

Our Lady Help of Christians and St. Oswald Catholic Church
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The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (16/08/2026)

Sat 15 Aug	6.30pm	Parishioners
Sun 16 Aug	10.00am	Lawrence and Agnes, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mon 17 Aug		No Mass
Tue 18 Aug	9.30am	Samritani Antonitta
Wed 19 Aug	9.15am	Rosary, Holy Mass, Novena, Leon Maria
Thu 20 Aug	9.30 am	Mother Bernadette, St. Bernard, Ab,D
Fri 21 Aug	11.00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	12.00pm	Jim Whittingham, St. Pius X, Pp

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time (23/08/2026)

Sat 22 Aug	6.30pm	Parishioners, Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sun 23 Aug	10.00am	Parishioners

Sunday Offerings

Weekly collection: Loose: £210.96 Envelopes: £141.50 Total: £352.46.
Thank you for your generosity.

Open Door teas and coffees

On Wednesday 19th August we will have the next monthly get-together for parishioners to enjoy tea, coffee, cake and a chat from 11am to 12.15 pm in the church. This is an opportunity for parishioners to spend some social time together. Do come along if you can.

Church cleaning

A big thank you to parishioners who have kindly put their names on the list for church cleaning. It looks as though we can have a team on Saturdays (4 volunteers) and Wednesdays (2 volunteers) in alternate months. However, it would be appreciated if one or two others could volunteer for Wednesdays to make the task easier; we really need at least 4 people each time. Please add your name to the list at the back of church indicating if you can help on Wednesdays. If you could help the team on Saturdays, please add your name to the list and write Saturday in the day column. Thank you.

Lately Dead

Let us pray for the happy repose of the soul of Jill Read, who died on 5thth August 2026. Her funeral details are awaited.

Parish walk/meal

We had a lovely evening for the parish walk, including a partial solar eclipse. Those who came said they enjoyed the evening very much and it was good to be able to share a meal together. Thank you to all who came along.

Piety Stall

The Piety Stall (open after 10am Sunday Mass) sells cards and religious gifts for all occasions at very reasonable prices. Come and see what is on offer.

Pope Leo's Wednesday audience on 12th August

In his Wednesday audience on 12th August, Pope Leo talked about the liturgical year, which we follow in our liturgy at Mass, throughout the year, beginning with the First Sunday of Advent. Pope Leo traced the development of the liturgical year. He explained that the weekly celebration of Easter was joined, from the second century onwards, by the annual Easter solemnity, followed by the joyful fifty-day season culminating in Pentecost and preceded by Lent.

The Christmas cycle later developed around the mysteries of Christ's Incarnation, birth and manifestation to the world. The Church also incorporated celebrations honouring the Blessed Virgin Mary, the martyrs and the saints.

The liturgical year, the Pope concluded, sacramentally presents the history of salvation, guiding believers from expectation of the Messiah through the Paschal Mystery and towards the hope of future glory. In this regard, Pope Pius XII described the liturgical year not as a lifeless recollection of events from the past, but as the living presence of Christ in His Church, through which the mysteries of salvation remain present and active. Pope Leo explained that it should therefore be understood as a continual renewal of Christ's saving work in history. By journeying through its seasons and celebrations, the Church remains united with the Lord's redemptive action, allowing the faithful to receive His grace.

By enabling Christians to participate ever more deeply in the mystery of Christ, he said, the liturgical year becomes "the guiding principle and the essential framework for all pastoral action." From www.vaticannews.va

Sick and Housebound

Please remember in your prayers our parishioners who are sick and housebound: Susan McCartney, Margaret Bacon, Hilda Morgan, Aileen Antony, Linda Strohacker, Claire Smart, Eileen Iles, Rosemary Cawley and diocesan sick clergy and religious sisters.

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The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Year A

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: Revelation 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10

Responsorial Psalm **On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-27

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Mary has been taken up into heaven; the host of angels rejoice.

Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 1:39-56

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, (*At the words that follow, up to and including and became man, all bow.*) 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.**