

# The Catholic Parish of Ongar & Doddinghurst



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## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

**Sunday 16th January, 2022**

**Isaiah 62.1–5 Psalm 95 1 Corinthians 12.4–11 John 2.1–11**

The word made flesh is revealed in the wedding feast at Cana, the miracle doesn't fit into any category with the many healing, feeding miracles recorded elsewhere.

John described miracles as 'signs'. So what happens at Cana is a sign – and we can happily use the word 'epiphany' here to tie this sign into the Gospels of the last two Sundays.

The imagery of 'wine' in the Hebrew Scriptures is a rich one, the quantity produced speaks of divine generosity, and such ideas were certainly not incidental to John's recording of this event. But the key purpose of recording this 'sign' is that John wants his readers to be able to interpret it: 'He let his glory be seen and his disciples believed in him.'

The sign makes manifest his identity and enables his disciples to put their faith in him. Christian faith ultimately is not a world view or moral code, but a **commitment to a person – Jesus Christ** – who is revealed in many and different ways to people so that they may recognise who he is and believe in him.

That is what the wedding feast at Cana does and what disciples have always experienced.

*Keep yourself safe and well. Fr Emile.*

## **First Holy Communions**

The Enrolment Mass for the parents and children, making their First Holy Communions, will be on Saturday 15th January, 2022 at 5.30pm at St. Helen's, Ongar.

## **Confirmations**

The next meeting of the Conformands, with the theme 'Gifts of the Holy Spirit', will take place on at Thursday 27th January 7.00pm at The Presbytery.

## **RAFFLE: Feast of the Kings Hamper**

A big thank you to all those who contributed to the Kings Hampers which raised £211 in support of our Parish. At St Helen's, Ongar the winner of the hamper was Mary McDonagh and at St. Margaret's, Doddinghurst the winner of the hamper was Corinne Adams. Congratulations to the lucky winners!

## **100 Club**

The lucky winner of the December 100 club prize of £71 was Sheena McIntosh. If you have not yet joined there are forms in both churches and on 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 30th January.

## **Week of Prayer Services for Christian Unity 17th -21st January**

Monday 17th	Greensted
Tuesday 18th	St. Martin's
Wednesday 19th	United Reformed Church (please feel free to join us from 10am for refreshments at our Open House)
Thursday 20th	St. Helen's
Friday 21st	St. James' with refreshments afterwards

All services will be at 12.00 noon.

## **Parish Secretary Required**

**Our Lady of Ransom, 50 London Hill, Rayleigh, Essex, SS6 7HP.**

The successful applicant will ideally be a Secretary or Administrator with substantial experience in office organisation. They must be a good team player with excellent communication and Microsoft office skills, including Word and Excel and financial experience. It is important that all applicants are self-motivated, organised, can multi-task, work to deadlines, and use their own initiative within this role. Minimum of 12 hours per week. The hours are negotiable and will be further discussed at interview. Apply by sending a CV and covering letter to [rayleigh@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:rayleigh@dioceseofbrentwood.org). Closing date for applications is Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

## **Brentwood Cathedral**

will be hosting a 'Be a Cathedral Chorister for a Day' opportunity for boys aged 7-12 on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2022. The day will begin at 10.30 with a welcome for families and will end with Choral Vespers at 4 pm, an opportunity for everyone to hear the boys sing. We hope the day will be of interest to all boys who enjoy singing, whatever their prior musical experience. We will be holding a similar day for girls later in the year. For more details and to register a place, please visit [www.cathedralbrentwood.org](http://www.cathedralbrentwood.org) or telephone 01277 265288.

## **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.

**The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage**, led by Bishop Alan, will take place from Sunday 24 – Friday 29 July 2022 in Lourdes. It will be the first time in three years that the diocese has returned to Lourdes. Brochures for the pilgrimage, which will include costs, will be available soon. If you would like further information now, please contact Cathy O'Connor, the Administrative Director: [cathy@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:cathy@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or 07813 710070.

