

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

*The Lord is the strength of his people,  
a saving refuge for the one he has anointed.  
Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage,  
and govern them for ever.*

**COLLECT**

Grant, O Lord,  
that we may always revere and love your holy name,  
for you never deprive of your guidance  
those you set firm on the foundation of your love.  
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** Jeremiah 20:10-13

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

Jeremiah said:  
I hear many whispering.  
Terror is on every side!  
'Denounce him! Let us denounce him!  
say all my close friends,  
watching for my fall.  
'Perhaps he will be deceived;  
then we can overcome him  
and take our revenge on him.'  
But the LORD is with me as a dread warrior;  
therefore my persecutors will stumble;  
they will not overcome me.  
They will be greatly shamed,  
for they will not succeed.  
Their eternal dishonour  
will never be forgotten.  
O LORD of hosts, who tests the righteous,  
who sees the heart and the mind,  
let me see your vengeance upon them,  
for to you have I committed my cause.  
Sing to the LORD;  
praise the LORD!  
For he has delivered the life of the needy  
from the hand of evildoers.  
The word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Psalm 69(68):8-10. 14. 17. 33-35. R. 14c

**R:** *In your great mercy, answer me, O Lord.*

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts,  
that shame has covered my face.  
To my own kin I have become an outcast,  
a stranger to the children of my mother.  
Zeal for your house consumes me,  
and taunts against you fall on me. **R.**
2. But I pray to you, O LORD,  
at an acceptable time.  
In your great mercy, answer me, O God,  
with your faithful salvation.  
LORD, answer, for your mercy is kind;  
in your great compassion, turn towards me. **R.**
3. The poor when they see it will be glad,  
and God-seeking hearts will revive;  
for the LORD attends to the needy,  
and does not spurn his own in their chains.  
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,  
the seas and everything that moves in them. **R.**

**SECOND READING** Romans 5:12-15

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

Brothers and sisters: Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned – for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for many.

The word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL** John 15:26b. 27a

**R:** *Alleluia, alleluia.*

The Spirit of truth will bear witness about me, says the Lord,  
and you also will bear witness.

**R:** *Alleluia.*

**GOSPEL** Matthew 10:26-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

At that time: Jesus instructed his apostles: 'Have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Receive, O Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation and praise and grant that, cleansed by its action,  
we may make offering of a heart pleasing to you.  
Through Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

*The eyes of all look to you, Lord,  
and you give them their food in due season.*

Or

*I am the Good Shepherd,  
and I lay down my life for my sheep, says the Lord.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Renewed and nourished  
by the Sacred Body and Precious Blood of your Son,  
we ask of your mercy, O Lord,  
that what we celebrate with constant devotion  
may be our sure pledge of redemption.  
Through Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

# Sunday Message

**THE WORD**



## DO NOT BE AFRAID

MATTHEW 10:26-33

In this passage, Jesus prepares his disciples for the challenges they will face as they carry out his mission. He warns them not to fear those who oppose them, saying, "Do not be afraid of them." The reassurance is grounded in God's providence: nothing is hidden from the Father, not even the smallest detail of our lives.

Jesus contrasts the apparent power of human threats with the deeper reality of God's care. If God values even the sparrows, then the disciples – and all who follow Christ – are infinitely more precious. The theme of the passage is trust: discipleship involves reliance on God rather than fear of others.

The passage calls the disciples to fear God above all, highlighting the difference between earthly threats and ultimate spiritual reality. Even in the face of persecution, followers are invited to remember God's knowledge, care, and protection.

Matthew emphasises that discipleship is both a personal trust in God and a public witness to Christ, even under pressure or threat. In essence, faith requires courage, honesty, and confidence in God's enduring care. ■

**REFLECT**

Jesus speaks to his disciples with both honesty and encouragement. He knows that following him will not always be easy. There will be opposition, misunderstanding, and fear. Yet he says, "Do not be afraid of them." Faith is not a promise of comfort without challenge, but a call to trust in God's care.

The imagery is striking: if God notices even the sparrows, how much more does he value each of us? This reminds us that fear and anxiety often exaggerate our sense of danger. God sees, knows, and loves us fully, even in moments when we feel exposed or vulnerable.

Following Christ requires courage – courage to speak our faith, to act with integrity, and to stand for what is right, even when it is unpopular or difficult. To "acknowledge Christ before others" is not about pride, but about honesty and trust, letting our lives reflect the One we follow.

