

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help.  
Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!*

## COLLECT

O God, strength of those who hope in you,  
graciously hear our pleas,  
and, since without you mortal frailty can do nothing,  
grant us always the help of your grace,  
that in following your commands  
we may please you by our resolve and our deeds.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

*Amen.*

## FIRST READING Exodus 19:2-6a

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

In those days: The people of Israel came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, 'Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: "You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation."

The word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 100(99):1-2. 3. 5. R. 3c

*R: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.*

1. Cry out with joy to the LORD, all the earth.  
Serve the LORD with gladness.  
Come before him, singing for joy. **R.**
2. Know that he, the LORD, is God.  
He made us; we belong to him.  
We are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R.**
3. Indeed, how good is the LORD,  
eternal his merciful love.  
He is faithful from age to age. **R.**

## SECOND READING Romans 5:6-11

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters: While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die – but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Mark 1:15

*R: Alleluia, alleluia.*

The kingdom of God is at hand;  
repent and believe in the Gospel.

*R: Alleluia.*

## GOSPEL Matthew 9:36 – 10:8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

At that time: When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. The names of the twelve Apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And proclaim as you go, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand." Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who in the offerings presented here  
provide for the twofold needs of human nature,  
nourishing us with food  
and renewing us with your Sacrament,  
grant, we pray,  
that the sustenance they provide  
may not fail us in body or in spirit.  
Through Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek:  
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.*

Or

*Holy Father, keep in your name those you have given me,  
that they may be one as we are one, says the Lord.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As this reception of your Holy Communion, O Lord,  
foreshadows the union of the faithful in you,  
so may it bring about unity in your Church.  
Through Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

# Sunday Message

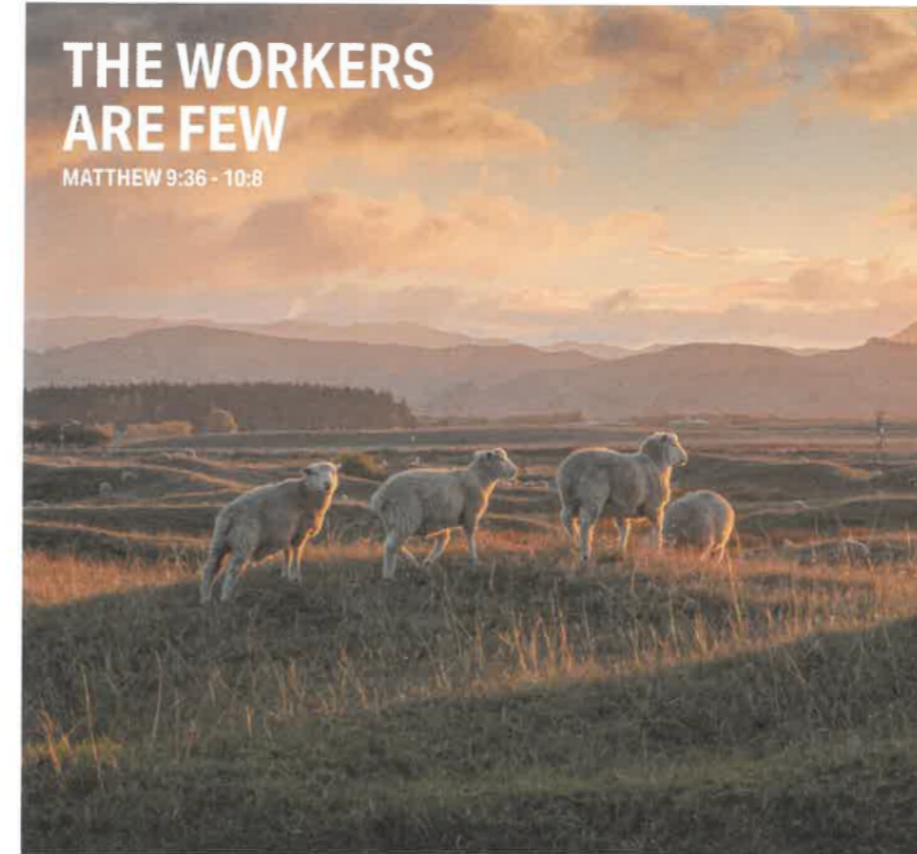
ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## THE WORD

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## THE WORKERS ARE FEW

MATTHEW 9:36 - 10:8



In this passage, Matthew presents a striking image of Jesus' compassion. Seeing the crowds, "he was moved with pity because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd". The metaphor of the shepherd is central: it conveys not only guidance but protection and care. Jesus' response is immediate; he does not simply feel sympathy but takes action.