## **BCYS Monthly Youth Mass at Brentwood Cathedral**

For the new Youth Mass, we invite you to join us on the first Thursday of each Month, beginning with something to eat in the Parish Hall at 6pm (as we know many of you will come from work, school or far corners of the Diocese!)

Each month will then welcome a new, exciting and inspiring input – this could be speakers, workshops, prayer and worship and much more, and we will let you know each month what we have coming up!

We will of course then finish the evening with Youth Mass in the Cathedral at 7:30pm and refreshments back in the Parish Hall!

## **Doddy Drop-in**

Join us on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022 for our first drop-in social at St. Margaret's Hall, Doddinghurst between 2-4pm. Come for a cup of tea and a chat or meet up with friends for a game of cards or scrabble. This will continue on the second Tuesday of every month. Everyone welcome.

## **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**

The NHS COVID Pass is mandatory for entry into venues where large crowds gather. This requirement will not apply to places of worship when they are being used for communal worship, weddings, funerals and other ceremonies to mark key life events.

Receptions which take place after such events, such as Wedding receptions, will need to comply with the new requirement where they meet the attendee thresholds set out in guidance, and they are organised by a business, a charitable, benevolent, or philanthropic institution or a public body (and not an individual).

The legal requirement to wear face coverings in most public indoor venues will be extended to places of worship and some other public spaces. Some people, including people with disabilities, are exempt from having to wear face coverings in any setting.

There are exemptions for those leading a service or giving a reading. It will also be a reasonable excuse if those who wish to sing during a service decide that if they need to remove their face coverings in order to do so.

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.

## **Gidea Park Study Day: The Evolution of the Mass**

On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022 Professor John Morrill will lead a Study Day on 'The Evolution of the Mass', tracing the development of the Eucharistic liturgy from the earliest centuries to the present day. He will explore in particular the teaching of Trent and Vatican II, and the latest papal instructions on the celebration of Mass. To access this free live stream event simply go to [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) The event begins at 11.00 GMT and ends by 13.30. No prior registration is needed. To be added to our mailing list simply follow the instructions on the home page of the website.

## **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, Communion 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.

## **Brentwood Diocesan Directory 2022**

is now available to purchase for £2.80 or £4.00 for the ringbound version.

## 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. 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 number as a reference can be made by using Account Number 01017616, Sort Code: 40-13-22. 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:** Ann Rayment 01277 824029

**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

or email [ongar@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto: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: January 8/9 : Sat 5:30pm: 27 Sun 8:45am: 25 Sun 10:30am: 41**

**Offertory: 210.69 (02/01/22) £162.28 (09/01/22)**

**Standing Orders November £1,737**

**Thank you for your continued selfless generosity and support.**

# MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) (Peace Day)		
Sat 15 Jan 2022	(St.H) 5.30pm	<b>First Holy Communion Children/Parent Enrolment Mass Recovery of Linda Thomas (Margaret Thomas)</b>
Sun 16 Jan 2022	(St.H) 8:45am	<b>Johnny Hayes RIP (Ann Jackson)</b>
	(St.M) 10.30am	<b>Anne Fagan RIP (Pat and John Scott)</b>
Mon 17 Jan 2022	(Ilford) 9.30am	<b>People of Ilford Parish</b>
Tue 18 Jan 2022	(St.H) 9.00am	<b>Feria</b>
Wed 19 Jan 2022	(St H) 9.00am	<b>Feria</b>
Thu 20 Jan 2022	(St H) 9.00am	<b>Feria</b>
	(St.H) 12.00am	<b>Christian Unity Week Service</b>
Fri 21 Jan 2022	(St.H) 9.00am	<b>St Agnes, V, M</b>
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) (Word of God)		
Sat 22 Jan 2022	(St H) 5.30pm	<b>Anne Fagan RIP (Lauren Gardner &amp; SVP)</b>
Sun 23 Jan 2022	(St.H) 8.45am	<b>Les Johnston RIP (Pat and John Scott)</b>
	(St.M) 10.30am	<b>People of the Parish</b>