

Our Lady Help of Christians and St. Oswald Catholic Church
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Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (7/9/2025)

Sat 6 Sep	6.30pm	Parishioners
Sun 7 Sep	10.00am	Anna Mulayanickal
Mon 8 Sep		No Mass. Nativity of The Blessed Virgin Mary
Tue 9 Sep	9.30am	Bernadette & Michael, St. Peter Claver, P
Wed 10 Sep	9.15am	Stephen McKenna, Rosary, Novena, Holy Mass St. Ambrose Barlow P, M
Thu 11 Sep	9.15 am	School Mass, Thomas Longueville
Fri 12 Sep	11.00 am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	12.00 pm	Vernon Brown, Most Holy Name of Mary

Exaltation of the Holy Cross (14/9/2025)

Sat 13 Sep	6.30pm	Mathew Mulayanickal, St. John Chrysostom, B, D
Sun 14 Sep	10.00am	Parishioners

Sunday Offerings

Weekly collection: Loose: £233.22, Envelopes: £133.00 Total: £366.22

A special donation of £50.00 was received from Tony Glennon's funeral. Thank you very much.

APF Red Boxes

All those with APF red boxes are asked to please bring them to church and leave them in the sacristy, so that they can be emptied. Thank you very much for your continued support. Special thanks to Maureen McKenna and Sarah Dudley for organising this noble work.

Season of Creation 1st September – 4th October: Prayer

Help us Lord, as we join with others to build a chain of prayer and action throughout this land, weaving onward around the world. You who can calm the wind and the waves, still our fears and inspire us to change. Grant that your Holy Spirit gives wisdom, inspiration and resolve to our politicians, leaders, negotiators to make the tough decisions that will allow all people to hope, to live, to dream and to shape a greener world. Your kingdom come on earth in Jesus' name we pray. Amen
Taken from, 'Pray and Fast for the Climate'

Assisted Suicide Bill

On Friday 12th September, assisted suicide will again be debated in Parliament. The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, which was narrowly approved by MPs in June will receive its Second Reading in the House of Lords. Please see the statement, distributed with the newsletter, from Archbishop John Sherrington, Lead Bishop for Life issues. We are urged to contact members of the House of Lords to ask them to vote against this Bill. Advice on how to contact members of the house of Lords and a range of other resources to help parishioners write to Lords are available on the SPUC website, including an updated briefing on the Bill, a guide to writing to peers, and an online tool: [Fight the Leadbeater bill - SPUC](#). In addition, a recent report by the Nuffield Trust is available online at: ["Assisted dying in practice": the grave implications for healthcare in the UK - SPUC](#).

Couples for Christ

The CFC Family Ministries Christian Life Programme will take place on September 20–21, 2025, and is open to all interested parishioners. Registration is free, and forms are available at the back of the church along with Couples for Christ UK leaflets. CFC is an International Association of the Faithful of Pontifical Right and is a registered charity in England and Wales (Charity No. 1099118). We hope to reach more families and individuals through this parish-based evangelisation initiative. For further inquiries, feel free to contact: Frank Roma – 07436 597620 or Adel Roma – 07838 856897.

Oswestry & Borders Food Bank

Oswestry & Borders Food Bank needs items to continue its work of helping local people who find it difficult to provide food for their families. The following are welcome: biscuits, sugar, coffee, tea bags, cereals, drinking chocolate, juice, tomato sauce, mayonnaise, brown sauce, tinned meat, porridge, sanitary items etc. Please donate as generously as you can.

Sick and Housebound

Please remember in your prayers our parishioners who are sick and housebound: Susan McCartney, Margaret Bacon, Hilda Morgan, Liz Forest, Veronica McLardie, Aileen Antony, Marian Tolley, John Edwards, Caroline Edwards, Linda Strohacker, and diocesan sick clergy and religious sisters.

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The Introductory Rites

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Response: Amen

All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore, I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

P: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. R: **Amen.**

P. Lord, have mercy. R. **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Christ, have mercy. R. **Christ, have mercy.**

P: Lord, have mercy. R. **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Let us pray.

All: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18

Responsorial Psalm: **O Lord, you have been our refuge, from generation to generation.**

Second Reading: Philemon 9b-10, 12-17

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Let your face shine forth on your servant, and teach me your decrees.

Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 14: 25-33

The Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (*all bow up to and including the words “and became man”*) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

P: The Lord be with you.

R: **And with your spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

R: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R: **It is right and just.**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

P: The mystery of faith.

R: **We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection, until you come again.**

The Communion Rite

P: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

R: **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

P: Behold the Lamb of God,

R: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**