

The Catholic Parish of Ongar & Doddinghurst



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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) SUNDAY 26TH JUNE, 2022

1 Kings 19.16,19–21 Psalm 15 Galatians 5.1,13–18 Luke 9.51–62

The scene in the first reading is about Elijah the great prophet who has fearlessly proclaimed God's word against all the pagan practices that have crept into Israel, and he has suffered persecution because of it. He now passes on that task to Elisha by symbolically casting his cloak on him. Elisha accepts the commission, and by slaughtering his oxen in sacrifice and burning his plough he makes an irrevocable choice.

In today's Gospel, we are given three tiny encounters of Jesus with would-be followers, and the common feature of them all is the uncompromising demands the Lord makes of them. To be a disciple is not a hobby or something to be taken lightly. That is a challenge to all who gather to hear these words today. Christian faith for one who accepts Jesus as Lord is something that underpins the whole life of the individual and presents the worldview through which all is interpreted. It is a huge challenge, we can also take encouragement from Paul's writing to the Galatians: in the end it is the Spirit who guides and accompanies those who seek to be disciples.

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

First Holy Communions

We give our special thoughts and prayers to all the children who made their First Holy Communion as we celebrate their Going Forth Mass today.

Baptism We welcome to the family of the church, *Mabel Jane Christina Mitchell*, who will be baptised in our Parish next weekend. May we pray for guidance and dedication for their parents who are the first true teachers of faith.

100 Club Thank you to everyone who supports the Parish by being a member of the 100 Club. The next draw for June will be on Sunday 26th June at St. Helen's.

Mass Book Inserts

We are currently low on the number of Mass Book Inserts. Would you please bring them back if you have any at home. Thank you.

RCIA Sessions the next session with Fr. Emile will be at 11am on Tuesday 21st June at the Presbytery. The RCIA, which stands for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is **a process through which non-baptized men and women enter the Catholic Church**. It includes several stages marked by study, prayer and rites at Mass.

Transylvania: Religion, History & Culture Fr Eduard Fartan from Holy Family in Benfleet is organising a Pilgrimage to Transylvania from 18th - 25th October 2022. The tour will include many beautiful churches and monasteries often set amongst the stunning Romanian countryside and focus on the melting pot of ancient cultures that have been present in the area. The approximate cost will start at £850 for one place in a double room. For more information or to register your interest please send an email to benfleet@dioceseofbrentwood.org

BCYS Youth Mass, 7th July from 6pm at Brentwood Cathedral – join us for Pizza in the Parish Hall at 6pm, followed by a Music Workshop in the Cathedral led by Art Wangcharoensab of the Cathedral Music Dept. Singers, instrumentalists and young people (roughly year 9+) are all very welcome, whether you wish to join in or simply watch and listen! Mass will begin in the Cathedral at 7:30pm, celebrated by Fr Damien Wade. All information can be found on our website www.bcys.net/events

THE URSULINE ACADEMY ILFORD

Learning Support Assistant (Term-time only)

Start: September 2022 Closing Date: noon, Thursday 30 June 2022

For further information please visit: uai.org.uk/about/vacancies

2nd Collection This weekend there will be a second collection for St. Peter's Pence. St. Peter's Pence is the name given to the financial support offered by the faithful to the Holy Father as a sign of their sharing in the concern of the Successor of Peter for the many different needs of the Universal Church and for the relief of those most in need. More information can be found here <https://www.obolodisanpietro.va> (use English translation)

CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN

The Association announces its next Scripture talk, to be given by Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, on 'Jonah: Prophet for Today'. You can attend the talk in-person at Christ the Eternal High Priest Catholic Church, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH, from 11.00 BST on Saturday 9th July. Coffee will be provided in the hall from 10.30. If you are attending in-person please book your place by clicking on the Eventbrite link on the poster. The venue is a short walk from Gidea Park Station (TfL from Stratford or Shenfield). Alternatively please join the livestream by going to www.whatgoodnews.org at 11 a.m. on 9th July. There is no need to book if attending by livestream. The talk will be available subsequently on You Tube and on www.whatgoodnews.org Thank you.

INFORMATION

Sick/Housebound: Sheena Mackintosh - 01277 821524

Hall Bookings: Kelly Love Parish Office 01277 362645

PPC Chairman: Patrick Maher 01277 823750

New Parishioners: Please introduce yourself to Fr Emile after mass

Steward of the Gospel: Alan Chapman 01277 822793

Safeguarding Officers: Audrey McGill 823485 & Margaret Payne 362203

Gift Aid Organiser: Bernard Adams 01277 823511

St Helen's Repository Gift Shop: Ann Jackson (see after mass)

Parish Administrator: Kelly Love 01277 362645

or email ongar@dioceseofbrentwood.org

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.

Mass Attendance: 18/19 Sat 5:30pm: 18 Sun 8:45am: 23 Sun 10:30am: 29

Offertory Collection: £ 198.55

Thank you for your continued selfless generosity and support.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

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| Sat 25 June, 2022 | (St. H) 5.30pm | The Immaculate Heart of Mary |
| Sun 26 June, 2022 | (St. H) 8.45am | People of the Parish |
| | (St.M) 10.30am | Karl Heinz Rink RIP (B&M Adams) |
| Mon 27 June, 2022 | (Ilford) 9.30am | Feria Hetty Castello int. Get well (Kathleen Buckley) Thomas Moran RIP (Kathleen Fynes) |
| Tue 28 June, 2022 | (St. H) 9.00am | St Irenaeus, Bp, M |
| Wed 29 June 2022 | (St. H) 9.00 am | SS PETER AND PAUL, App Solemnity HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION |
| Thu 30 June 2022 | (St. H) 11.00am | Feria Democratic Republic of Congo Independence Day |
| Fri 01 July 2022 | (St. H) 9.00am | Feria Abbe Jose Mafisango Boyasima RIP |

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

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| Sat 02 July 2022 | (St. H) 5.30pm | Feria |
| Sun 03 July 2022 | (St. H) 8.45am | People of the Parish |
| | (St. M)10.30am | Corinne Reedy RIP (Ann & Graham) |

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, Mike Barrett and all those afflicted by Covid-19.