

# The Catholic Parish of Ongar & Doddinghurst



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## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (C) SUNDAY 24TH APRIL, 2022

**Acts 5.12–16 Psalm 117 Revelation 1.9–13,17–19 John 20.19–31**

The Gospel describes Jesus' ministry and shows the continuity between the ministry of the Lord and that of the early community guided by the Holy Spirit.

The appearance of the Lord to the Apostles and then to Thomas, a man of extremes: who categorically refuses to believe the evidence of the others and demands incontrovertible evidence. When in due course he is given that, he makes the most uncompromising statement of faith in Jesus to be found in the Scriptures: 'My Lord and my God.'

We are also given each week during Eastertide a reading from the book of Revelation, something that is sparingly used in the Lectionary, as its strange and exotic language and imagery can disconcert hearers. That is not necessarily a disadvantage. Like passages in the book of the prophet Ezekiel, the exotic nature of such passages is a good reminder that when we are dealing with the things of God we are out of our depth, we have to stretch language and concepts if we are not to 'domesticate' God and reduce the numinous to the commonplace.

Keep yourself safe and well. *Fr Emile.*

## **ONGAR TOWN FESTIVAL – 1ST MAY**

As part of The Ongar Town Festival, St. Helen's will be staging an exhibition between 11 – 3pm on the Titanic connection and the history of our church.

In order for things to run smoothly, we will need volunteers for the following:

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May – 2pm preparing the display boards.

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May after 8.45 Mass – moving pews to create exhibition space and set up.

11- 3pm – rota of people to greet visitors and be present in the church.  
(1 hour shifts)

3 -4pm – removal and storage of exhibition material and return pews to normal positions.

If you can help with any of these tasks please contact Bernie Wrobel 01277 821986, [bswrobel@hotmail.com](mailto:bswrobel@hotmail.com) or contact the Parish Office.

## **Message of Thanks**

“Many thanks to all who helped with the preparations and services for Holy Week and Easter. I would also like to thank parishioners for their support, kindness and generosity shown to me this Easter. May God Bless you all”  
- Fr. Emile

## **James Browning - Walk Against Hunger**

This lent I joined the CAFOD family supporting the “Walk against Hunger” this was an opportunity to reach out to our brothers and sisters in poor communities. The challenge was to walk 5km per day, and be sponsored by our parishioners.

I wish to thank those for their tremendous generosity, raising the sum of £228. The monies will enable CAFOD, to bring hope and compassion across the World. CAFOD is one of the largest aid networks in the World, with global reach provided by local experts. Through a local priest, a midwife, or a local engineer.

## **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 New Life' for the children making their First Holy Communion will be on Wednesday 27th 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. The next draw will be Sunday 24th April at St. Margaret's.

**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.

## **Bishop Alan's Easter Reflection**

Please find, at the following link, Bishop Alan's Easter Reflection, first broadcast on BBC Essex and now loaded on diocesan website as Soundcloud audio: ['Look for life in the midst of death' - Brentwood Diocese](https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net) ([dioceseofbrentwood.net](https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net))

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

We have some lovely cards and 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.

## **St. Margaret's Hall Committee Meeting**

The next meeting for St. Margaret's Hall Committee will be on Tuesday 26th April at 2pm.

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

## **Good Counsel Network**

Holy Mass in Thanksgiving for 25 Years of the Pro-Life Work of the Good Counsel Network. Main Celebrant Fr Richard Whinder. Saturday 30th April at 12.00 (New Rite Mass) St James' Church (Spanish Place), 22 George St, London W1U 3QY. Followed by Refreshments in the Hall. All Welcome.

[www.GoodCounselNetwork.com](http://www.GoodCounselNetwork.com)

## **The Acts of the Apostles:**

Throughout the fifty days of Easter we read from the Acts of the Apostles, the New Testament book which narrates the early years of the Church. Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, has prepared faith talks on '[The Acts of the Apostles](#)' and '[Paul in Acts](#)', for your use through the Easter season. To access these free audio recordings please go to the home page of [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) and scroll down to 'Acts in Easter'. 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.

**The Passage, a Catholic charity** working with homeless people is raising funds through the Big Give a matched giving scheme until 12.00 noon on Monday 9 May. Every £1 donated online before 12.00 noon on Monday 9 May makes £2 and £2.25 if you are a taxpayer through Gift Aid. Please visit: <https://bit.ly/BigGiveAprilMay22> 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.

**Caritas Diocese of Brentwood** are inviting people from April 22nd to May 2nd, to take part in an online auction organised by The Kelvedon Parish of St Mary Immaculate and the Holy Archangels. This is to raise awareness and money to help to settle an Afghan refugee family. If you would be interested in considering such a project, then please contact [caritas@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:caritas@dioceseofbrentwood.org). To access the online auction, go to: <https://auction.kelvedoncatholicparish.org.uk/>

## 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

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: 16/17 April : Sat 5:30pm: 13 Sun 8:45am: 50 Sun 10:30am: 45

Offertory: Priest's Easter Gift £464.24

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

# MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<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	William Bateson RIP (Graham & Ann Bateson)
Mon 25 APR 2022	(Ilford) 9.30am	<b>SAINT MARK, Evangelist</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Feast</b></span> Helen Byrne Birthday John O'Sullivan Tom Meenaghan Gary Armstrong RIP
Tue 26 APR 2022	(St. H) 9.00am	<b>ST GEORGE, M, PATRON OF ENGLAND</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>National Solemnity</b></span> Bob Howard
Wed 27 APR 2022	(St. H) 9.00am	Feria Gary Armstrong RIP
Thu 28 APR 2022	(St. H) 11.00am	Feria Brian Bailey RIP
Fri 29 APR 2022	(St. H) 9.00am	<b>ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, V, D</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>European Feast</b></span> Roy Byrne RIP
<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)</b> <b>(St. Joseph the Worker: Day of Prayer for Human Work)</b>		
Sat 30 APR 2022	(St. H) 5.30pm	Edmund Morisson Sick
Sun 1 May 2022	(St. H) 8.45am	People of the Parish
	(St. M) 10.30am	People of the Parish