

**Our Lady Help of Christians and St. Oswald Catholic Church**  
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**Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (30/08/2026)**

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| Sat 29 Aug | 6.30pm  | Parishioners                                                      |
| Sun 30 Aug | 10.00am | John Kuzhiparambil                                                |
| Mon 31 Aug |         | No Mass                                                           |
| Tue 1 Sep  | 9.30am  | Peter Burden, <b>World Day of Prayer for the care of creation</b> |
| Wed 2 Sep  | 9.15am  | Rosary, Holy Mass, Novena, Mary McLouglin                         |
| Thu 3 Sep  | 9.30 am | Private Intention, <b>St. Gregory the Great, Pp,D</b>             |
| Fri 4 Sep  | 11.00am | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament                                |
|            | 12.00pm | Gilligan Family                                                   |

**Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (06/09/2026)**

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| Sat 5 Sep | 6.30pm  | Parishioners, <b>St Theresa of Calcutta, V</b> |
| Sun 6 Sep | 10.00am | Parishioners                                   |

**Sunday Offerings**

Weekly collection: Loose: £237.20 Envelopes: £157.00 Total: £394.20.  
Thank you for your generosity.

**Welcome Back**

As the season of holidays are closing this week, we wholeheartedly welcome all of you back to our normal life, especially our school staff and children, mainly the new ones.

**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.

**Season of Creation**

The season of creation begins 1<sup>st</sup> September and the theme for this year is Living Water, based on Ezekiel 47: 1-12. God's life-giving water flows from the temple of God, growing deeper, restoring barren land, reviving waters, and sustaining flourishing ecosystems.

To find out more about the season of creation there is a website which gives much more information and suggestions for prayer and other activities during this time, [Season of Creation](#) There are several other websites which give lots of resources to enable us to enter into this time more fully.

**The Dimensions of Love – Fr Tom's Pilgrimage**

To mark ten years of priestly ministry, Fr Tom Cunnah will undertake a nine-day, 130-mile thanksgiving pilgrimage across the Diocese of Shrewsbury, from West Kirby to Ludlow and Shining Tor, beginning on 3 September. Along the way, he will be praying for vocations and raising awareness and funds for the work of Caritas supporting families in need. Parishioners can follow his journey on Caritas social media.

**Update on the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill**

As mentioned recently, this new bill is being brought to the House of Commons for its second reading on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September. The new bill is virtually the same as the one which run out of time in the House of Lords earlier this year. The aim of the Bill is to legalise assisted dying/ suicide. Many organisations and individuals have spoken out against the Bill. Catholic teaching promotes the protection of life from conception to its natural end. Please pray that this Bill does not become law and please contact your MP to ask them to vote against the Bill. Please read the handout provided at the back of church.

**Prayer meeting**

On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October, from 7 to 8.30pm, a prayer meeting will be held at the back of the church. The aim is to have a meeting on the third Tuesday of every month, except for July and August. We will begin with prayer and praise, followed by Scripture readings, prophecy, teaching and a time of intercession. It will provide an opportunity to discover and deepen the presence and the action of the Holy Spirit in our lives. All are welcome. A further reminder will be in the newsletter nearer the date of the first meeting.

**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.

**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: Jeremiah 20:7-9

Responsorial Psalm **For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.**

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia.**

**May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.**

**Alleluia.**

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

### 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.**