

The Catholic Parish of Ongar & Doddinghurst



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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD(C) SUNDAY 10TH APRIL, 2022

Isaiah 50.4–7 Psalm 21 Philippians 2.6–11 Luke 22.14–23.56

We are told at the end ‘his friends watch from a distance’. The crowd follow him mourning and lamenting, and after the crucifixion ‘they went home beating their breasts’.

Luke offers us the scene where Herod is involved, we are told that after Jesus’ presence Herod and Pilate, who had been enemies, were reconciled. Luke gives us the scene of the women of Jerusalem who follow the Lord weeping: ‘Weep not for me, but for yourselves.’ Luke offers us the famous ‘good thief’ who recognises who Jesus is and who is promised paradise. This is the Passion where Jesus asks for pardon for his killers: ‘They know not what they do.’ And at the end, we are told how he gives up his life in an act of trust: ‘Father into your hands I commit my spirit.’

Luke’s Passion account reflects his theology of Jesus – the one who comes to heal and bind up, who goes willingly to fulfil his role, as the one who reconciles the world to the Father, and that role can be seen as such by anyone of good will – like the centurion, and, of course, by countless disciples today.

Keep yourself safe and well. *Fr Emile.*

DODDY DROP-IN

2 – 4 pm on the second Tuesday of the Month at St. Margaret's Hall
This month it will be Tuesday 12th April



Join us for a chat and a cup of tea or a game of cards or scrabble.

Be sure of a friendly welcome at this local afternoon club
All welcome.

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.

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.

Easter Offertory Collection The collection taken at all Masses on Easter Sunday is your personal offering to the Parish Priest. Offering envelopes are available for your use at the back of the Church. Your generosity is much appreciated.

EASTER SERVICES 2022
HOLY WEEK



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

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, the Library, St. Martin's and finishing at the United Reformed Church, followed by refreshments.

Baptism

We would like to invite any parents with new babies and any children that haven't yet been baptised, perhaps due to the Covid restrictions, to get in touch to arrange this. As we are awakened to new life and growth during Spring and the fullness of life that Easter brings to us, it is the perfect opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism to reflect this and embrace the paschal life Christ is bringing us.

Easter Church Flower Collection

There will be an Easter Church Flower collection this coming weekend on Palm Sunday at St. Margaret's and St. Helen's. Thank you very much for your continued support.

Holy Places Retiring Collection - Will take place on Good Friday 15th April . Please give as generously as you are able to. Thank you.

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 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.

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

Refugees from Ukraine

Caritas Social Action Network are in close dialogue with the UK Government on responding to the war in Ukraine. Guidance on how Catholic households and groups can support refugees from Ukraine is available on our website and updated as new information becomes available. You will find everything at: <https://www.csan.org.uk/ukraine/>

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 or ring 01277 234401.

Poverty Challenge: See, Judge, Act

Following the pandemic, many households now also face new hardships as prices rise. Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN), the Catholic agency addressing poverty and injustice in England and Wales, has released a free new booklet to increase awareness of Catholic School Teaching on poverty, and to inform local responses. Please take a moment to read and encourage groups and individuals to engage with it. Download from www.csan.org.uk

Sponsored Sleepout 8th - 9th April, 8pm - 8am

Wherever you are in the Diocese, take part in your gardens, schools or parishes, on your own or as part of a group and spend 12 hours sleeping rough outdoors to raise money for a local charity supporting the homeless. Email sleepout@dioceseofbrentwood.org for more information and to take part.

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 |
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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 |
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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

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.

Mass Attendance: 02/03 April : Sat 5:30pm: 21 Sun 8:45am: 15 Sun 10:30am: 26
Offertory: £665.20

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

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

| PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD C) HOLY WEEK | | |
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| Sat 9 APR 2022 | (St. H) 5.30pm | Bruna Roberts RIP Int. (Peggy Maxwell) |
| Sun 10 APR 2022 | (St. H) 8.45am | Carmel Gaffney RIP Int. |
| | (St. M) 10.30am | 'In Thanksgiving' Int. (Mary & Bernard Adams) |
| Mon 11 APR 2022 | (Ilford) 9.30am | MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK Lent Penitential Service Deirdre Mullen Int. Catherine Lawlor Int. David & Catherine Grace Int. Joyce Birthday Sat 9/04 Eileen McNamara Birthday Roy Byrne Int. |
| Tue 12 APR 2022 | (St. H) 9.00am | TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK Gilda di Lorenzo RIP Int. (Paul Falco) |
| | (St. M) 7.00pm | Lent Penitential Service |
| Wed 13 APR 2022 | (St. H) 4.00pm | WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK Lent Penitential Service Kathleen Baxter RIP Int. Sister Fidelma Dixon Int. |
| Thu 14 APR 2022 | (St. M) 7.30pm | MAUNDY THURSDAY - Triduum EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER |
| Fri 15 APR 2022 | (St. H) 3.00pm | GOOD FRIDAY (Triduum) Today is day of fasting and abstinence. SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD |
| THE SEASON OF EASTER (PASCHALTIDE) THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD Solemnity | | |
| Sat 16 APR 2022 | (St. M) 7.30pm | HOLY SATURDAY Vigil Mass (Triduum) Bruna Roberts RIP (SVP) Int. |
| Sun 17 APR 2022 | (St. H) 8.45am | Bruna Roberts RIP (D. Ledwidge) Int. |
| | (St. M) 10.30am | Fr. Andrew Hurley RIP Int. Lesley Boyall RIP Int. Brian Arnell RIP Int. (R. Arnell & Arnell Family) |