

# The Catholic Parish of Ongar & Doddinghurst



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## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C) SUNDAY 22ND MAY, 2022

**Acts 15.1–2,22–29 Psalm 66 Revelation 21.10–14,22–23 John 14.23–29**

Today's passage from the Acts of the Apostles recounts how there was clear resistance to the developments that having faith in Jesus as the Christ was making to the faith of Israel. Luke gives us a fairly ironic account of what was certainly a real struggle (remember Saul going to Damascus to arrest followers of the way, and the hostility he received after his conversion).

While the Gospel of Luke is the account of how Jesus established the kingdom, the Acts of the Apostles is very much the story of how that work was continued by the early Church under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

That is the truth of the continuity between Israel and the living presence of the Risen Christ abiding in the community established by Jesus through the presence and action of the Advocate. As the passage from the book of Revelation told us, God is making something new, but that newness is firmly rooted in the **abiding covenant of God** with his holy people.

In Revelation, the great city of God, radiant with the glory of God is entered through twelve gates, each of the gates written with the names of the twelve tribes of Israel'

Keep yourself safe and well. ***Fr Emile.***

**LONDONRIDE: Please, note, roads around Ongar are closed to traffic that day.**

**Consequently, there will be NO MASS in Doddinghurst that day.**

### **Tony Kass Funeral**

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.

### **Second Collection**

This weekend Fr. Pat O'Beirne will be staying with Fr. Emile at the Presbytery and will be speaking to the Parish at the Masses about the Columban Missionaries, for which there will be a second collection. Next weekend there will also be a second collection for World Communications Day on Sunday 29th May, 2022. Thank you for your kind generosity.

### **THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS:**

The Bishops have decided to restore the Obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation from Pentecost Sunday, 5th June 2022. Simply having the Catholic faith already implies having the profound desire to take part in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. It is also our PARAMOUNT privilege to be able to take part in the public worship of God on Sundays and Holy Days.

This gives greater prominence to this privilege. It also restores to the Church the expected public witness of the presence of all her people.

In March 2020, the Bishops suspended the Sunday Obligation, recognising that fulfilling it had become impossible because of the Covid pandemic.

This will now change. Most people have resumed normal activities where you are no longer prevented from attending Mass. Some may not yet feel safe enough to return to Mass and are still shielded. The Church has always understood that it is not a breach of the Sunday Obligation when a Catholic is prevented from attending Mass for a serious reason, because of ill-health, the need to care for the sick, or legitimate fear. **Online streaming of**

### **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

Mass and other services has helped many who cannot attend Mass in person, especially

those who are elderly and sick, for whom the obligation does not apply in any case. But watching Mass online does not fulfil the Sunday Obligation. As Pentecost, draws near, all Catholics who have not yet done so are urged to return to attending Mass in person.

From Pentecost Sunday, they are obliged in conscience to do so.

### **First Holy Communions**

The rehearsal for the First Holy Communion Mass will be at 4.30pm Wednesday 25th May at St Helen's, Ongar.

**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 memberish office or from the website or renew your subscription for next year.

### **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

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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.

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**Mass Attendance: Apr 30/May 1st: Sat 5:30pm: 11 Sun 8:45am: 28 Sun 10:30am: 30**

**Offertory Collection : £ 103.99**

Thank you for your continued selfless generosity and support.

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<b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)</b>		
Sat 21 May, 2022	(St. H) 5.30pm	Feria
Sun 22 May 2022	(St. H) 8.45am	People of the Parish
	(St. M) 10.30am	People of the Parish
Mon 23 May 2022	(Ilford) 9.30am	Feria Thanksgiving Mass to the Holy Spirit for Ruby Elie Kathleen & John nFynes ints. Kathleen Fynes get well
Tue 24 May 2022	(St. H) 9.00am	Feria
Wed 25 May 2022	(St. H) 10.45am	<b>St Bede the Venerable, Pr, D Funeral Tony Kass Mary +Jack Minihane RIP Anniversary Mass Ann Jackson</b>
Thu 26 May 2022	(St. H) 11.00am (St M) 6.30pm	<b>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (C) Solemnity HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION</b>
Fri 27 May 2022	(St. H) 9.00am	<b>ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, Bp National Feast</b>
<b>SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C) (World Communications Day)</b>		
Sat 28 May 2022	(St. H) 5.30pm	Tony Kass RIP (Pat Scott)
Sun 29 May 2022	(St. H) 8.45am	People of the Parish
		<b>No Mass today in St Margaret's</b>

**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.