



## Parish Bulletin

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary  
Time

February 15, 2026

Sunday Cycle A  
Weekday Cycle 2  
Divine Office Week 2

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## This Week's Divine Services and Other Events

**Monday February 16**  
Weekday in Ordinary  
Time

 James 1:1-11; Ps 119(118):67-68. 71-72. 75-76. R77a;  
Mark 8:11-13.

**9:15AM Mass, Holy Family**

**Tuesday February 17**  
Weekday in Ordinary  
Time

 James 1:12-18; Ps 94(93):12-13a. 14-15. 18-19. R12a;  
Mark 8:14-21.

**9:15AM Mass, St Mary's**

**2:00-4:00PM Cuppa Club, Parish Room at Holy Family Church. All welcome.**

**Wednesday Feb 18**  
Ash Wednesday

 Joel 2:12-18; Ps 51(50):3-4. 5-6b. 12-13. 14, 17. R cf. 3a;  
2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18.

**9:15AM Mass & Distribution of Ashes, Holy Family**

**10:30AM Mass & Distribution of Ashes, St Mary's**

**6:00PM Mass & Distribution of Ashes, St Mary's**

**Thursday February 19**  
Thursday after Ash  
Wednesday

 Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2. 3. 4, 6. R Psalm 40(39):5a;  
Luke 9:22-25.

**9:15AM Eucharistic service, Holy Family**

**Friday February 20**  
Friday after Ash Wednesday

 Isaiah 58:1-9a; Ps 51(50):3-4. 5-6a.18-19. R19b;  
Matthew 9:14-15.

**8:55AM Rosary, St Mary's**

**9:30AM Mass, St Mary's**

**6:30PM Scripture study, St Mary's meeting room**

**Saturday February 21**  
Saturday after Ash  
Wednesday

 Isaiah 58:9b-14; Ps 86(85):1-2. 3-4. 5-6. R1a;  
Luke 5:27-32.

**11:00-11:45AM: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession), St Mary's.**

**12:00 noon Mass, St Mary's**

**Sunday February 22**  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

 Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51(50):3-4. 5-6b. 12-13. 14, 17.  
R cf. 3a; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11.

**9:00AM St Mary's Church open for private prayer.**

**9:30AM Sung Mass, St Mary's**

**10:45AM Holy Family Church open for private prayer.**

**11:15AM Sung Mass, Holy Family**

Light refreshments will be served after both Sunday morning Masses.

**6:00PM Mass, St Mary's**

### Confession

Saturdays (see above); otherwise on request.

### Baptisms and Marriages

If you would like to arrange a baptism or a wedding, please speak to a priest or to Sr. Benedicta after Mass.

**Please note, we require six months' notice for a wedding.**

### We Pray For...

#### Sick

We pray for all who are currently awaiting results, undergoing treatment or battling illnesses. In particular: Paul Vincent Rostern, Gregory Francis Rostern, Padraig Rafferty, Joe & Anne Appleton, Monica Reed, Maria-Thérèse Passenger, Karen Seinen, Geraldine Power, Kath Wilkinson, Betty Brown, Joe Gallagher, Finola Bedford, Catherine Redikin, Catherine Ardill, Christopher McAuley, Austin Moran, Burny Maughny, Pat Snelling, John Moran, Michael Bray, Wendy Felstead, Caroline, Ann Burn, Donni Marie, Sarah O'Brien, Collette Hartwell, Immanuel Iro, Annamariae O.S. Asemota, Susan Watson, Stephanie Farrell, Anna, Morris Maude, Mary Jowes, Phyll Watson, Mrs. Gavin, Patrick O'Brien, Ian Kirkham and David Riley.

#### Recently Deceased

We pray for the souls of: Rosina Coleman, Mark Pritchard, Michael Melody, Joan Scott, Loretta Broxton and Mary Ojelabi.

May they rest in perfect peace.

#### Anniversary

We pray for the souls of Josephine Appleton and Bernadette Hall.

May they continue to rest in the Lord.

## Mass and Distribution of Ashes on Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026

9:15am: Holy Family Church.  
10:30am: St Mary's Church.  
6:00pm: St Mary's Church.

