

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

13 August 2023

How does God reveal himself to us? Most of the time, in precisely the way we do not expect! This is what happened to Elijah: we expect God - all-powerful, almighty - to appear in dramatic effects of nature; but no, God is in a gentle breeze. Similarly in the Gospel: the disciples do not expect Jesus to come towards them walking on the lake - but he does. And when God is revealed in the unexpected, he gives courage and strength: Elijah was afraid when he went to Horeb but was strengthened by his encounter with God to continue his mission; in the same way the disciples are given courage and faith by the Lord who walks to them on the waters.

PARISH NOTICES & EVENTS

PARISH OF DIVINE MERCY PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, help us never to abandon your ways. As you have loved and shown us your mercy, may we sincerely express our love for God by loving our neighbour and being merciful to them. Jesus, King of Divine Mercy, we trust in you.

2. READINGS

First: I Kings 19:9, 11-13 - Elijah experiences God's power: on the mountain, through wind, earthquake, fire and gentle breeze.

Psalm 84 - Let us see O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help / I will hear what the Lord God has to say / Mercy and faithfulness have met / The Lord will make us prosper.

Second: Romans 9: 1-5 - I would willingly be condemned and cut off from Christ if it could help by brothers of Israel: ... from them came Christ who is above all, God forever blessed.

Gospel: Matthew 14: 22-33 - Jesus walks on the water.

3. FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION – TUESDAY, 15 AUGUST:

Masses to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption are as follows:

St Herbert's: Private Prayer at 9.30 am; Mass at 10.00 am

Corpus Christi: Private Prayer at 6.30 pm; Mass at 7.00 pm.

4. MAKING A DIFFERENCE WITH MARY'S MEALS: Mary's Meals is now feeding more than 2.4 million children each school day in 18 of the world's poorest countries. This is only possible thanks to the continued support of good people like yourselves. Fran Lawson from the charity will be visiting our parish this weekend to give a short update on their work and to ask that you might consider volunteering to help them spread the word across our local area. They would also be grateful for your prayerful support. To find out more about their work, please go to marysmeals.org.uk

5. SAINT OF THE WEEK

St Maximilian Kolbe, priest and martyr: was born in Poland in 1894. He became a Franciscan in 1910. St Maximilian Kolbe was arrested by the invading German forces in 1939 and sentenced to heavy labour in the extermination camp at Auschwitz. When a married man was chosen to be executed, Maximilian volunteered to take his place: he was killed by lethal injection on 14 August 1941. He was canonised in 1982 in the presence of the man whose life he had saved.

6. OUR FAITH, OUR PLANET, OUR COMMITMENT: Thursday 14th September 2023, 6.30pm - 9.30pm at the Manchester Museum

An annual conference on climate change is set to take place next month to discuss ways people can work together to reduce our carbon footprint.

Our Faith, Our Planet, Our Commitment takes place on Thursday 14th September and will include a series of workshops and networking opportunities to help communities work together for the good of our common home. Find out more and register at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/our-faith-our-planet-our-commitments-tickets-676670799577?aff=oddtcreator>

7. MASS FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD: Thursday 14th September, 7pm

St Monica's, Woodsend Road South, Flixton, M41 6QB

Each month, our diocesan vocations team travels to a different deanery to hold a special Mass for the future of the priesthood in our diocese.

Our next Mass for Vocations to the Priesthood is set to take place on Thursday 14th September at St Monica's in Flixton. All are welcome to attend!

Missed this? Last week, we were delighted to share the vocation story of one of our diocesan priests. Watch online now at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SftOl2vVMXk>

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: 234; Offertory: 175; Communion: 757, 628; Recessional: 147.

ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 234; Offertory: 516; Communion: 511, 462; Recessional: 120.

8. DIOCESAN YOUNG ADULTS MASS: *Sunday 10th September, 5.30pm (confessions between 4.45 - 5.15pm); St Augustine's Church, Grosvenor Square, Manchester*

Please note, there will be no Diocesan Young Adults Mass in August as we break over the summer. Our next Young Adults Mass will take place on Sunday 10th September at St Augustine's Church, Manchester, when we will be delighted to welcome Daniella Stephens as our speaker after Mass. We look forward to seeing you then!

9. SCIE REVIEW OF CSSA POLICIES AND PROCEDURES – STAKEHOLDER SURVEY The CSSA (Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency) has commissioned the SCIE (Social Care Institute for Excellence) to undertake a review of its policies and procedures. The review aims to help shape the future of safeguarding within the Catholic Church and make representations where it is evident or perceived that the current policies and procedures are outdated, or there is a gap or no policy for a situation. To help the review team take into consideration as many views as possible, the

CSSA is requesting that people right across the Catholic Church in England and Wales - including clergy, staff, volunteers, parishioners, survivors, and more - complete the following survey:

<https://forms.office.com/e/PavSuixHim>

10. SUNDAY SMILES

That excellent school, St. Thomas the Dubious, have just had their end of year exams. The teachers can certainly go holiday with smiles on their faces, after some of the answers they have read: (6)

Parallel lines never meet unless you bend one or both of them.

Medieval people were violent. Murder during this period was nothing. Everybody killed somebody.

A consonant is a large piece of land surrounded by water. Christopher Columbus was a great navigator who discovered America while cursing about the Atlantic.

Nero was a cruel tyranny who would torture his poor subjects by playing the fiddle to them.

A turbine is something an Arab or a Shriek wears on his head.

WEEKDAY CALENDAR

MONDAY: Both churches closed.
TUESDAY: **FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)**
St Herbert's: Private Prayer at 9.30 am; Mass at 10.00 am
Corpus Christi: Private Prayer at 6.30 pm; Mass at 7.00 pm
WEDNESDAY: **St Herbert's:** Private Prayer at 9.30 am; Mass at 10.00 am
THURSDAY: **Corpus Christi:** Private Prayer at 9.00 am; Mass at 9.30 am
FRIDAY: **St Herbert's:** Private Prayer at 9.30 am; Mass at 10.00 am
SATURDAY: **Corpus Christi:** Private Prayer at 5.00 pm; Mass at 5.30 pm
SUNDAY: **Corpus Christi:** Private Prayer 9.00 am; Mass at 9.30 am
St Herbert's: Private Prayer 10.30 am; Mass at 11.00 am

MASS REQUESTS

Missa pro populo

Lately Dead: Mario McDonnell (11 years old, who died unexpectedly at home); Christine; Clare Cowan

RIP: Joan Hunt

Anniversary: Mary & Bernard Nangle; Janina Grobelnik; Margaret Wood; Ray Corrigan

Birthday Mass: Dinah Slater

PRAYER FOR SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Father, we place before you all the sick and housebound of the parish: Wade Stevens, Luke Burke, John McCarthy, Gerard Healey, Mary Gowran, Margaret Lawless, Edith Hamilton, David Roberts, Agnes Conroy, Mrs Monica Anne Turner, Angela Delph, Dorothy Buckley, Nora Hickey, Sheila Cavey, Nancy Pinto, Mrs H Fallas, Anthony McDermott, Jean Winterbottom, Maxine Bennett, Dominic Boardman, Angela Fairgrieve, Jack Hulme, Peter Wooldridge, Nikki Winnard, Pauline Powell, Phillip Lees, Andrew Lees, Mary O'Connor.



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ARE YOU...

New to the Parish?
 Know someone who is sick or in hospital?
 Can you help the parish or us you?
 Like a visit from the priest?

Please speak to Fr Lawrence after mass or at any convenient time.