



**The Order for Mass on  
the SIXTH SUNDAY  
in Ordinary Time**

**15<sup>th</sup> February 2026 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. 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 368:*

**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.**

*William Chatterton Dix (1837-98)*

*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 Kyrie Eleison and Gloria.*

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

*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 Sirach. (*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.

This is the word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 119 follows the reading. Remain seated to sing:*

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Vss 1 - 16      E. J. HOPKINS

- 1 Blessed are those that are undefiled | in the | way :  
and | walk 'in the | law ' of the | Lord.
- 2 Blessed are they that | keep his | testimonies :  
and seek him | with their | whole\_ | heart.
- 4 Thou | hast\_ | charged :  
that we shall | diligent- ' ly | keep ' thy com- | mandments.
- 5 O that my ways were made | so di- | rect :  
that | I might | keep thy | statutes!

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Vss 17 - 32      G. HEATHCOTE

- 17 O do well | unto ' thy | servant :  
that I may | live, and | keep thy | word.

**18 Open | thou mine | eyes :  
that I may see the | wondrous | things of ' thy | law.**

**33 Teach me, O Lord, the | way of ' thy | statutes :  
and I shall | keep it | unto ' the | end.**

**34 Give me understanding, and I shall | keep thy | law :  
yea, I shall | keep it | with my ' whole | heart.**

*Remain seated for the second reading:*

*Reader* A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians. (*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. 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* I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children.

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

*Priest* The Lord be with you,  
*People* **And also with you.**

*Priest* A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.  
(Matthew 5; 17-37)

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

*Priest* 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.’

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 359, 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.*

**All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing  
Alleluya, alleluya!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam:  
*O praise him, O praise him*  
**Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!****

**Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,  
O praise him, alleluya!  
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
Ye lights of evening, find a voice:**

**Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
Make music for thy Lord to hear,  
Alleluya, alleluya!  
Thou fire so masterful and bright,  
That givest us both warmth and light:**

**Dear mother earth, who day by day  
Unfoldest blessings on our way,  
O praise him, alleluya!  
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,  
Let them his glory also show:**

**All ye that are of tender heart,  
Forgiving others, take your part,  
O sing ye, alleluya!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
Praise God and on him cast your care:**

And thou, most kind and gentle death,  
Waiting to hush our latest breath,  
O praise him, alleluya!  
Thou leadest home the child of God,  
And Christ our Lord the way hath trod:

Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship him in humbleness,  
O praise him, alleluya!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, three in One:

*William Henry Draper (1855-1933) based on St Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)*

*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:*

**Priest** 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 pray,

**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.**

*Priest* 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 399 is sung, all remaining seated or kneeling.*

**Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast,**

**Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest,**

**Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,**

**Wash me with water flowing from thy side.**

**Strength and protection may thy Passion be,  
O blessed Jesu, hear and answer me;  
Deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me,  
So shall I never, never part from thee.**

**Guard and defend me from the foe malign,  
In death's dread moments make me only thine;  
Call me and bid me come to thee on high  
Where I may praise thee with thy saints for ay.** *Latin 14<sup>th</sup> C. tr Anonymous.*

*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.**  
*Priest* 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 387 as clergy and servers depart:*

**Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,**

**First-begotten from the dead,**

**Thou alone, our strong defender,**

**Liftest up thy people's head.**

**Alleluya,**

**Jesu, true and Living Bread!**

**Here our humblest homage pay we;**

**Here in loving reverence bow;**

**Here for faith's discernment pray we,**

**Lest we fail to know thee now.**

**Alleluya,**

**Thou art here, we ask not how.**

**Though the lowliest form doth veil thee**

**As of old in Bethlehem,**

**Here as there thine angels hail thee,**

**Branch and Flower of Jesse's stem.**

**Alleluya,  
We in worship join with them.**

**Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished  
Once for all when thou wast slain,  
In its fullness undiminished  
Shall for evermore remain,  
Alleluya,  
Cleansing souls from every stain.**

**Life-imparting heavenly manna,  
Stricken rock with streaming side,  
Heaven and earth with loud hosanna  
Worship thee, the Lamb who died,  
Alleluya,  
Risen, ascended, glorified!**

*George Hugh Bourne (1840-1925)*

*The organist plays “Toccata in Seven”, by Sir John Rutter (b.1945).*

*Please stay quietly until the end of the organ music. Do join us for refreshments in the Hall after Mass.*

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