### Deaths and Funerals

We sadly announce the deaths of:

**Mark Pritchard**, whose funeral Mass will take place at Holy Family Church, 10:00am on Tuesday, February 24.

**Michael Melody**, whose funeral Mass will take place at Holy Family Church, 12:30pm on Friday, February 27.

We keep their families and friends in our prayers.

### Lenten Deanery Station Masses

If you require transportation to any of this year's Lenten Station Masses, please contact Pat Snelling or Rose O'Brien at St Mary's Church, or Judith at Holy Family Church.

All Station Masses are celebrated on Tuesday evenings as follows (times to be announced next week):

Feb. 24: St Anne's, Ashton.  
Mar. 3: Our Lady's, Mooreside.  
Mar. 10: Holy Family, Limeside.  
Mar. 17: St Patrick's, Oldham.  
Mar 24: Ss Aidan & Oswald, Royton.

### Volunteers Urgently Needed

Are you able to give some of your time to support this year's Confirmation preparation programme at St. Edward's Church in Lees - a short series of evening meetings for senior

school students, starting in March? Volunteers would simply be required to register student attendance, and then provide low-key supervision from the back of church to ensure safeguarding compliance. Please contact Fr. Callum ASAP if you are able to help:

callum.brown491@gmail.com

### Cuppa Club

Last Tuesday's Afternoon of Entertainment with Ian Jenkins was a thoroughly enjoyable event; thank you to all who supported, and for their help with the clearing up afterwards. As if that wasn't enough, this coming Tuesday, February 17, is 'Flipping Tuesday' at the Cuppa Club, as there will be a pancake-tossing competition. As always, the club will meet from 2:00 to 4:00pm in Holy Family Parish Room.

**Bonus Ball** St Mary's Bonus Ball: Previous draw: January 31. Winning no. 11 – Alexa Delsoldato. Prize: £150. To church fund: £145 minus £9.10 admin/info board costs = £135.90. Next draw: Saturday, February 28. Prize: £150. To church fund: £145 est. Price £5 per number. Pay by Friday, February 27. **Charity Bonus Ball**: Previous draw: January 31. Charity: Cancer Research UK. Winning no. 11 – Harry Cashinella. Prize: £150. To charity: £130 (3 numbers unsold = £15). Next draw: Saturday, February 28. Charity: Cancer Research UK. Prize: £150. To charity: £145 est. Price: £5 per number. Pay by Friday, February 27. Late payments will not be accepted.

## ORDER OF MASS

### HYMN

R

1

2

3

4

**in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I  
have failed to do,**

*(Striking breast:)*

**through my fault,  
through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore, I ask blessed Mary  
ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our  
God.**

### Kýrie Eléison

*All sing together:*

**Kýrie, eléison<sup>1</sup>. Kýrie, eléison.  
Kýrie, eléison, eléison.  
Christe eléison<sup>2</sup>. Christe eléison.  
Christe eléison, eléison.  
Kýrie, eléison. Kýrie, eléison.  
Kýrie, eléison, eléison.**

*Sung in the original Greek, translating as follows:*

<sup>1</sup> Lord, have mercy.

<sup>2</sup> Christ, have mercy.

### GLORIA

*(Sung)*

*Refrain:*

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory  
to God in the highest,**

**and on earth, peace on earth,  
peace to people of good will.**

**1. We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great  
glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.**

*(Refrain)*

**2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only  
Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of  
the Father,  
you take away the sins of the  
world, have mercy on us,  
you take away the sins of the  
world, receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand,  
the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.**

*(Refrain)*

**3. For you alone are the Holy  
One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
*(Refrain)* Amen, amen.**

### PENITENTIAL ACT

#### General Confession

*All say together:*

**I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and  
sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading

*Sirach 15:15-20*

*'He has not commanded anyone to be ungodly.'*

If you desire, you will keep the commandments, and to act faithfully is a matter of choice. He has placed before you fire and water: stretch out your hand for whichever you wish. Life and death are in front of people, and whichever one chooses will be given to him. For great is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power and sees everything; his eyes are on those who fear him, and he knows a person's every deed. He has not commanded anyone to be ungodly, and he has not given anyone permission to sin.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 119(118):1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R1b*

*All sing the response:*



Ble-ssed are those



who walk in the law of the LORD!

