



DATE	TIME	DEDICATION	INTENTION	CHURCH
Sun 15 th Feb.	9 am	Sixth Sunday Ordinary Time A	Cyril Meadows (1 st A.)	Holy Family
Sun 15 th Feb.	11.15 am	Sixth Sunday Ordinary Time A	Chrissie Kelly (A) Parishioners	Our Lady V
Mon 16 th Feb.		Weekday O.T.		The church is closed
Tue 17 th Feb.	9 am	The 7 Holy Founders		Our Lady V
Wed 18 th Feb.	9 am	<u>ASH WEDNESDAY</u>		Holy Family
	7 pm	<u>ASH WEDNESDAY</u>		Our Lady V
Thu 19 th Feb.	9 am	Thu after Ash Wed		Our Lady V
Fri 20 th Feb.	9 am	Fri after Ash Wed		Our Lady V
Sat 21 st Feb.	12 noon	Sat after Ash Wed Our Lady on Sat.		Our Lady V
Sun 22 nd Feb.	9 am	<u>First Sun. of Lent</u>	Parishioners	Holy Family
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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions: Tue 9.30am to 10am; Sat 11am to 12

Holy Rosary & Divine Mercy Devotion: Tuesdays 9.30 am OLOV.

Baptisms, Weddings: by appointments.

Wednesday Club: / Tuesday Nursery: You are welcome!

We pray for all who are sick and elderly:

Marie Tyrer, Ray Sherwood, Betty Maurey, Henry Henderson, Anne and Mike Quinn, Ronnie Baybut, Geoff Morrissey, Michael Hyland, Paul Blackford, Harry Caine, Sophie Caine, Christine Watts, Deacon John and Ann Crooks, Joan Callaghan, Natalie Kavanagh, Hannalor Mainey, Betty Costello, Pauline Hayes, Irene Halsall, Stuart Munroe.

We pray for those whose Anniversary occurs at this time: Tom Billington, John Holt, Kathleen McBride, Charles Helliwell.

Catholic Family Retreat at Castlerigg Manor // March 27-29th // £160-230 per family- For the first time since Covid, Castlerigg Manor are bringing back their popular family retreats. There will be streams for different ages and fun activities for everybody including Mass in the evening and time to explore Keswick. For more info >> castleriggmanor.com >> events. **May Half Term B&B Stays at Castlerigg Manor** - In May half-term, Castlerigg Manor (Catholic retreat centre in Keswick, Cumbria) will once again be opening their doors for B&B stays. A great way for families, groups of friends, and individuals to get an affordable stay in Keswick. Mass will be provided on site. For more info >> castleriggmanor.com >> stay with us

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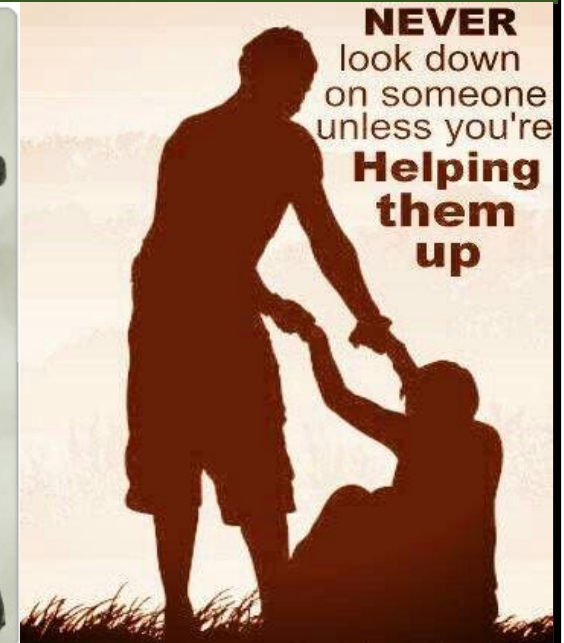


Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A): 15th February 2026

The Good News

Edition # 10

**“BE
RECONCILED
TO YOUR
BROTHER
BEFORE YOU
WORSHIP GOD”
- JESUS**



For the third consecutive Sunday the Gospel is from the Sermon on the Mount where Jesus sets out his programme for the kingdom. Today's extract gives us some of the rules for the road. It can be all too easy to fall out with others, to view them with suspicion or distrust because they hold different views from us, come from a different place, or behave in a different way. It is tempting to label others as "fools" or "traitors", especially when we feel passionately about something and others disagree, or when we feel threatened by them.

But Jesus reminds us here of the importance of recognising that despite our differences, we are all brothers and sisters. We are all part of one global family, and we are called to live in peace. We are called to seek forgiveness, to make our peace with one another. As we acknowledge our own faults and the times we have hurt others, we also try to accept the apologies of others and to remember that they, too, are a beloved child of God. In a world filled with conflict, let us try to remember this calling.

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY O. T. - CYCLE A

As the flames of division and mistrust are stoked in countless situations around the world, let us strive to each play our own part in stemming the tide of violence and take the first steps on the path towards peace and forgiveness today.

God of peace, fill us with your love. May we overcome the hatred and fear that divides us and seek your peace as we remember that all people are our brothers and sisters, beloved by you. Amen.

Fr Sergio, Parish Priest

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR PARISH THROUGH THE GIFT AID SCHEME

IF YOU PAY INCOME TAX JOIN NOW! The parish can reclaim a refund on the tax you pay, on the donations you make. This refund makes a huge difference to the parish income each year!

Did you know that you can make your contribution by standing order? If you would like more information, please contact Paul.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

EASTER RAFFLE TO HELP WITH THE COST OF WINTER HEATING:

Many families suffer from the consequences of fuel poverty because they cannot afford to heat or power their homes to an adequate, safe, and comfortable standard. It arises from a combination of low household income, high energy cost, and poor energy efficiency. This has a dramatic effect on children and elderly people's health.

Sometimes I hear that the church is not too warm, but not actions follow to help pay the cost of heating, as if "others" have the "obligation" to pay our heating and to keep us warm.

I appreciate any initiative from parishioners aimed to raise funds to help pay the heating.

Meanwhile, I decided to organise a Raffle for Easter to help with the cost of heating, exactly the 3rd Sunday of Lent: the PRIZE is a chocolate hen with 8 eggs made by French Chocolatiers, a blend of techniques with innovative artistry. Tickets are available from Ash Wednesday in both churches.

Listen to the Migrants' Cries

So many times, Pope Francis called the entire world to hear the cries of migrants, many of whom are victims of criminal human trafficking.

"Migrants are often victims of criminal human smuggling and human trafficking. Among other causes, this happens because of corruption on the part of people willing to do anything for financial gain. The money from their dirty, underhanded business is blood money. I'm not exaggerating it's blood money.

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal human smuggling and human trafficking, may be heard and considered."

Pope Francis



The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen

First reading: Sirach 15:15-20

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

Second reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

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

Gospel Acclamation:

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

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

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