

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.*

COLLECT

O God, who teach us that you abide
in hearts that are just and true,
grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace
as to become a dwelling pleasing to you.
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 Sirach 15:15-20

A reading from the Book of Sirach.

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 119(118):1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34.

R. 1b

R: Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord!

- 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. **R.**
- You have laid down your precepts
to be carefully kept.
May my ways be firm
in keeping your statutes. **R.**
- 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. **R.**
- 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. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL cf. Matthew 11:25

R: Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

R: Alleluia.

GOSPEL Matthew 5:17-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

(for shorter form read between > <)

> 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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. <

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May this oblation, O Lord, we pray,
cleanse and renew us
and may it become for those who do your will
the source of eternal reward.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved.*

Or

*God so loved the world
that he gave his Only Begotten Son,
so that all who believe in him may not perish,
but may have eternal life.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having fed upon these heavenly delights,
we pray, O Lord,
that we may always long
for that food by which we truly live.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sunday Message

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WORD

Year A • 15 February 2026 • Psalter Week 2

THE FULFILMENT OF THE LAW

MATTHEW 5:17-37 (SHORTER FORM MT 5:20-22. 27-28. 33-34. 37)



Jesus begins by making a clear and powerful statement: He has not come to
abolish the Law or the Prophets but to fulfil them. This means He respects God's
commandments and intends to complete and deepen their true meaning.

He then addresses several key commandments – such as "You shall not murder," "You shall
not commit adultery," and "You shall not swear falsely." But Jesus challenges us to look
beyond simply following rules. He shows that true obedience involves the heart. It's not just about
avoiding murder but also about not holding anger or insulting others. It's not just about
faithfulness in marriage but also about guarding our thoughts from lust.

Jesus invites us to live by a higher standard – one that transforms our hearts and relationships.
It's a call to move from external actions to inner change, seeking love, honesty, and peace.

This teaching asks us to examine our own feelings, words, and attitudes, allowing God to shape
us from within, so our lives reflect His love in every part. ■

REFLECT

Jesus teaches us that following God isn't just about obeying rules on the outside –
it's about what's happening inside our hearts. He says He came not to cancel the
Law but to fulfil it, to bring its deeper meaning to light.

Think about anger, for example. It's easy to say, "I haven't hurt anyone," but Jesus asks us
to look closer. Are we holding anger or bitterness inside? Are we quick to insult or judge?
True peace begins when we let go of these feelings and seek forgiveness.

Jesus also talks about faithfulness, not just in actions but in our thoughts. It's a reminder
that what we allow in our minds shapes who we are. He challenges us to live honestly,
speaking truthfully and keeping our promises.

His words call us to a higher way – one that doesn't just avoid harm but actively builds
love and peace. It's about changing from the inside out, so our lives show God's kindness
in everything we do.

Today, ask yourself: What is God inviting me to change in my heart? Where can I grow in
love and truth? Jesus offers His help – His grace is always ready to transform us. ■

SAY

Prayer of St Augustine:

*"Lord, make me pure in heart, that
I may see you clearly.
Cleanse my thoughts and words,
help me to live in truth and love.
Give me the strength to forgive
and the courage to speak honestly.
Transform my heart so I may
follow you fully."*

DO

Take time today to forgive someone who has
upset you – even if it's just in your heart. Let go
of anger and choose peace, following Jesus'
call to reconciliation and love.

LEARN

True obedience to God isn't just about
following rules – it's about letting God change
our hearts, so we live with love, honesty, and
peace in every part of our lives.





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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year A			
Saturday 14 th Feb	4 – 4.40pm	Confessions	Pro Populo
	5.00pm	Vigil Mass	
Sunday 15 th February 2026	9am	Mass	Stephen Rushton (Lately Dead)
	11am	Mass	Eira Gilroy-Cassidy (Recently Deceased)
Monday 16 th Feb	12 Noon	Mass	Birute (Anniversary)
Tuesday 17 th Feb	9am	Mass	David Blackett RIP
	11am	REQUIEM MASS	Stephen Rushton
Wednesday 18 th Feb	12 Noon	ASH WEDNESDAY Mass	Paddy Roach RIP
	7pm	Mass	Patrick Viles RIP (Birthday)
Friday 20 th Feb	11.30am	Exposition	Arabella Sturgeon (1 st Anniversary)
	12 Noon	Mass	

<p>Recent deaths: Ethel May Mackel whose funeral service will take place at 1pm on Monday 16th February Stephen Rushton whose Requiem Mass will take place at 11am on Tuesday 17th February Barbara Cargill whose funeral service will take place at Stonefall on Monday 23rd February at 10.20am Edna Urwin whose funeral service will take place at Stonefall on Friday 27th February at 1.40pm</p> <p>Mass intentions received for Lately Dead: Yvonne O'Rourke</p>
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**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.

We welcome Jan, Joe, Juliet, Mary and Nikoleta who will receive the **Sacrament of Baptism** at the 11am Mass this morning.
Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they begin this beautiful journey of faith.

