

**OUR LADY AND ST. HELEN'S
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Mass times

Monday to Friday	10 am
Saturday Vigil Mass	6 pm
Sunday	10 am & 12 noon

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday to Friday	9:00 -9:45 am
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Confessions

Tuesday and Thursday	9:20 am
Saturday	5:20 pm

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -A
Sunday, 9th of August, 2026.

1st Reading: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

Stand on the mount before the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 85(84)

Show us, O Lord, your mercy, and grant us your salvation.

2nd Reading: Romans 9: 1-5

I wish that I were accursed for the sake of my brothers and sisters.

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Command me to come to you on the water.

Reflection: Finding God in the Unexpected

A young boy loved watching superhero films. In particular, he followed the series “Smallville” and “Heroes.” One day, his grandma took and the boy prayed to Jesus Christ, having read of many miracles performed by Jesus, including walking on water. He expected a flash of light, a dramatic miracle, or an angel to appear. Instead, a neighbour quietly knocked on the door with a warm meal, another parishioner offered to drive his grandmother to hospital appointments. When news came home that grandma was stable, everyone, including the little boy, was happy. The boy later admitted, "I almost missed God's answer because I was waiting for something spectacular." We often do the same with God. We know how He has acted in the past, so we expect Him to act the same way again. Ironically, our expectations can become the greatest obstacle to recognizing God's presence.

This is precisely where Elijah finds himself. Before 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a, Elijah had witnessed one of the greatest miracles in Scripture. On Mount Carmel, God answered with fire from heaven, proving that He alone is the true God. The prophets of Baal were defeated, and Elijah must have thought Israel's conversion had finally begun. Instead, Queen Jezebel vowed to kill him, and the great prophet fled into the wilderness, frightened and discouraged. The prophet was struggling to understand God's plan. If God had displayed such overwhelming power on Mount Carmel, why allow Jezebel's threats to continue? Why had nothing seemed to change?

Then God teaches Elijah a lesson that would transform his perception and knowledge of God. The Lord is not found in the violent wind, nor the earthquake, nor the fire. God comes instead in the sound of a gentle whisper. Elijah discovers that God's power is not limited to dramatic interventions. More often, God works quietly and patiently, changing hearts and situations in ways that are not immediately visible.

Perhaps we, too, are waiting for God to act in spectacular ways. We may be expecting a miraculous cure, an instant solution, or a dramatic sign. Meanwhile, He is already at work in the quiet whisper of Scripture, the

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encouragement of a friend, the kindness of a stranger, the wisdom gained through suffering, and the peace found in prayer. The challenge for Christians in a fast-paced, technology- and AI-driven world is whether we are attentive and patient enough to recognise Him. Faith begins when we stop telling God how He should act and instead learn to trust the gentle ways in which He is already at work, always whispering to our hearts, "Take courage. It is I. Do not be afraid."

Hymns for Sunday

Entrance: Immortal, invisible God only wise	No. 361
Offertory: Take me Lord	No. 638
Communion: Soul of my Saviour	No. 628
Communion 2: Yahweh is the God of my salvation	No. 745
Recessional: Sing my soul	No. 320

St. Lawrence (Feast, Monday), St. Clare (Memorial, Tuesday), St. Maximilian Kolbe (Memorial, Friday).

Death: *Theo Girasoli, Kathleen Lennie, Monsignor Dan Hart.*

Anniversary: *James Trench, Katelyn Sarah Montgomery, Danny McKay, Elizabeth Cairns, Helen O'Boyle, James Kelly, Thomas Templeton, Marlene Shields, Elizabeth Anderson, Mary Harper, Mary McGregor, Daniel McGregor, Elizabeth Egan, Ellen McElroy.*

The Second Collection for next week is for Assisted Parishes.

Completion of the Parish Hall

We are delighted to announce that the Parish Hall has been completed, two weeks ahead of schedule. We thank God for this wonderful achievement and express our sincere gratitude to everyone whose hard work made it possible.

As we prepare to put the Hall into full use, we are looking for three to four

parish volunteers to assist with its day-to-day management and coordination. If you are willing to offer your time and talents to this important ministry, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please speak to Fr. Paulinus or any member of the Parish Pastoral Council if you are interested in serving.

Community Meeting/Party

You are warmly invited to our Parish Community Meeting, to be held on Wednesday, 19 August, at 7.00 pm in the Church Hall. We will also have our St. Helen's Feast celebration. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together as a parish family, celebrate our patron saint, share ideas, and discuss matters that concern our community. We encourage everyone to attend and take part in the life of our parish.

Collections for 19/07/2026

Offertory: **£656.34** Gift Aid envelopes: **£310**

Stella Maris Collection: **£20**

Collections for 26/07/2026

Offertory: **£540.33** Gift Aid envelopes: **£281.70**

Collections for 02/08/2026

Offertory: **£598.07** Gift Aid envelopes: **£341**

200 Club July Winners

1st No. 23

2nd No. 79

3rd No. 135

Paraclete Prayer Group

This is a long-standing prayer group in the parish. It meets in homes and is keen to have new members. Kindly reach out to Kathleen Gay or Mary Keegan.

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