

**SUNG MASS on the  
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A**

Sunday, 15th February 2026, 10.30am

**Welcome to Mass today!**

Before the Mass: SPEAK TO GOD

During the Mass: LET GOD SPEAK TO YOU

After the Mass: SPEAK TO ONE ANOTHER

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR MOBILE PHONES

A bell is rung and all STAND as the Priest approaches the altar with the ministers and venerates it. The ENTRANCE HYMN is sung:

tune: St Anne (NEH 417)

1.

**O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home;**

2.

**Under the shadow of thy throne  
Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is thine arm alone,  
And our defence is sure.**

3.

**Before the hills in order stood,  
Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting thou art God,  
To endless years the same.**

4.

**A thousand ages in thy sight  
Are like an evening gone;  
Short as the watch that ends the night  
Before the rising sun.**

5.

**Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
Bears all its sons away;  
They fly forgotten, as a dream  
Dies at the opening day.**

6.

**O God our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Be thou our guard while troubles last,  
And our eternal home.**

words: Isaac Watts 1674-1748

**The Introductory Rites**

**Sign of the Cross**

*All make the Sign of the Cross as the Priest says:*

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

**Greeting**

**The Lord be with you.  
And with your spirit.**

*The Priest introduces the Mass and then invites the people to call to mind their sins:*

**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,**

*And, striking their breast, they say:*  
**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.**

*The absolution is given by the Priest:*

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

*Then is sung:*

**Kyrie, éléison. Kyrie, éléison.**  
**Christe, éléison. Christe, éléison.**  
**Kyrie, éléison. Kyrie, éléison.**

### The Gloria

*Then is sung:*

**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.**

### The Collect of the Day

*The Priest sings:*

Let us pray.

*A short silence is kept.*

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.**

Sit

### The Liturgy of the Word

#### First Reading

*Sirach 15:15-20*

*'He has not commanded anyone to be ungodly.'*

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

*Ps 119(118):1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R1b*

*The choir sings the response and then all repeat:*

**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.**

*Alleluia 4 – Matthew 4:19*

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.**

*The Choir sings:*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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

*Turn to face the Priest as he sings:*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according  
to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### Second Reading

*1 Corinthians 2:6-10*

*'A wisdom God decreed before the ages for our glory.'*

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.**

STAND

Gospel Acclamation

### Gospel

*Matthew 5:17-37*

*'It was said to those of old; but I say to you.'*

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.**

*Then is sung:*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**The Homily**

*After the introduction, SIT.*

*At the end of the homily a brief silence is kept for recollection.*

**The Profession of Faith**

*The Nicene ("Niceno-Constantinopolitan") Creed*

STAND

**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,**

*At the words that follow, all bow their head:*

**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.**

### The Prayer of the Faithful

*The Priest introduces the prayers.*

*The response to the prayers is:*

**Lord, hear us.**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

*The following may be included:*

**✠ Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord,  
And let light perpetual shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace and rise in glory.**

*When bidden, the people sing: 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 the hour of our death. Amen.*

*The Priest then concludes the Prayers, and all respond: Amen.*

## The Liturgy of the Eucharist

### The Offertory

**REMAIN STANDING as the OFFERTORY HYMN is sung, during which the gifts of bread and wine are presented to the Priest.**

*A cash collection is taken.  
Alternatively, a donation can  
be made via the electronic  
Giving Station near the main  
door or by scanning this QR  
code with your smartphone's  
camera.*



*tune: Michael (NEH 333)*

**1.**

**All my hope on God is founded;  
He doth still my trust renew,  
Me through change and chance he guideth,  
Only good and only true.  
God unknown,  
He alone  
Calls my heart to be his own.**

**2.**

**Pride of man and earthly glory,  
Sword and crown betray his trust;  
What with care and toil he buildeth,  
Tower and temple fall to dust.  
But God's power,  
Hour by hour,  
Is my temple and my tower.**

**3.**

**God's great goodness aye endureth,  
Deep his wisdom, passing thought:  
Splendour, light and life attend him,  
Beauty springeth out of naught.  
Evermore  
From his store  
Newborn worlds rise and adore.**

**4.**

**Daily doth th'Almighty Giver  
Bounteous gifts on us bestow;  
His desire our soul delighteth,  
Pleasure leads us where we go.**

Love doth stand  
At his hand;  
Joy doth wait on his command.

5.

