

Our Lady Help of Christians and St. Oswald Catholic Church
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Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time (23/08/2026)

Sat 22 Aug	6.30pm	Kathleen Gilligan, Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sun 23 Aug	10.00am	Parishioners
Mon 24 Aug		No Mass
Tue 25 Aug	9.30am	Fr. Philip K, St. Thomas of Hereford, B
Wed 26 Aug	9.15am	Rosary, Holy Mass, Novena, Thanksgiving Mass for Shijo & Manuja family
Thu 27 Aug	9.30 am	Patrick Lynch, St. Monica
Fri 28 Aug	11.00am 12.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Jim Whittingham, St. Augustine, B, D

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (30/08/2026)

Sat 29 Aug	6.30pm	Parishioners
Sun 30 Aug	10.00am	John Kuzhiparambil

Sunday Offerings

Weekly collection: Loose: £189.08 Envelopes: £104.50 Total: £293.58.
Thank you for your generosity.

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.

Mass Intentions - Urgent

We have no Mass Intentions at present, and these are urgently needed. Please use the Mass Intention Form at the back of the church, fill it in with the details of the intention in capital letters please, and leave it with a donation in the sacristy. Thank you.

Oswestry Food Bank

Oswestry & Border Food Bank needs items to continue its work of helping local people who find it difficult to provide food for their families especially during this summer season. The following items are welcome: biscuits, sugar, coffee, teabags, cereals, drinking chocolates, juice, tomato sauce, brown sauce, tinned foods, porridge, sanitary items etc. Please donate as generously as you can.

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.

From Vatican News: Bishops of the Pacific urge caution over deep-sea mining

As commercial deep-sea mining is increasingly being considered in parts of the Pacific, the Bishops of the Pacific region call for prudence, insisting that "when there exists a genuine possibility of serious or irreversible harm, the absence of complete scientific certainty should never become an excuse for proceeding without due care." The Episcopal Conference of the Pacific (CEPAC) expressed this in a pastoral statement on deep-sea mining issued on 10th August. In the letter, the Bishops stated, "We respectfully encourage all who bear responsibility for decisions concerning deep-sea mining to proceed with wisdom, transparency, humility, and genuine concern for the common good." For generations, they noted, humanity has extracted the mineral resources of the earth to sustain economic development, often without fully considering the long-term consequences for our common home. Yet today, they pointed out, commercial deep-sea mining in the region appears increasingly imminent, warning that large areas of the Pacific seabed, including the 33 million acres in the waters surrounding American Samoa and areas near the Mariana Trench Marine National Monument, are now being considered for commercial leasing. They commented that, as pastors, their responsibility is to proclaim the Gospel and to illuminate these questions in the light of the Church's social teaching. The resources of creation are entrusted not only to this generation, but those who will follow. "The Church does not oppose scientific research or responsible economic development, but rather," the Bishops highlighted, "calls us to ensure that technological advancement always respects the dignity of the human person, protects the integrity of creation, and serves the common good."

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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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:	Isaiah 22:15, 19-23
Responsorial Psalm	O Lord, your merciful love is eternal; discard not the work of your hands.
Second Reading:	Romans 11:33-36
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, alleluia. You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Alleluia.
Gospel:	Matthew 16:13-20

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.**