

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.