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

REGULAR EVENTS

APF Red Mission – Michael Brennan
Presbytery 01423 504988

Children's Liturgy - Suzanne Walker
swalker@systra.com

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

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

Phoenix (Bereavement Support) -
Presbytery 01423 504988

Piety Stall - Caroline Walker
office.strobert@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Safeguarding Representative (Parish)
Mick Hopwood
psr.mhopwood@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

SoulCore - Monday 9.30 - Marie Baker
mbaker0813@gmail.com

St Robert's Brownies - Wed 5.30-7.15
Sarah Mansfield 01423 566651
mansfield.sarah@gmail.com

St Vincent de Paul Society - Mon 6pm
Katherine Merton Jones 01423 522731
Furniture – 0113 245 0800

St Robert's Walking Group - Second
Thurs of the month, contact George
Marczak 07905820864 or
george@vbs-computers.com

St John Fisher - Mr S Mort
01423 887254

St Robert's Primary - Miss J Collins
01423 504730

St Roberts Club: open Mon-Fri from 7pm
(or by arrangement) –
info@strobertsclub.co.uk

200 Club - Caroline Walker
office.strobert@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

FEB
15th – 5pm Sycamore

MAR
14/15th – Recommissioning of Readers
15th – 5pm Apologia
16th – 7pm Sacrament of Confirmation
17th – 7pm Reconciliation Service

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.:
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A **gentle reminder** to all: If you arrive after Mass has begun, please enter quietly and discreetly, taking care not to disturb the prayers or distract the attention of others. Your thoughtfulness helps everyone remain prayerfully present. Thank you.

Sycamore, the video presentations designed to teach and guide discussion about faith. The course is designed to help those who are beginning to learn about prayer as well as those seasoned in prayer. The titles include Prayers of Adoration, Praise and Worship, Prayers of Thanksgiving and Gratitude, How to Pray the Mass and Praying to the Saints. The repeated session from Wednesday will be held this afternoon, **Sunday 15th February at 5pm**. All welcome.

Stations of the Cross for Lent take place on Fridays at 6.30pm in Church including Good Friday. They are led by different parish groups each week. Please do join us for this journey with Christ in His Passion.

Adoration Throughout the Saturdays of Lent there will be adoration before the Blessed Sacrament in church from 4pm to 4.45pm, an opportunity to spend some time in prayer.

There will be a **Lenten Service of Reconciliation** at which a number of priests will be available to hear confessions on Tuesday 17th March from 7pm-8pm

The **annual Chrism Mass** will take place on Wednesday of Holy Week (1st April) at Leeds Cathedral at 11am. The sacred oils of Chrism, Catechumens and the Sick, used throughout the Diocese, will be blessed at the annual celebration. Our priests will also renew their priestly promises. All welcome to attend. There will be no noon mass here at St Roberts.

Apologia - Fourth Session - an Exploration of the Church's Understanding of Suffering - **Sunday 15th March, 5pm** in the parish centre. The initiative "Apologia" will return in Lent with an exploration of the Catholic Church's understanding of suffering. The sessions got off to a good start in September with a walk through the elements of the Mass. This was followed by the second session on 'The Last Things' examining the Church's teaching on heaven and hell, death and judgement. The next session, entitled 'Faith and Reason' helped us examine the relationship between faith and science, with particular reference to Pope St John Paul II's teaching in his 1998 encyclical 'Fides et Ratio'. Do make a note in your diary and join us for this popular and informative event.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion – For children in school year 4 and above who made their reconciliation in 2025 or earlier. If you would like to enrol your child, please complete the form in the narthex and hand to Fr Simon after Mass, by 22nd March 2026.

Ministry of Reader Grateful thanks to those parishioners who have indicated they would like to take up the ministry of reader within the parish. There will be refresher training for existing and new readers taking place in the parish centre at 5pm on Sunday 8th March and followed by a short (re)commissioning ceremony in the Masses on the weekend of 14/15th March.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes Friday 3rd to Thursday 9th July 2026 - Bookings can be made by telephoning Tangney Tours, the telephone number is 01732 886666. When calling, mention that you are part of St Robert's, Harrogate and Tangney Tours will try to accommodate parish members in the same hotel. (Currently 17 parishioners are already booked). Please have your passport details and GHIC card expiry date ready when you call. The deposit is £250, with the remaining balance due in April.

Pilgrimage to Poland St. Stephen's Parish, Skipton, invites you to come on pilgrimage to Krakow in Poland, 12th to 18th October 2026. The itinerary includes visits to Wadowice (John Paul II museum), Auschwitz, the Salt Mines, the Divine Mercy shrine, the Jasna Gora Monastery in Czestochowa with daily Mass and time to explore Krakow. Cost is £1979 + flights. For the full itinerary and booking form, please email christopher.angel@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

CAFOD Lent Appeal – Family Fast Day Friday 27th February This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions – such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought. Collect a CAFOD envelope to bless others with your support, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. Text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

There is a box in the Narthex for donations of tinned/packet food and toiletries for the **Harrogate Foodbank**. Thank you for your generous donations.

Bishop Marcus has asked us to pray for Vocations to Holy Orders and Religious Life:

Our Lady of Unfailing Help! Pray that the Lord of the Harvest will send labourers into His harvest and that He will grant an abundance of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life within the Diocese of Leeds, and throughout the world. Amen

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