

13th AUGUST 2023: NINETEENTH SUNDAY (A)

Mass book page: 114 1st Reading: 1 Kings 19: 9, 11-13 2nd Reading: Romans 9: 1-5 Gospel: Matthew 14: 22-23

11am Mass Hymns	Entrance: 934 Gloria: 489	Gospel Accl. ⁿ : 820 Communion: 968	Offertory: 762 Post-Communion: 971	Euch. ^c Prayer: 490 Recessional: 960
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God speaks in a gentle breeze

Jesus spoke to the storm and there followed a great calm. God spoke to Elijah in the whisper of a gentle breeze. In every aspect of our lives, especially in moments of trial, God speaks to us in Christ if only we will listen to his voice.

Tell me to come to you across the water.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention - For World Youth Day

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days

Sat 12 18:30	First Mass of Sunday Souls in Purgatory
Sun 13 09.30	✠ NINETEENTH SUNDAY (A) Thanksgiving & Private Intention of Mary Anne Oparaji
11.00	Wellbeing for Severinus Benedict Fihosy
Mon 14 09.30	Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe Wellbeing of Kathlenn Carabine Rosary
Tue 15 09.30	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Holyday of Obligation) Rita Fahy and Eufrasia Rubaya RIP Rosary
20: 00	Mass
Wed 16 09.30	Kayshia Gorden RIP Rosary
Thu 17 09.30	Thomas G. Keogh RIP Rosary
Fri 18 09.30	Robert Morson-Wood RIP Exposition
Sat 19 09.30 18:30	42 nd Wedding Anniversary of Mary & Charles Chilaka First Mass of Sunday Thanksgiving & Wellbeing for Camillus Leslie
Sun 20 09.30 11.00	✠ TWENTIETH SUNDAY (A) Anna McCarthy Murphy RIP Muriel Rhomes RIP

Sharing the Word

First Reading

During the reign of Ahab in Israel, Elijah took on himself the task of combating the Baal worship which was fostered by queen Jezebel. Elijah adopted a very militant approach. Now on the run for his life, he is directed to Mount Horeb where he takes refuge in a cave.

There he is taught that the tactics he had been adopting are not God's tactics. Elijah learns that God's ways are not man's ways. God's way is not a violent one, symbolised by a mighty wind and the earthquake. God's way is a gentle one symbolised by the breeze.

Second Reading

St Paul tells of the sorrow and anguish he suffers because his fellow Jews refused to accept Christ as the Messiah. His pain is not unlike what is experienced by those who become separated from family and friends over issues of faith and religion.

Gospel

This story is symbolic. The disciples in the boat represent the infant church; the wind and the waves represent the persecution let loose on the Church. Jesus is not with them physically; he is in heaven, praying to the Father. However, in the Church's direst need, when all seems lost, the Lord comes over to save her.

Peter represents the typical disciple, caught between faith and doubt. Jesus' rebuke, 'Man of little faith! Why did you doubt?' is directed at us also, who often start out courageously only to lose heart when faced with a crisis.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation 2023

The photographs taken at these sacraments are now available for collection.

Please see either Fr Regis after Mass, or Steven the secretary in the parish house weekdays 9am to 12 noon.

Sick and Housebound

If your neighbour or anyone you know is unable to attend mass because they are in poor health, please let Fr Regis know and he will take Holy Communion to them.

Prayer Requests

If you request for yourself or an immediate family member to be listed in the Parish Newsletter, it will run for a month per request. Please send an email to: regisrubaya@rcaos.org.uk.

Forthcoming Diocesan Events

The Commission for Justice Peace and Integrity of Creation for the Archdiocese of Southwark – Autumn Assembly – Saturday 23rd September 2023.

The Right to Stay: Free to Choose: addressing the motivations that affect decisions taken to leave one's native land. More info: justiceandpeace@rcaos.org.uk

Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion in Our Parishes, Schools and Communities Seminar - Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Southwark, from 9.30am to 4.00pm on Sat. 28th October.

Chaired by Canon Victor Darlington, Episcopal Vicar for the Southeast and joined by contributions from a range of speakers, including the Most Reverend John Wilson, the Metropolitan Archbishop of Southwark. For information and registration visit: <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/commission-for-promoting-racial-and-cultural-inclusion/what-we-do/>. or write us: racialjusticecommission@rcaos.org.uk.

Please join us for a stimulating and hope-filled day of discussion. Registration is FREE.

Parish Secretary

The parish secretary will be away from the office from Saturday 12th – Monday 28th August, returning to the office on Tuesday 29th August.

Last Week

Offertory: Gift Aided: £160, Not Gift Aided: £463

Mass Count: Sat (62), Sun 09.30 (95), 11.00 (88)

Second Collection

Last week: None

This week: None

Next Week: None

Donate

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