Still from man to God eternal  
Sacrifice of praise be done,  
High above all praises praising  
For the gift of Christ, his Son.  
Christ doth call  
One and all:  
**Ye who follow shall not fall.**

words: Robert Bridges 1844-1930  
Based on the German of J Neander 1650-80

REMAIN STANDING as the Priest turns to say:

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

**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.**

### Prayer over the Offerings

*The Priest sings:*

O Lord, our God, who once established these created things to sustain us in our frailty, grant, we pray, that they may become for us now the Sacrament of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### The Eucharistic Prayer

*The Priest sings:*

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right and just.**

*The Priest continues with the Preface, praising God, and then all sing:*

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

*The Priest continues the Eucharistic Prayer.*

*At the elevation of the Host and the Chalice, the people acclaim: My Lord and my God.*

*After the words of Consecration, the Priest sings:*

**The mystery of faith:  
We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection  
until you come again.**

*At the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer the people sing: Amen.*

### The Communion Rite

#### The Lord's Prayer

*The Priest sings:*

At the Saviour's command  
and formed by divine teaching,  
we dare to pray:

**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.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, 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.

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

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. **Amen.**

*The Priest says:*

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And with your spirit.**

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*Please share the peace by simply turning to your neighbours and waving a greeting.*

### Breaking of the Bread

*Then is sung:*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

### Invitation to Communion

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.

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

*The Priest receives communion and then says:*

**Communion Antiphon**

*cf. Psalm 106:8-9*

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

*A bell is rung and the people receive communion.*

*Communion will be offered kneeling at the Altar rail.*

*Inform the Priest if you require a gluten free wafer.*

*The Chalice is available for those who wish to receive from it.*

*If you are not making your communion please come to the Priest, carrying this service booklet, and bow your head for a blessing.*

*Please return to your seats through the left or right chapels.*

*During Communion, the Choir sings an anthem and then the COMMUNION HYMNS are sung:*

*tune: Franconia (NEH 341)*

**1.**

**Blest are the pure in heart,  
For they shall see our God,  
The secret of the Lord is theirs,  
Their soul is Christ's abode.**

**2.**

**The Lord, who left the heavens  
Our life and peace to bring,  
To dwell in lowliness with men  
Their pattern and their King;**

**3.**

**Still to the lowly soul  
He doth himself impart,  
And for his dwelling and his throne  
Chooseth the pure in heart.**

**4.**

**Lord, we thy presence seek;  
May ours this blessing be;  
Give us a pure and lowly heart,  
A temple meet for thee.**

1.

**Make me a channel of your peace.**

**Where there is hatred**

**let me bring your love.**

**Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord.**

**And where there's doubt, true faith in you.**

**Oh, Master grant that I may never seek  
so much to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved, as to love, with all my soul.**

2.

**Make me a channel of your peace.**

**Where there's despair in life,**

**let me bring hope.**

**Where there is darkness, only light.**

**And where there's sadness ever joy.**

**Oh, Master grant that I may never seek  
so much to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved, as to love, with all my soul.**

3.

**Make me a channel of your peace.**

**It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,**

**In giving to all men that we receive,**

**and in dying that we're born to eternal life**

*Silence is then kept for reflection.*

Prayer after Communion

*The Priest sings:*

Let us pray.

STAND

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. **Amen.**

## The Concluding Rites

SIT for the notices.

Blessing

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

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

Dismissal

Go forth, the Mass is ended.

**Thanks be to God.**

Ave Regina Caelorum

*tune: Aberystwyth (NEH 383ii)*

**Hail, O Queen of Heaven enthroned.**

**Hail, by angels mistress owned.**

**Root of Jesse, Gate of Morn**

**Whence the world's true light was born:**

**Glorious Virgin, Joy to thee,**

**Loveliest whom in heaven they see;**

**Fairest thou, where all are fair,**

**Plead with Christ our souls to spare.**

Vouchsafe that I may praise thee,

O sacred Virgin.

**Give me strength against thine enemies.**

Let us pray: We beseech thee, O Lord, mercifully to assist our infirmity: that like as we do now commemorate Blessed Mary Ever-Virgin, Mother of God; so by the help of her intercession we may die to our former sins and rise again to newness of life; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The FINAL HYMN is sung:*

*tune: Blaenwern (NEH 408)*

**1.**

**God is Love: let heav'n adore him;**  
**God is Love: let earth rejoice;**  
**Let creation sing before him,**  
**And exalt him with one voice.**  
**He who laid the earth's foundation,**  
**He who spread the heav'ns above,**  
**He who breathes through all creation,**  
**He is Love, eternal Love.**

**2.**

**God is Love: and he enfoldeth**  
**All the world in one embrace;**  
**With unfailing grasp he holdeth**  
**Every child of every race.**  
**And when human hearts are breaking**  
**Under sorrow's iron rod,**  
**Then we find that selfsame aching**  
**Deep within the heart of God.**

**3.**

**God is Love: and though with blindness**  
**Sin afflicts the souls of men,**  
**God's eternal loving-kindness**  
**Holds and guides them even then.**  
**Sin and death and hell shall never**  
**O'er us final triumph gain;**  
**God is Love, so Love for ever**  
**O'er the universe must reign..**

*words: Timothy Rees 1874-1939 (NEH 364)*

## NOTICES THIS WEEK:

### WELCOME

### SERVICES DURING THE INTERREGNUM

#### **Sunday:**

9.45 Morning Prayer  
10.30am Sung Mass

#### **Thursday:**

9.30am Rosary  
10am Mass

If you need a priest urgently and for all other business, please contact the Churchwardens in the first instance.

