

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A
15TH FEBRUARY 2026: Mass Time**

Sunday 15TH February	11:00 AM	SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Helena Ciupak +
Tuesday 17TH February	9:30 AM	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Leslie Lambert +
Wednesday 18TH February	11:00 AM	ASH WEDNESDAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE	People of the Parish



Sacrament of Reconciliation
Please feel free to contact Fr. Nnam Di Obi to arrange confession

**If Father Obi is not available and a priest is required urgently, please
call: St. Mary's: 01793 535089/Holy Rood: 01793 522062/
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St Joseph's Catholic Church, Wroughton

We welcome visitors and anyone who is visiting us for the first time.
We pray for God's special blessing on you.
We wish you a very Happy and Holy worship with us.



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Readings	: Sunday Mass Cycle A: Ordinary Time Week 6-Year 2
Eucharistic Prayer	: Psalter 2 (or at Priest Choice)
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.
First Reading	: Sirach 15:15-20
Psalm Response	: Blessed are those who walk in the law of the LORD!
Second Reading	: 1 Corinthians 2: 6-10
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
Communion Antiphon	: They ate and had their fill, : And what they craved the Lord gave them; : They were not disappointed in what they craved.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS
1st Reading
He has not commanded anyone to be ungodly.
2nd Reading
A wisdom God decreed before the ages for our glory.
Gospel
It was said to those of old; but I say to you.

If you were there at the time of Jesus, what impression would you have of him? What would you think of him and his modus operandi?

Would you think of him as a breath of fresh air or a law breaker who is only but confusing the people?

Before your honest response, put yourself in the context of the people of Jesus' time. Would you be any different from the Scribes and the Pharisees?

The people got agitated about this new man in town with new teaching. Is he going to throw all we have been taught in the Scripture and Tradition in the thrash? What's he going to do or say next? It was not just a mere reflection. It was a mindful storm among the people.

It is in this context that Jesus declares his mission and intention: I have come, not to abolish the Law but to fulfil it. This is the core message of Matthew's account.

It is easier to look back in hindsight, on behalf of the people of Old, and see what they couldn't see. But often, God's wisdom is not found in hindsight or foresight, but insight. The Spirit has always revealed the wisdom of God and his plan. The one who oversees the entire creation (Sirach 15:15-20) has perfectly ordered all things in Christ.

ASH WEDNESDAY: There will be a mass at St Joseph Wroughton on **18th February at 11:00 am**. And masses at Holy Family Church at 9:00am and 6:30 pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026: The date for First Holy Communion 2026 is on Saturday 6th June 2026 at 11 am and Sunday 7th June at 2 pm. The next preparation session is on Saturday **28th February** 2026, 10 am – 11:15 am at Holy Family Church.

CONFIRMATION 2026: The date for the Sacrament of Confirmation is on Tuesday 9th June 2026 at 7:00pm. The next session will be on **3rd March** at 6:30 - 8:00 pm. at Holy Family Church.

THE BIBLE ALIVE LENTEN GROUP starts **Ash Wednesday 18 February at 2.30** in the Parish Room. We'll be using *Cover to Cover Living Faith: Invitations from the cross - Jesus' last words*. We would love you to join our friendly group for the Lenten journey as we listen to Jesus' words, seeking to know him better and draw closer to him. No previous knowledge or experience is needed, but you could bring your Bible. Each one of us is here to learn and grow. For those who have ordered the book from me it will cost £8.00. **Any queries call Diana on 0781 394 0076.**

PRESENTATION ASSOCIATES: The next Presentation Associates meeting will be held on Monday 2nd March at 1.30 – 2.15pm in the convent. Following this, everyone is welcome to join us at 2.30 – 4pm, for a short reflective Lenten service with prayers, music and hymns. Tea and coffee will be served at the end.

Care for Creation: There are some more copies of our newsletter at the back of the church, if you did not get one last week. Would you like to be a sponsored walker for **CAFOD's BIG LENT WALK?** Set your own target, walk when and where you want; and pool your achievement with **St Joseph's Team**. Brian says he can't walk 200km during Lent, but if we do it together, we can. Give him a ring or text to 07989 667106.

HOLY FAMILY LENTEN RETREAT: The Bedrock Community Swindon are Hosting a **"Cor et Lumen Christi Event"** on Saturday 21st February 2026 starting from 9:30 am. This event includes: Inspirational Teaching, Healing, Eucharist, Prophecy and Praise & Worship – bringing God's grace and power into our life especially in this Lent. Everyone is welcome.

DIOCESAN DAY 2026: Bishop Bosco warmly invites you to join him on **4 July** for our Diocesan Day celebration entitled: 'The Joy of Love' at **Downside School & Abbey**. We will have **Patti Boulaye OBE** as our keynote speaker, as well as a children's & young people's programme. Arrivals/refreshments from 10am. A hot lunch will be provided (a lunch box for the children). Our Diocesan Day Mass will take place in the Abbey Church at 3.30pm, with the day ending around 4.30pm. There will be a maximum of 400 tickets. If you would like to join us for the day, please register via: <https://joyoflove.eventbrite.co.uk> for your ticket. For the catering/safeguarding requirements, booking through Eventbrite is essential. The closing date for tickets is 24 June unless fully booked beforehand.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION: Bishop Bosco invites you to join him during this season of Lent to celebrate the abundant mercy of God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Join him at one of the five venues across our diocese as part of your Lenten Pilgrimage. Each Liturgy will start at 7pm. Tuesday 24th February - St Mary, Glastonbury, 5th March - Sacred Heart, Tisbury, 10th March - Immaculate Conception, Devizes, 17th March - St Joseph, Tewkesbury, 24th March - Christ the King, Thornbury.

PARKING: At busy times, such as Sunday Mass, do consider parking in the free public car park in the Ellendune Centre, when the Church car park is full. Please keep the roads and pavements near the Church clear and avoid blocking people's residence and shops.

TEA & COFFEE : Tea & Coffee will be served in the Parish Hall after mass on Sundays and Tuesdays

PARISH ACCOUNT DETAILS

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Anniversaries: *We pray for the dead, and those who have died recently and all whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Diocesan Prayer Link: : **St. Stanislaus**, Dulverton. **Sacred Heart**, Minehead, with Watchet.

Pope's Message: *The holy father's prayer intention for the month of February is for children with incurable diseases.*

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.