

19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

First Reading 1 Kings 19:9a. 11-13a
God is not in the wind, the earthquake or the fire, but in the still small voice of calm.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 85
Show us, O LORD, your mercy, and grant us your salvation.

Second Reading Romans 9:1-5
We hear of Paul's sorrow for a people who seem to be separated from God and his desire to bring them closer.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

I long for you, O LORD,
my soul longs for his word.

Alleluia.

Gospel Matthew 14:22-33
Jesus walks on the water towards the disciples and stretches out his hand to a sinking Peter.

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Sacred Heart (Goldthorpe), Sacred Heart & St Helen (Hoyland) and St Michael & All Angels (Wombwell)



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Sunday Year A
Weekday Cycle II

Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, 'O you of little faith, why did you doubt?' Matthew 14:31

Service Times & Intentions

Saturday Vigil (St Michael's)	8 AUG	5:30pm	Audrey Salmon (RIP)
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	9 AUG	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday (St Helen's)	9 AUG	11.00am	Mary Smith (RIP)
Tuesday (St Helen's)	11 Aug	10.00am	
Wednesday (St Michael's)	12 Aug	7.00pm	
Thursday (St Helen's)	13 Aug	10.00am	
Friday (Sacred Heart)	14 Aug	10.00am	
Saturday (St Michael's)	15 Aug	11.00am	
Saturday Vigil (St Michael's)	15 AUG	5:30pm	Kevin Rich (RIP)
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	16 AUG	9.00am	Canon John Galvin (RIP)
Sunday (St Helen's)	16 AUG	11.00am	People of the Parish

Divine Mercy Chaplet in the Lady Chapel directly after the Vigil Mass on Saturday.

Rosary is at 1.30pm each Wednesday in Goldthorpe.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation – Saturday 10:30 at Wombwell and upon request.

Date	Parish Collection	Standing Orders for July
2 nd August	£285.21	£ 1,857.91

The wind is howling, the rain is pouring, trees are bent over, umbrellas turned inside out. Thunder crashes and lightning cracks the sky. The noise and the power of the weather can be intense. Frightening. We can be left feeling small and powerless against all that is raging around us. It is a time to huddle up somewhere safe and warm, with a cup of tea and wait for it to be over. Or perhaps, like Julie Andrews in *The Sound of Music*, we resort to distractions – singing about our favourite things – to comfort ourselves and others. The storm we face doesn't always have to be weather-related. Sometimes we can feel equally buffeted by the circumstances around us. The noise of the overwhelming demands on our time – work, family, friends, advertising, bills, the house – all needing something from us right now. Perhaps we have faced a run of difficult circumstances: illness, grief, financial difficulties, broken relationships. Either way the same response feels natural, to distract ourselves from reality or to find a safe place to weather the storm. Perhaps our ways of distracting ourselves aren't always as wholesome as Julie Andrews' singing. Perhaps we turn to alcohol, to food, to shopping or to scrolling endlessly on our phone to dull the fear and numb the pain.

But what if we were to turn to God? God who is with us through all these storms – both real and metaphorical.

Elijah looked for God in the earthquake, the fire and the wind, but did not find him. Instead, Elijah found God in the quiet whisper. It is a beautiful image and a powerful one. God does not need to shout and rage for us to hear. His voice comes when we least expect, gently encouraging us and guiding us in the right

direction. But we do need to take the time to listen – something that can be increasingly difficult to do in the busyness of our daily lives.

Peter recognised Jesus walking across the water towards him. He even impulsively jumped out to meet him – buoyed by faith to answer Christ's call to walk on water. But he was easily distracted, frightened by the wind and began to doubt. When Peter began to sink, Jesus reached out his hand and held him, keeping him safe amidst the waves.

Perhaps there are times in our life when we start out with the best of intentions. When we are filled with enthusiasm and a renewed energy that today is the day that we are going to live as God calls us to. But the moment it is hard or we are distracted by something else, we flounder. We struggle to keep our heads above water. It is at this moment that we must hold onto hope – that Jesus is right alongside us, reaching out his hand, calling us to let go of our doubts and lean into our faith. If we do so, we may be able to do things that feel impossible.

How then, do we do this? How do we strengthen our faith, restore our hope and make time to listen for God's quiet promptings in our own hearts? Our prayer life can help to muffle the raging of the world. It may feel counter-intuitive, amongst all the daily tasks, to stop and breathe, pray and listen, but it is in this way that we can find a moment of stillness which strengthens us for all that we face, and which leads us to do something wonderful.

In the same way that Jesus reaches out to Peter, whom do we notice reaching out to us when we are struggling? What do the people who help us in the stormy times teach us about God's steadfast presence in our life? How does our support for those around us help them to feel God's never-ending love and mercy?

Whatever storm we face, once it is over we emerge blinking into the sunlight, surveying the destruction – the damage done to our surroundings or to our life –working out where we go next. In this moment we can also turn to God.

Offering up in prayer our struggles, our hopes and listening for gentle guidance as to where we are called to go.

Let us pray then that God will guide us through the storm and as we rebuild afterwards. May we be filled with courage and faith that we are never abandoned, and may we stand alongside and support one another in the difficult times.

Summary

1. We all face stormy times in our life – whether literally or metaphorically – but although we might not always be able to hear him, God does not abandon us in the chaos.

2. Jesus reaches out to Peter to save him when Peter's doubts threaten to overwhelm him. Our faith can also lead us to do something wonderful if we free ourselves from doubt.
3. We are called to seek God's presence in the quiet of our hearts and in the gift of other people who support us during challenging times. We can also reveal God's presence to others through our actions.

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Prayers for the Sick

We pray for our sick and/or housebound parishioners, especially Phil Harrison, Yueh Li-Wu, Kath Lees, Kitty Hamstead, Maria Gilliver, Ian Coombs, John Bainbridge, Ann Stones, Carl Potter, Audrey Wood, Paula and Jimmy Stewart, Justin Philip Collins, George Beard, Stephen and Tracy Savage, Brian and Margaret Savage, Mary Brankin, Pat Doyle, Christine Mays, Percy Winterton, Anthony and Carole Dyson, Bernadette Hoult, Janette Barber, Paddy McNicholas, David Hardy, Hannah Prentiss, Thomas Collins, Norma Marshall, Val Armstrong, Margaret Booker, Norah Preuss, Nancy Preston, Vicky Quinn, and Brendan Pells.

Bonus Ball

1.8.26 The winning number was 29: Both E Cooper & T McCoy won £50. If you would like to play the bonus ball, it is only £1 a week for a chance to win £25. There 10 spaces in Hoyland and 5 Spaces in Goldthorpe.

Recently Deceased

The Requiem Mass for **Canon John Galvin** will be at Holy Rood Church. The Reception of his body is on Monday 10th August at 6pm. The Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 11th August: at 11:30 AM.

Joseph (Joe) Goddard passed away in Melbourne. His funeral will be held on 17 August at 11 am (2am our time). If a link for the livestream is provided, I will post it on our parish Facebook Page.

Foodbank

The Salvation Army Goldthorpe are still requesting help to keep the Foodbank stocked throughout August. Many families are being supported not just in Goldthorpe but borough-wide. All donations of non-perishable goods are very welcome - soup, beans, pasta, long life milk, cereal etc - and can be left at the back of church.

Healing Mass

Next Wednesday evening's Mass will be a Healing Mass with the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.