### CHARITY OF THE MONTH

**Family Holiday Charity** which helps families get time away together – often for the first time ever – for holidays that build happy memories, confidence and hope for the future.

<https://familyholidaycharity.org.uk/>

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### **Ash Wednesday**

Wednesday 18th February 2026  
Mass at 7.30 p.m.  
Lent begins.

#### **Stations of the Cross**

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
at 7.00 p.m.

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
at 7.00 p.m.

Friday 6th March 2026  
at 7.00 p.m.

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
at 7.00 p.m.

Friday 20th March 2026  
at 7.00 p.m.

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
at 7.00 p.m.



*Please stay for refreshments  
after Mass today*

*Do leave a 50p donation  
IF YOU ARE ABLE*

## FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:



We pray for: Jonathan, Bishop of Fulham, Catherine, Archdeacon of Northolt, and Sophie, Area Dean of Brent and James, Assistant Area Dean

For the sick and have asked for our prayers, amongst them: Alenka Heyer, Allison Grunberg, Antonia, Atu & Lambert Barongo, Anna Fernando, Arthur Huggins, Berthan Macaulay Jnr, Bettie Huggins, Carol Johnson, Chamindra, Christina Tyler, Colin Yianni, Daniel & Elaine Greenfield, David Lundy, Eda, Emily Jane Drake, Fr. Vava Tsioupra, Gary Hughes, Gilian Hemsworth, Ivor Jevons, Jacinth Hay, Juliet Edgar, Junior Hugh, Khadi Harleston, Leonora Key, Muktagauri Vithaldas Bhuchhada, Naomi Gardner, Nathalie Gregory, Noah Kelly, Patrick Oliver, Petunia Barlow, Peyman Sadeghi, Robinson Egbon, Sally Harper, Stacey Hyatt, Teresa Javorska, Tony Nakuhal, Wilson Elliot, Cathy, Tharaka Peiris, Thelma, Carole, Victims of stabbing at Kingsbury High School and their parents.

Pray for the recently departed: Victims of Canadian shooting

For those whose anniversary of death occurs this week:

**16th:** Veronica Edwards (1991), Kathleen Newman (2000), John Rendell (2021)

**17th:** Alison Eves (1988), Lillian Trotter (2000), Terry Maginn (2014)

**18th:** Lorna Allchin (2020)

**19th:** Norman Buck (1972), Lucy Watson (1977), Emily Almond (1982), Ron Edwards (1998)  
John Trueman (2002)

**20th** Nellie Gore (1982), Beverley Bridge (2014) Hyacinth John-Baptiste (2023)

**21st:** Katharine Guthrie, Sam Johnson Paul (2015), Monica Holder (2019), Fr Angelo (2019),  
Roney Pilgrim (2024)

Prayers for the week:

Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: help us to show his love, in your Church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord. Amen.

By your beauty, O Lord,  
transform our poverty of soul.  
By your love  
tame the waywardness of our passions.  
By your grace renew the yearnings of our heart.  
Catherine of Genoa (1447-1510)

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.

## EVENTS & SERVICES THIS WEEK:

### Monday, 16th February

*Gospel:* Mark 8:11-13

*Pray for:* a deepening of our faith

*Residents of:* Langdon Drive,  
Lavender Avenue, Lawrence Way

### Friday, 20th February

Church Cleaning  
& Flower arranging

*Gospel:* Mark 8:34-9:1

*Pray for:* victims of abuse and control

*Residents of:* Page Avenue,  
Parkfields Avenue, Peace Grove

### Tuesday, 17th February

*Gospel:* Mark 8:14-21

*Pray for:* vocations to the priesthood

*Residents of:* Leith Close,  
Lyndhurst Close, Mallard Way

### Saturday, 21st February

*Gospel:* Mark 9:2-13

*Pray for:* the unity of the Church

*Residents of:* Pilgrims Way,  
Poplar Grove, Press Road

### Wednesday, 18th February

*Gospel:* Mark 8:22-26

*Pray for:* those on remand and in prison

*Residents of:* Merley Court,  
Mount Drive, Neasden Lane North

### Sunday, 22nd February

**SEVENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

**9.45am Morning Prayer**

**10.30am Sung Mass**

*Gospel:* Luke 6:27-38

*Pray for:* our parish and people

*Residents of:* Quainton Street,  
Queens Walk, Rawlings Crescent

### Thursday, 19th February

**Rosary  
10am Mass**

*Gospel:* Mark 8:27-33

*Pray for:* those in abusive relationships

*Residents of:* North Circular Road,  
Old Church Lane, Oxford Place