

St George  
Bickley

The Order for Mass on  
**the Sixth Sunday**  
**in Ordinary Time**

11<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 10.30am

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*Welcome to St George's! This booklet contains all the material you will need for today's celebration of Mass. We hope that you will find this service easy to follow, but please do not be afraid to ask if you are unsure what to do at any point. The building is fitted with an induction loop and you will find the best results away from the pillars.*

*Families with small children are very welcome to make use of the carpeted play area at the back of church, where you will find books, crayons and soft toys.*

*There are two further play stations in the side aisles.*

*A toilet is at the back of church, behind the screen. After Mass, please join us in the hall for refreshments. Before Mass, please try to maintain an atmosphere of quiet prayer.*

*Mass setting: Heritage Mass.*

*Please stand when the bell rings, for the procession of the clergy and servers, and to sing hymn 478:*

**Ye watchers and ye holy ones,  
Bright Seraphs, Cherubim and Thrones,  
Raise the glad strain, Alleluya!  
Cry out Dominions, Princedoms, Powers,  
Virtues, Archangels, Angels' choirs,  
Alleluya, Alleluya,  
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!**

**O higher than the Cherubim,  
More glorious than the Seraphim,  
Lead their praises, Alleluya!  
Thou Bearer of the eternal Word,  
Most gracious, magnify the Lord,**

**Respond, ye souls in endless rest,  
Ye Patriarchs and Prophets blest,  
Alleluya, Alleluya!  
Ye holy Twelve, ye Martyrs strong,  
All Saints triumphant, raise the song**

**O friends, in gladness let us sing,  
Supernal anthems echoing,  
Alleluya, Alleluya!  
To God the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit, Three in One,**

*Athelstan Riley (1858-1945)*

*The priest sings:*

*Priest*      In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*People*      **Amen.**

*Priest*      The Lord be with you.

*People*      **And also with you.**

*The priest introduces the Mass, and invites the people to recall and confess their sins:*

*Priest*      The Lord is generous and full of compassion: his mercy is over all his works. Trusting in the goodness of God our Creator we turn to him in penitence for our sins.

*People*      **I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, 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.**

*Priest*      May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life,

*People*      **Amen.**

*Remain standing to sing the Kyries:*

*People*      **Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

*We all sing the Gloria.*

*People*     **Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. 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. 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 of the Father, have mercy on us. 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. Amen.**

*Then the priest prays the collect:*

*Priest*     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.

*People*     **Amen.**

*Now sit to listen to the first reading:*

*Reader*     A reading from the book of Leviticus. (*Leviticus 13; 1-2, 44-46*).  
The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.  
'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart: he must live outside the camp.'

This is the word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 32 follows the reading. Remain seated to sing:*



- 1    **Blessed is he whose unrighteousness | is for- | given :  
and | whose\_ | sin is | covered.**
- 2    **Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord im- | puteth ' no | sin :  
and in whose | spirit ' there | is no | guile.**
- 5†   **I will acknowledge my | sin ' unto | thee :  
and mine un- | righteous- ' ness | have I ' not | hid.**
- 6    **I said, I will confess my sins | unto ' the | Lord :  
and so thou forgavest the | wicked- ' ness | of my | sin.**
- 12   **Be glad, O ye righteous, and re- | joice ' in the | Lord :  
and be joyful, all | ye ' that are | true of | heart.**

*Remain seated for the second reading:*

*Reader*      A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the  
Corinthians. (*1 Corinthians 10; 31-11; 1*)

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved. Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

This is the word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand for the gospel acclamation after a brief pause for reflection.*

*Choir* Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*People* **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Choir* May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.

*People* **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Deacon* The Lord be with you,

*People* **And also with you.**

*Deacon* A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark. (*Mark 1; 21-28*)

*People* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Deacon* A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Please sit for the Homily from Fr Henry.*

*All stand to say the Nicene Creed:*

*People* **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, 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 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.**

*Please remain standing for the Prayers of Intercession.*

*Priest* In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to God our Father.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy, / Lord, hear us.

*People* **Hear our prayer. / Lord, graciously hear us.**

*At the prayer for the departed,*

*Reader* Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

*People* **and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*When the prayers of the saints are asked,*

**Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus: Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

*In conclusion to the prayers:*

*Priest* Father, you have promised to hear the prayers of those who ask in the name of your Son: grant that what we have asked in faith may be granted to us according to your will. Merciful Father,

*People* **Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Please sit, as the Choir sing "Comfort, O Lord, the Soul of thy Servant", by William Crotch (1775-1847), and bread and wine are brought to the altar.*

*Stand to sing hymn 345, as the altar is prepared and the collection is taken. If you want to give by card, there is a card reader at the back of church.*

**Christ is the King, O friends rejoice!  
Brothers and sisters, with one voice  
Make all men know he is your choice:  
*Alleluya, alleluya, alleluya.***

**The first Apostles round them drew  
Thousands of faithful men and true,  
Sharing a faith for ever new:**

**Then magnify the Lord and raise  
Anthems of joy and holy praise  
For Christ's brave saints of ancient days:**

**O Christian women, Christian men,  
All the world over, seek again  
The Way disciples followed then:**

**Christ through all ages is the same;  
Place the same hope in his great name,  
With the same faith his word proclaim:**

**Let Love's unconquerable might  
God's people everywhere unite  
In service to the Lord of light:     *GKA Bell (1883-1958) © OUP***



*The Priest says*

*Priest* Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

*People* **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

*Priest* 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.