He calls his twelve disciples and gives them authority to act in his name. This authority is specific and practical: to heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, and cast out demons. The mission is rooted in service, not status or power. Jesus sends them out "to the lost sheep of Israel," emphasising that ministry begins with attention to those most in need and vulnerable.

The passage also shows the close link between compassion and mission. Jesus' pity for the crowd leads directly to commissioning others. His concern is not abstract; it has tangible consequences for those around him. For Matthew, discipleship means participating in this same pattern: seeing human need, feeling compassion, and acting with God's authority to bring healing, restoration, and hope. ■

## REFLECT

Jesus looks beyond the surface, beyond the busyness and noise, and notices their struggle, their loneliness, their need. "They were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd." How often do we pass by others without really seeing them, or fail to notice the burden they carry?

Jesus doesn't stop at feeling pity. He acts. He calls his disciples and gives them

authority to heal, to restore, to bring hope. Compassion, in his way, always leads to action. Following him means allowing our concern for others to move us beyond words into deeds, however small they might seem.

We are invited to be part of that mission today. To speak a kind word, offer a helping hand, or simply listen to someone who feels lost. Like the disciples, we don't need

## LEARN

The Church teaches that the mission of the baptised is rooted in Christ's compassion: seeing human need and responding with service and love. (CCC 898, 900)



## DO

Like the disciples, we can look for ways this week to bring hope to those around us – a visit, a message, or a simple act of service.



## SAY

Lord Jesus,  
You saw the crowds and were moved with compassion.  
Open our eyes to those who are weary and in need.  
Give us hearts ready to listen, serve, and bring hope.  
May our words and actions reflect your love and care in the world.  
Amen.

special power – only willingness to be sent, to carry Christ's care into the world.

In this Gospel, discipleship is clear: see, care, act. Compassion is not passive. It is lived, shared, and multiplied. In reaching out to others, we follow the shepherd who goes before us and invites us to join his work. ■



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| ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year A |            |                               |   |
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| Saturday<br>13 <sup>th</sup> Jun          | 4 – 4.40pm | Confessions                   |   |
|   | 5.00pm     | Mass                          | Christine Kavanagh (90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday)    |
| Sunday<br>14 <sup>th</sup> June<br>2026   | 9am        | Mass                          | Pro Populo  |
|   | 11am       | Mass                          | Christopher Goodman (5 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) |
| Monday<br>15 <sup>th</sup> Jun            | 12 Noon    | Mass                          | Winnie Legg (Anniversary)                         |
| Tuesday<br>16 <sup>th</sup> Jun           | 9am        | Service of Word and Communion |   |
| Wednesday<br>17 <sup>th</sup> Jun         | 12 Noon    | Mass                          | Maria Fernanda (22 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)     |
| Friday<br>19 <sup>th</sup> Jun            | 11.30am    | Exposition                    |   |
|   | 12 Noon    | Mass                          | Eileen Price (90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday)          |

**Recent deaths:** David Rhodes, Èva Kustosne Tutor

**Mass intentions received for Lately Dead:** Michael Teckkam, Laurence Tinline

**Please remember in prayer all those who have died this week, may they rest in peace.  
Please pray for all the sick of the Parish and those for whom Mass is offered this week  
and those whose anniversaries occurs at this time**

**A warm welcome to Mass this weekend and a special welcome to our visitors  
Do join us for refreshments after Mass**

**With very grateful thanks** for your generous donations to the Parish.

There will be a **Retiring Collection** after all masses this weekend for **Retired Priests**. This collection is gift aidable. This fund, which was set up during the Diocesan Capital Appeal, has to be added to regularly to meet the needs of priests who have been ordained since the fund was set up.

