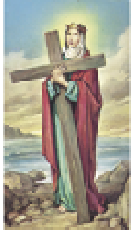




The Catholic Parish of Ongar & Doddinghurst



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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Readings: Wisdom 9:13-18 | Philemon 1:9-10. 12-17 | Luke 14:25-33

Who can remove God's presence from our lives? Some said Ongar is our spiritual centre. Others state that Doddinghurst is our financial centre. Both are the two wings needed for our Catholic Parish to fly safely. One cannot fly without the other. This is God's wisdom. Have a blessed day.

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

*At St. Margaret's Doddinghurst

Saturday 3 rd	Vigil Mass	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 4 th	Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	Bernie Moat RIP (Peggy Maxwell)
		10.00am*	Fr Andrew RIP Lesley Boyall RIP Brian Arnell RIP (Richard Arnell & Eileen)
Monday 5 th	Feria	9.00am	
Tuesday 6 th	Feria	9.00am	
Wednesday 7 th	Feria	12.00pm	
Thursday 8 th	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	9.00am	
Friday 9 th	Feria	9.00am	
Saturday 10 th	Vigil Mass	5.30pm	
Sunday 11 th	Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	People of the Parish
		10.00am*	Ron Morris RIP (Gilligan Family)



WE HAVE CHILDREN'S LITURGY FOR CHILDREN AGED 3 & ABOVE AT THE SATURDAY 5.30PM MASS, ST. HELEN'S, AND SUNDAY 10.00AM MASS, ST. MARGARET'S.

CONTACT INFORMATION & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Ill/Housebound: Please call Sheena Mackintosh to arrange communion at home on 01277 821524

Hall Bookings: Ann Rayment 01277 824029

New Parishioners: Please introduce yourself to Fr. Graham

Newsletter & Prayer List: Eileen 01277 362645

Gift Aid Organiser: Bernard Adams 01277 823511

Family Fun Day: 18th September, 12.00pm, St. Margaret's
 Philosophers Arms: 26th September, 7:30 pm

PPC Meeting: Thursday 22nd September, 7.30pm, Presbytery

Welcome Fr Emile & Farewell Fr Graham: Friday 30th September, 7.00pm, St. Margaret's

WEEKLY ROTAS

Date	Mass	Reader	Bidding Prayers	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 3 rd	5.30pm	Michelle Coetzee		Mary Clare
Sunday 4 th	8.30am	Bernard Hayden		Lauren
	10.00am	John Adams (Gabriella)	Carol Terry	Teresa / Jo / Lorraine
Saturday 10 th	5.30pm	Anne Robertson		Jane / Peter
Sunday 11 th	8.30am	Christina Aston		Delores
	10.00am	Graham Bateson	Fiona Parker (Louise)	Julie / Mary / Lorraine

Complete rotas are available on the website - www.catholic-parish-ongar.co.uk/rotas

PARISH NEWS

Lighting at St. Helen's: A huge thank you to Dr Menon who made a very generous donation to the Church to have new lighting installed at St. Helen's. I'm sure you will all agree it looks lovely!

Farewell Fr. Graham & Welcome Fr Emile: A reminder that we will be having a fish and chip supper at St. Margaret's on Friday 30th September to wish Fr Graham well and welcome Fr Emile Nkumu to the parish. The cost will be £7.00pp. There is an attendance slip attached at the bottom of this newsletter, could you please complete, indicating how many fish and how many chicken meals you will require and return along with the payment to Eileen in the presbytery to confirm whether you are coming along so that we can make the necessary catering arrangements.

Keys at St. Helen's: Can those who have keys to either the church or the presbytery at St. Helen's please return them to Eileen as soon as possible. New keys will be issued and distributed where necessary over the coming weeks.

PPC Meeting: The next PPC meeting will be held on Thursday 22nd September at 7.30pm in the presbytery at St. Helen's. All are welcome to come along and join this meeting.

Maintenance & Health & Safety at St. Margaret's: Chris Beith has decided to step down as both Health & Safety representative for St. Margaret's and from looking after the

general maintenance. If you are willing to volunteer to take over one or both of these positions from Chris, please contact the presbytery or speak with Fr Emile.

