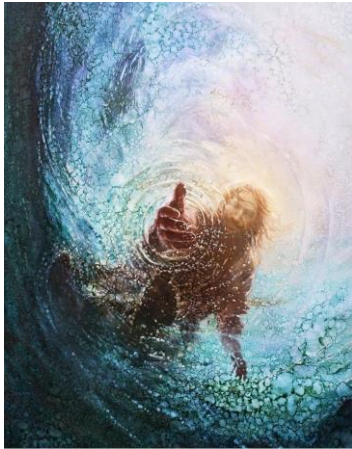


Sacred Heart Church, Berkhamsted

✠ 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, 13th August 2023



Our Sunday readings this week reiterate the need to listen to God's voice in all the circumstances of our lives, especially in times of trial. Thereby we might become artisans of peace in our world.

In the **First Reading**, God appears to a despondent Elijah in the voice of a gentle breeze, and the prophet gains courage to face his mission.

The **Psalms** could be Elijah's prayer: the psalmist is eager to hear what the Lord has to say.

The disciples are also disheartened (**Gospel**), and slow to recognize the Lord in the midst of the storm. They worship him as he reaches out to save them.

St Paul, writing to the Romans, is saddened that the Jewish people have not recognized Jesus. He is willing to put his own salvation on the line to help his people. (**Second Reading**)

May we remind ourselves this week that Christ, our peace, is always with us, and with our world, amidst the storms and difficulties of our lives.

Mass Intentions:

Sun 13 Aug	✠ 19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30am	People of the Parish
		10:00am*	Maureen Kyte RIP
Mon 14 Aug	St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest & Martyr	10:00am	<u>NO MASS</u>
Tue 15 Aug	✠ The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10:00am	Jack McAsey RIP Ann
Thu 17 Aug	Feria	12:00pm	Marie Browne RIP Ann
Fri 18 Aug	Feria	10:00am	<u>NO MASS</u>
Sat 19 Aug	Feria	10:00am	<u>NO MASS</u>
	Sunday Vigil	5:00pm	Kathleen Nally RIP
Sun 20 Aug	✠ 20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30am	People of the Parish
		10:00am*	Fr John Boland Int

* Livestream Mass

We Pray for:

The Sick and the Housebound in our parishes

We pray especially for: Joe Quinn, Rosemary Goacher, Tim Murphy, Heidi Wong, Jane Blayney, Dympna O'Connor, Liz Salmon, Elizabeth Le Juge de Segrais, Winifred Winstone, Lucy Chapman, Hilary Sweetman, Michael Earls.

We commend them to God's healing.

The Recently Deceased & Anniversaries

We pray for those who have died recently or those whose anniversaries occur at this time including: Vincent Paul Keen, Fr Mark Leenane, Michael Briggs, Teresa Treacy, Elizabeth Anne Keenan, Paul Galea, Fr Theo Raaijmakers, Helen Campbell, Becky Lambert, Veronica Aligwo, Franca Agwara, Wally McNeela, Fr Richard Ward Marriott.

Eternal rest granted onto them oh Lord and let the perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

The Blessed Sacrament Lamp

is sponsored this week for victims and their families of the Hawaii wildfires

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