

The Catholic Parish of Ongar & Doddinghurst



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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sunday 23rd January, 2022

Nehemiah 8.2–6,8–10, Psalm 18, 1 Corinthians 12.12–30 Luke 1.1–4; 4.14–21

In the passage from Nehemiah the Scriptures are proclaimed so that ‘men, women and children old enough to understand’ might be nourished, challenged and moved by what they hear, precisely as it happened to those people at the Water Gate.

The role of the Levites in that scene is that of ‘instructing the people’ to make them aware that the word was addressed to them personally. That is an ongoing task for communities throughout the Church: to enable the instruction of the people, so that they encounter the One whose word is spoken in the Scriptures. In Paul’s theology of the body, which is the Church, in a culture such as the present Western one, where there is so much emphasis on personal autonomy and individual rights, it is easy to lose sight of the profound reality of humanity as social beings. The Church is essentially a community of people who belong together, and only in that way are able to belong to God. While talk of a personal relationship with Christ may be current, that relationship requires membership of the body.

Jesus’s mission is being fulfilled wherever the Church – the body of Christ – announces his presence.

Keep yourself safe and well. *Fr Emile.*

Anne Mary Fagan RIP

Anne passed to Heaven on the feast of the Epiphany, to rest in the peace and rise to the Glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Anne's funeral mass will be held at 12pm in St Helen's, Ongar on Thursday 27th January 2022, followed by Committal at Bentley Crematorium after a Guard of Honour at Harold Lodge. Afterwards, refreshments will be served at The Eagle, Kelvedon Hatch. Anne was a parishioner for over 50 years and the family very warmly welcome all to join including for refreshments to celebrate the gift of Anne's life with us.

Parish Census

For anyone in the Parish who has yet to fill out a Parish Census form then it is important that you please do so we can improve communication with you. Please place in the box at the back of the churches or, if preferred, it can either be dropped in or scanned and emailed to the Parish Office at The Presbytery ongar@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Forms are available at the back of the churches.

Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee

On 6th February, Mass will be offered for the intentions of Her Majesty, the Queen as this marks her Platinum Jubilee. We have sent Her Majesty a card to inform her, to congratulate her and to offer her our best wishes for her celebratory year.

First Holy Communions

The next session, with the theme 'Celebrating', for the children making their First Holy Communions, will be on Wednesday 26th January, 2022 at 4.30-5.30pm at St. Margaret's, Doddinghurst.

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.

100 Club

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.

Doddy Drop-in

We do hope that many of the parishioners are able to come to the first of the monthly drop-in socials on 8th February 2-4pm at St Margaret's Hall, Doddinghurst. Come for coffee and a chat, to meet up with friends or for a game of whist or scrabble. Although the parish is hosting the event, everyone is welcome and it will be nice for those able to venture out again.

Christian Unity Week

We would like to congratulate all our members who joined the Christian Unity Week services as part of Ongar Churches Together.

Daily Gospel from Bishop Barron

Bishop Barron sends out a daily Gospel email which you may find helpful as a short two or three paragraph sermon or thought for the day. Please follow the link <https://dailycatholicgospel.com/sign-up-page> and click on 'Email my reflections' for a daily Gospel reflection email to your inbox.

Brentwood Cathedral

Brentwood Cathedral will be hosting a 'Be a Cathedral Chorister for a Day' opportunity for boys aged 8 to 12 on Saturday 29th 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 or telephone 01277 265288.

BCYS Summer Lourdes Pilgrimage 2022: 23rd – 30th 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/ for more information including visas, vaccinations and how to apply.

BCYS February Youth Mass with Talk from Million Minutes

From 6pm join the BCYS for pizza and drink in the Parish Hall, and from 6:30pm Beth Warren, former Walsingham House Assistant Manager and now Senior Parish Engagement Officer for "Million Minutes" will help us prepare for the upcoming Lenten Season, with their SiLENT campaign and other exciting ventures! This will be followed by Mass at 7:30pm, where we will be joined by Fr Paschal Uche and Fr Michael Barwick who will preach the gospel. All information about this and other events can be found on our website www.bcys.net, or you can follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram by searching @brentwoodcys

Diocesan Directory is now available to buy for £2.80 or £4.00 Ringbound

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 government has announced that the measures put in place under Plan B in England will be lifted.

From 27 January: There is no longer a legal requirement to wear a face covering. The government suggests that you continue to wear a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces where you may come into contact with other people you do not normally meet.

From 27 January: Venues and events will no longer be required by law to check visitors' NHS COVID Pass. The NHS COVID Pass can still be used on a voluntary basis.

The guidance is currently being updated further as the measures are being lifted but until the changes come in we must continue to follow the government guidance to keep ourselves and others safe.

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 or calling 01277 373959. There is more information about our work on our website (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 by Monday 22nd February.

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. Closing date for applications is Friday 28th January 2022.

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, First Holy Communions 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.

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 without Giftaid-it

Donate £3.00	Donate £5.00	Donate £10.00	Donate £20.00
			

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, 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

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 15/16 : Sat 5:30pm: 57 Sun 8:45am: 15 Sun 10:30am: 21
Offertory: £200.12

Standing Orders December £2,028

Christmas Offering Fr. Emile £434.45

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

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) (Sunday of the Word of God)		
Sat 22 Jan 2022	(St.H) 5.30pm	John O' Driscoll RIP (Sue & John Fahed)
Sun 23 Jan 2022	(St.H) 8:45am	Les Johnston RIP (Pat & John Scott)
	(St.M) 10.30am	People of the Parish
Mon 24 Jan 2022	(Ilford) 9.30am	St Francis de Sales, Bishop Doctor Linda Thomas (Sick) (Margaret Thomas)
Tue 25 Jan 2022	(St.H) 9.00am	Conversion of St Paul, Ap FEAST
Wed 26 Jan 2022	(St H) 9.00am	Ss Timothy & Titus, Bpp
	(St.H) 6.00pm	Coffin Prayer Vigil for Anne Fagan RIP
Thu 27 Jan 2022	(St H) 9.00am	Feria
	(St H) 12.00pm	Funeral for Anne Fagan RIP
	13.30pm	Bentley Crematorium for Anne Fagan RIP
Fri 28 Jan 2022	(St.H) 9.00am	St Thomas Aquinas, Pr, D
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)		
Sat 29 Jan 2022	(St H) 5.30pm	Patrick Bryson RIP (Bernie & Stan Wrobel)
Sun 30 Jan 2022	(St.H) 8.45am	Charlette & David Mills Int. (Fr. Emile & Kelly)
	(St.M) 10.30am	People of the Parish