**Congratulations** to Anna, Chidalu, Chiziterem, Eli, Filip, Harriet, Henry, Joseph, Josephine, Mason, Oliver, Pearla, Petro, Sam, Sebastian, Tasman, Violet, Wiktorija, William and Zofia who will receive the **Sacrament of First Holy Communion** this weekend. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they reach this important milestone in their faith journey. Next weekend, the children will be presented to the parish at the 9am Mass.

The **mens' evening** will reconvene on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June in the parish centre. Beginning with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in church at 6:30pm followed by a social in the parish centre from 7pm including a 2-course meal and drinks. A suggested contribution to costs of £10 can be given on the night. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex to give an idea of numbers for catering purposes.

## REGULAR EVENTS

APF Red Mission – Michael Brennan  
Presbytery 01423 504988

Children's Liturgy - Suzanne Walker

9am Choir – John Ibison  
11am Choir – Lisa Madden  
Presbytery 01423 504988

Churches Flower team – Sue Greveson  
Presbytery 01423 504988

Gift Aid – Richard Boscoe  
[office.strobert@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:office.strobert@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

Mary's Angels Parent & Toddler Group -  
1st & 3rd Mondays -  
Katherine 01423 734828

Mothers' Prayers - meetings held  
fortnightly. Jackie Tevlin 01423 529035

Parish Centre bookings  
[office.strobert@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:office.strobert@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

Phoenix (Bereavement Support) -  
Presbytery 01423 504988

Piety Stall - Caroline Walker  
[office.strobert@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:office.strobert@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

Safeguarding Representative (Parish)  
Mick Hopwood  
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St Robert's Brownies - Wed 5.30-7.15  
Sarah Mansfield 01423 566651

St Vincent de Paul Society - Mon 6pm  
07442485316

St Robert's Walking Group - Second  
Thurs of the month, contact George  
Marczak 07905820864

St John Fisher - Mr S Mott  
01423 887254

St Robert's Primary - Miss J Collins  
01423 504730

St Roberts Club: open Mon-Fri from 7pm  
(or by arrangement)

200 Club - Caroline Walker  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

This is not a full list and just gives a little  
advance notice of events coming up.

**JUN**  
21<sup>st</sup> – First Holy Communion Celebration  
23<sup>rd</sup> – Mens' Evening  
28<sup>th</sup> – Apologia

**JUL**  
13<sup>th</sup> – 6pm, Retirement Mass – Jill Collins

## SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH FINANCIALLY

The most popular way of ensuring that the Parish benefits from whatever regular giving you can afford, and where possible, ensuring Gift Aid is claimed (at no extra cost to you) is by Standing Order. Forms can be accessed by clicking the link below, picking up a form at the back of church or simply set up via your own banking facilities.:

[Standing Order form](#)  
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Or you can make a donation by  
scanning this QR CODE



Thank you for your continued donations to the **Building Fund**, an update will be shared at mass this weekend.

Following a recent medical emergency, we would like to offer parishioners who attend Mass alone—whether during the week or on Sundays—the opportunity to register an **emergency contact** with the parish office. This will enable us to notify a family member or friend should the need arise. Any information provided will be kept secure and treated in the strictest confidence by Fr Simon and the Parish Administrator. If you have not already registered your details, please take an Emergency Contact form from the narthex and return it by posting it through the presbytery letterbox once completed. Thank you for your assistance in helping us care for one another in our parish community.

The **parish 18 to 30 group** enjoyed an outing to Ryedale last Sunday. After having lunch together, they visited St Mary's Church at Lastingham - built on the site of St Cedd's 7th century priory, where prayers were said in the crypt for our parish community. Next stop was the Anglo-Saxon church of St Gregory's Minster in Kirkdale where parishioner Mick Hopwood continued his explanation of the rich history of Christianity in the area. Mick's book 'The Chronicles of Ryedale' is available on [Amazon](#). Next stop was Ampleforth where the group were given an amazing tour of the Abbey Church by Fr Luke Beckett OSB and then had the opportunity to find out more from Fr Luke over tea about life in a monastery. The visit ended with a moving participation in Vespers. If any young parishioner would like to know more about the 18 to 30 group and activities planned, please contact the [parish office](#).