- 1 Blessed are those whose way is blameless,  
who walk in the law of the LORD!  
Blessed are those who keep his decrees!  
With all their hearts they seek him.
- 2 You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept.  
May my ways be firm  
in keeping your statutes.
- 3 Deal bountifully with your servant,  
that I may live and keep your word.  
Open my eyes, that I may see  
the wonders of your law.
- 4 LORD, teach me the way of your statutes,  
and I will keep them to the end.  
Grant me insight that I may keep your law,  
and observe it wholeheartedly.

### Second Reading

*1 Corinthians 2:6-10*

*'A wisdom God decreed before the ages for our glory.'*

Brothers and Sisters: Among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to

pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, 'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him' — these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

*(Sung)*

**Cantor:** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**All:** **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Cantor:** I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,  
you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children.

**All:** **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Priest:** The Lord be with you

**All:** **And with your spirit.**

**Priest:** A reading from the holy Gospel according to N.

**All:** **Glory to you, O Lord**

### Gospel Reading

*Matthew 5:17-37*

*'It was said to those of old; but I say to you.'*

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

'You have heard that it was said to those of old, "You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgement." But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgement; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the

council; and whoever says, "You fool!" will be liable to the hell of fire. So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

'You have heard that it was said, "You shall not commit adultery." But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

'It was also said, "Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce." But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

'Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, "You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn." But I say to you: Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let what you say be simply "Yes" or "No"; anything more than this comes from evil.'

**Priest:** The Gospel of the Lord

**All:** **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### THE CREED

*All say together:*

**I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God,**

Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were  
made.

For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,

*(All kneel or bow at the underlined  
words that follow)*

and by the Holy Spirit was  
incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified  
under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the  
Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of  
the Father.

He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the  
Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father  
and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son  
is adored and is glorified,  
who has spoken through the  
prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and  
apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the  
resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### HYMN 801

*I give my hands*

#### Preface Dialogue

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* And with your spirit.

*Priest:* Lift up your hearts.

*All:* We lift them up to the  
Lord.

*Priest:* Let us give thanks to the Lord  
our God.

*All:* It is right and just.

#### Holy

*All sing together:*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of  
hosts. Heaven and earth are full,  
are full of your glory.  
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in  
the highest.

Blessed is he who comes, who  
comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in  
the highest.

*The congregation kneel for the  
remainder of the Eucharistic Prayer.*

#### The Mystery of Faith

*The priest sings or says:*

The mystery of faith

*All sing together:*



#### Conclusion

*The priest alone sings or says:*

Through him, and with him, and in  
him,

O God, almighty Father,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honour is yours,  
for ever and ever.

*All respond:*

Amen.

#### COMMUNION RITE

*All stand: the Priest says:*

At the Saviour's command  
and formed by divine teaching, we dare  
to say:

*All sing:*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass  
against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

*The priest alone continues, saying:*

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every  
evil,  
graciously grant peace in our days,  
that, by the help of your mercy,  
we may be always free from sin  
and safe from all distress,  
as we await the blessed hope  
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus  
Christ.

*We conclude the prayer together, by  
singing:*

**For the kingdom, the power and  
the glory are yours now and for  
ever.**

#### Lamb of God

*All sing together:*

**Lamb of God, you take away the  
sins of the world, have mercy  
on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the  
sins of the world, have mercy  
on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the  
sins of the world, grant us  
peace.**

#### Invitation to Communion

*The priest says aloud:*

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him  
who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper  
of the Lamb.

*And together with the people he adds:*

**Lord, I am not worthy that you  
should enter under my roof, but  
only say the word and my soul  
shall be healed.**

### HYMN 224

*Come to me, come, my people*

#### Song of Praise and Thanksgiving

*Sing three times:*

**O Sacrament most holy,  
O Sacrament divine,  
all praise and all thanksgiving  
be every moment thine.**

### HYMN 307

*Guide me, O thou great Redeemer*

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