*People* **Amen.**

*The Priest sings the opening of the Eucharistic Prayer:*

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Priest* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The Priest prays the Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer, and then all sing the Sanctus and Benedictus:*

*People* **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.**

*Please kneel. The Eucharistic Prayer continues, until the Words of Institution.*

*Then all make the Memorial Acclamation:*

*Deacon* Great is the mystery of faith.

*People* **Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.**

*The Priest concludes the Eucharistic Prayer, and all sing:*

*People* **Amen! Amen! Amen!**

Please stand for the Lord's Prayer.

*Priest* At the Saviour's command, and formed by divine teaching, we dare to sing,

*People* **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.**

*Priest* Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our day, 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.

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

*Priest* Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

*People* **Amen.**

*Priest* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Deacon* Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*Now sing the Agnus Dei*

*People*      **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. (repeated)**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

*Then kneel.*

*Priest*      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.

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

*Priest*      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.

*The people come forward to receive Communion. If you have not been baptized and confirmed, please come forward for a blessing instead of Communion, carrying this order of service.*

*During Communion hymn 292 is sung, all remaining seated or kneeling.*

**Jesu, thou joy of loving hearts,  
Thou fount of life, thou light of men,  
From the best bliss that earth imparts  
We turn unfilled to thee again.**

**Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood,  
Thou savest those that on thee call,  
To them that seek thee thou art good,  
To them that find thee, all in all.**

**We taste thee, O thou living bread,  
And long to feast upon thee still;  
We drink of thee, the fountain-head,  
And thirst our souls from thee to fill.**

**Our restless spirits yearn for thee,  
Where'er our changeful lot is cast,  
Glad when thy gracious smile we see,  
Blest when our faith can hold thee fast.**

**O Jesu, ever with us stay,  
Make all our moments calm and bright;  
Chase the dark night of sin away,  
Shed o'er the world thy holy light.**

*Latin 12<sup>th</sup> century tr R Palmer (1808-87)*

*All stand for the Post-Communion Prayer:*

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

*People*        **Amen.**

*Please sit for the notices.*

*Then stand for the blessing and dismissal*

*Priest*        The Lord be with you.

*People*        **And also with you.**

*Priest*        May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and  
the Holy Spirit.

*People*        **Amen.**

*Deacon*        Go forth, the Mass is ended.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

*The clergy and servers go to the shrine of Our Lady for the Angelus.*

*Priest*        The angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary,

*People*        **And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.**

**Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art  
thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy  
womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us  
sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

*Priest* Behold the handmaid of the Lord,  
*People* **Be it unto me according to thy word. Hail Mary...**  
*Priest* And the word was made flesh,  
*People* **And dwelt among us. Hail Mary...**  
*Priest* Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.  
*People* **That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**  
*Priest* Let us pray. We beseech you, O Lord, pour your grace into our hearts, so that as we have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ through the message of an angel, so, by his cross and passion, we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*People* **Amen.**

*Remain standing to sing hymn 271 as clergy and servers depart:*

**Alleluya, sing to Jesus,  
His the sceptre, his the throne;  
Alleluya, his the triumph,  
His the victory alone:  
Hark the songs of peaceful Sion  
Thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus out of every nation,  
Hath redeemed us by his blood.**

**Alleluya, not as orphans  
Are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluya, he is near us,  
Faith believes, nor questions how;  
Though the cloud from sight received him  
When the forty days were o'er,  
Shall our hearts forget his promise,  
'I am with you evermore'?**

**Alleluya, Bread of Angels,  
Thou on earth our food, our stay;**

**Alleluya, here the sinful  
Flee to thee from day to day;  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
Where the songs of all the sinless  
Sweep across the crystal sea.**

**Alleluya, King eternal,  
Thee the Lord of lords we own;  
Alleluya, born of Mary,  
Earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:  
Thou within the veil hast entered,  
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest;  
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim  
In the Eucharistic Feast.**

*W Chatterton Dix (1837-98)*

*The organist plays "Chorale Improvisation on 'Nun Danket Alle Gott'", by  
Sigfried Karg-Elert (1877-1933).*

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### **MASS TIMES THIS WEEK:**

Tuesday 9.30

*Readings: James 1; 12-18. Mark 8; 14-21.*

Wednesday 9.30 with Imposition of Ashes (**ASH WEDNESDAY**)

*Joel 2; 12-18. 2 Corinthians 5; 20-6; 2. Matthew 6; 1-6, 16-18.*

8.00pm Sung Mass with Imposition of Ashes.

Thursday 9.30

*Deuteronomy 30; 15-20. Luke 9; 22-25.*

Friday 9.30

*Isaiah 58; 1-9. Matthew 9; 14-15.*

Saturday 9.30 followed by Rosary

*Isaiah 58; 9-14. Luke 5; 27-32.*

### **Next Sunday (First Sunday of Lent)**

8.00 Low Mass (traditional rite)

10.30 Sung Mass with Childrens Church

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