**Consultation on the future of the Dioceses of Leeds, Middlesbrough and Hallam** The online consultation deadline for responses has been extended to Friday 19 June 2026. Parishioners are encouraged to take part and share their views. Further information and the online questionnaire can be found on the [Parish website](#).

The initiative "**Apologia**" has so far looked at suffering the context of faith, delved into the workings of the Mass, explored the Last Things and debated Faith and Reason. It will continue with a session on the **Second Vatican Council on Sunday 28th June at 5pm** in the parish centre. The session will be led by Sister Patricia McDonald SHCJ, formerly the academic programme director at the Beda College in Rome where she also taught New Testament.

We warmly invite you to explore **Magnifica Humanitas, the Holy Father's newly released encyclical** reflecting on the dignity, beauty, and sacred calling of the human person in today's world. At a time marked by division, uncertainty, and rapid change, this inspiring document calls us back to the heart of the Gospel: that every person is created in the image of God and entrusted with the vocation to love, serve, and build communion with one another. Through prayer, reflection, and action, the encyclical invites us to cultivate a culture of encounter where mercy triumphs over fear and where the Gospel becomes visible through acts of kindness and justice. We encourage all parishioners to read and reflect upon Magnifica Humanitas in the weeks ahead.

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/encyclicals/documents/20260515-magnifica-humanitas.html>

**Another Camino!** This time I am cycling the Camino Portuguese from Lisbon to Santiago from June 15<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>. If it prompts anyone to contribute to the Building Fund or other charity then so much the better. Please keep me in your prayers. John Ibison

**Cause for Canonisation for a former St Robert's Altar Server** Recent days have seen the opening of the Cause for the Beatification and Canonisation of Pedro Ballester, a young Manchester man whose life of faith and witness continues to inspire many. From 2004 until 2015 Pedro and his family lived in the Diocese of Leeds, initially in Huddersfield and then in Harrogate, where he and his brothers are remembered as devoted and enthusiastic altar servers at St Robert's Church. The opening of this Cause marks an important step in recognising the life and witness of a young man whose example of faith, especially in the face of suffering, continues to resonate with many people today. To learn more about Pedro's story please follow this link <https://www.pedroballester.org.uk/> To contribute to the Cause see the [parish website](#) for further information.

**Memorial Mass for Linda Conroy** A Mass of thanksgiving and celebration for the life of Linda Conroy will take place at St Aelred's on Tues 7<sup>th</sup> July at 10am. Brownies and American ice cream in the hall afterwards. All who knew and loved Linda are warmly invited.

**SVP Leeds Annual family sponsored walk** in aid of the St Vincent's Support Centre. Sunday 19th July. There are 2 walks- either 3 miles or 9 miles, to suit all ages and abilities. Starting point- St Joseph's church Wetherby. Further details from Leigh Bradley [LeighB@svp.org.uk/01132484126](mailto:LeighB@svp.org.uk/01132484126). Please support our unique Leeds based project helping the disadvantaged and those living in poverty throughout Leeds.

**SVP appeal for small appliances** for St Vincent's centre Leeds. Any small electrical appliances, clean and in good working order, would be most welcome. Kettles, toasters, irons, microwaves, coffee machines, hairdryers, blenders, slow cookers, hand mixers. Please place donations in the box **near the Baptistry**. Helping those who need it most. Thank you.

**Stop assisted suicide being brought back.** Assisted suicide campaigners are trying to bring back the Leadbeater Bill. Not Dead Yet UK has launched a simple tool to help you email your MP about the risks this Bill poses to people with disabilities. Please take 30 seconds to email your MP today using the tool here: <http://action.notdeadyetuk.org/>

There is a collection box **near the Baptistry** for donations of tinned and packet food, as well as toiletries, for **Harrogate Foodbank**. At present, they are in particular need of toiletries, toilet paper, washing up liquid and washing tablets. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

**Mass prayers and responses** – if you need some guidance on the responses during mass there is a sheet available at the back of church. The Nicene Creed has now been affixed to the inside front cover of the hymn books for easier reference during Mass.

All the diocesan notices can be found at <https://www.strobertsharrogate.co.uk/diocese-news>