This Gospel encourages us to live without fear, grounded in God's care. Each small act of faith, each quiet confession of trust, is an expression of our value in God's eyes and a witness to others that courage is possible when God is at the centre of our lives. ■

**SAY**

*Trust God, speak your faith,  
do not be afraid.*

**DO**

This week we might acknowledge our faith in a gentle way – in conversation, a message, or an act of kindness – without fear of what others think.



**LEARN**

The Church teaches that discipleship calls us to live courageously in faith, trusting God's care and openly acknowledging Christ in our words and actions. (CCC 1816)





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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year A			
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> Jun	4 – 4.40pm	Confessions	Laurent McNamara RIP (Birthday)
	5.00pm	Mass	
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2026	9am	Mass	Pro Populo
	11am	Mass	Brian Gallagher (Anniversary)
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jun	12 Noon	Mass <i>SS John Fisher, Bishop &amp; Thomas More, Martyrs</i>	Sheila Costigan (Anniversary)
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jun	9am	Mass	Mary Wilkinson (Anniversary)
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> Jun	12 Noon	Mass <i>The Nativity of St John the Baptist</i>	Thanksgiving 60 years of marriage
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> Jun	11.30am	Exposition	Frances Holmes (90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday)
	12 Noon	Mass	

**Recent deaths:** David Rhodes whose Requiem Mass will take place on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June at 12 Noon  
Sylvia McNeill whose funeral will take place at Stonefall on 2<sup>nd</sup> July  
Antonio Ivaenilio whose Requiem Mass will take place on 16<sup>th</sup> July at 12.30pm

**Mass intentions received for Lately Dead:**

**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.

**Congratulations** to Mason, who will receive the **Sacrament of First Holy Communion** this weekend. Please keep him and his family in your prayers as he reaches this important milestone in his faith journey. We also extend a warm welcome to the children who celebrated their First Holy Communion last weekend. The children will be presented with their certificates during the 9am Mass as we recognise and celebrate this special occasion with them and their families. May God continue to bless all our First Holy Communion children as they grow in faith and love. Our sincere thanks to our catechists, Sue, Claire and Vincy for their dedication, guidance and support in preparing the children. Their commitment and generosity are greatly appreciated by the parish.

## 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  
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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**  
23<sup>rd</sup> – Mens' Evening  
28<sup>th</sup> – Apologia

**JUL**  
1<sup>st</sup> – Loss Support Café  
13<sup>th</sup> – 6pm, Retirement Mass – Jill Collins

## SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH

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This Sunday, 21 June, we mark the Day for Life under the theme “The Wonder of the Child in the Womb.” The theme also recognises the loss of children who died before birth and the grief of their parents. The bishops’ message and prayers can be found on the [Day for Life](#) website. The **retiring collection** will go towards the **Day for Life Fund**, which distributes grants to organisations that promote respect for life from conception until natural death.

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 **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.

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.

**Loss Support Café** - Grief is a heavy burden to carry alone. This is a relaxed, welcoming drop-in where you can talk about loss or just sit with others who understand. Volunteer hosts are here to listen, not to diagnose or advise. You're welcome whether your loss was recent or years ago. The sessions will run fortnightly after the Wednesday midday Mass, beginning 1<sup>st</sup> July 2026 in the parish centre. Tea, Coffee and cake will be provided.

**Mary's Angels - parent and baby/toddler group** Mum's and children are valued members of our church family so come and join us in the parish centre, for friendship fun and refreshments. All free! All children from 0-4 years welcome. Dads and grandparents welcome too! The next session is 1.30-3pm on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

If anyone has any written **Mass intentions** they would like to be placed at the Grotto in **Lourdes**, please place them in an envelope and post through the Presbytery door by 30<sup>th</sup> June. Please ensure the envelope is clearly marked “**LOURDES**”.

To celebrate the retirement of Miss Collins, Headteacher, St Robert's School is hosting a special “**Jillfest**” **Summer Event**. It would be wonderful to see as many past and present families as possible come together to give her the send-off she deserves. **This Friday, 26th June, 5.30pm – 8.30pm in the school playground**. Come rain or shine! Tickets for the raffle are £3 for one, £5 for two and £10 for five. Tickets can be purchased by using this link <https://app.classlist.com/events/#/events/view/1450970830> (scroll down to the pink 'get tickets' button).

**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.

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.

**Deanery day of renewal** Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July 11.30am to 3.45pm in St. Aelred's church hall. The Speaker is Tshada Roserie. The title of her talk is “A God for all seasons”.

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