Quiz Night: There will be a quiz night on Friday 16th September at 7.30pm at Frank Bretton house in Ongar in aid of Ongar in Bloom. Tickets will be £10 and include a buffet. For tickets or more information please contact Alan Brindley on 01277 362037.

Philosophers Arms: The next meeting of the Philosopher's Arms will be on Monday 26th September, 7:30pm at the Kings Head in Ongar to discuss 'Do we waste too much food?'

Catholic Education Service: There will be a second collection next week to support the Catholic Education. Please do give what you are able.

Mike Fitzgerald Charity Walk: Over the past 3 years I have been fundraising to raise money for research into Motor Neurone disease which has taken my brother, Barry. This disease has no cure and up to three years ago there was hardly any research being carried out. Now with money being raised there are some exciting research projects going on and my walk is to help this great cause. I will walk through Switzerland and over the St Bernard Pass and on to Rome, a distance of 725 miles. I hope to complete this walk in 35 days and would ask you to support this cause. Please see me after Mass this week or next or visit my donation page at <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/michaelfitzgerald2>

DIOCESAN NEWS

Year of Mercy Autumn Talks - Cathedral House Conference Centre, Brentwood

'Living the Works of Mercy in a secular age' Speaker: Fr Martin Boland, Saturday 1st October 2016, 10.30am-12.00noon.

'The Four Last Things' Speaker: Bishop Emeritus Thomas, Saturday 15th October 2016, 10:30 - 12:00noon.

'Transformed by Mercy' Speaker: Bishop Alan, SM, Saturday 5th November 2016, 10:30 - 12:00noon.

To book a place, please contact the Brentwood Religious Education Service (BRES) Office on 01277 265285 or email:

jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Study Day at Gidea Park: Fr Adrian Graffy will lead a study day entitled 'God's Mercy is from Age to Age: the mercy of God in the Old Testament' on Saturday 8th October from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. at

Christ the Eternal High Priest,

Gidea Park, RM2 6DH. The study day in this Year of Mercy will explore the presence of God's mercy in the Scriptures. Admission is free, tea and coffee will be provided, but please bring a packed lunch. It is essential to book your place and this should be done by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com

Marillac Boot Sale: The Friends of the Marillac will be holding their final Boot Sale of the Season on Saturday, 10th September in the Marillac Grounds, Eagle Way. So why not come along, as either a buyer or a seller, and enjoy all that is on offer. Sellers from 7am, Buyers from 8am. Admission 50p, Children free. Cars—£10, Commercial Vehicles - £15. Sellers line up from 6am in adjacent Ford Car Park. Also free car parking for all buyers in Ford Car Park. We look forward to seeing you there on the day!

PRAYER LIST

Please continue to pray for all sick and housebound parishioners and friends.

Ann & Frances, Bruna Roberts, Ellen Witt, Maureen McGuinness, Betty Boulwood, Mary Sage, Marjorie Robbins, Maureen Walsh, Kevin O'Donnell, Sheila Davies, Yvonne D'Cruz, Jane Jowers, Lucy Callabritto, Joan Marshall, Anne Fagan, Chris Easter, Margaret Bates, Joan Scully, Richard Denton, Alan Nyman, Lily Bourke, Ian Maxwell, Douglas Jason, Trudi Burrows, Marie Sainsbury, Sybil McCloud, Norman Miller, Kathleen Walsh.

Fish & Chip Supper—30th September

I will be attending the fish & chip supper to welcome Fr Emile to the parish and bid farewell to Fr Graham on Friday 30th September and will require the following meals:

I will require Fish meals

I will require Chicken meals

I enclose £..... as payment

Please return to Eileen in the presbytery.

FAMILY FUN AFTERNOON

St. Margaret's, Sunday 18th September, Noon-4.30 p.m



**FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY
EVERYONE WELCOME!**



**FORGET THE COOKING! COME FOR LUNCH
& AFTERNOON TEA.**

Dean's Delicious Barbecue

Licensed Beer & Wine Tent + Soft Drinks.

Afternoon Teas, including home made scones

Bouncy Castle provided by Phil (Phil's Paradise Promotions)

New this year - Live Music

Half-Yard of Ale competition (squash for the children)

Raffle

Races including Egg & Spoon Race, Sack Race.

Tug of War

Stocks



For any other information please contact Leslie Pay on 01277 824029