

Our Lady & St. Joseph, Aire Valley

St Monica's Presbytery, Bradford Old Road BD16 1SA

15th February 2026**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Diocese of Leeds Charity Number 249404

*O Lord, may your words be on our lips, and in our hearts.**May they give us courage and hope – and draw us nearer to you.*

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A Saturday 14/Sunday 15 February	4.15-4.45 pm Confessions 5 pm Mass	Bingley	Maureen Thompson
	9.15 am Mass	Cottingley	Don Devenish
	11.15 am Mass	Bingley	Parish
Monday 16 February	10 am Mass	Cottingley	Bernard and Veronica Gough
Tuesday 17 February	10 am Mass	Cottingley	Michael O'Keefe
Wednesday 18 February Ash Wednesday (Fasting & Abstinence)	10 am Mass	Cottingley	Helga and Frank Onoszko
	7 pm Mass	Bingley	Doug, Winnie and David Stableford
Thursday 19 February	6.20 – 6.40pm Confessions 7 pm Mass	Cottingley	Shelagh Higgins
Friday 20 February	10 am Mass	Bingley	Angelica Schweikart
1st Sunday of Lent Year A Saturday 21/Sunday 22 February	4.15-4.45 pm Confessions 5 pm Mass	Bingley	Thanksgiving
	9.15 am Mass	Cottingley	Ed Schack
	11.15 am Mass	Bingley	Parish



Jesus proposed a new concept of living. The new spirit is to be gentle, generous, simple, and above all sincere. To avoid being arrogant, censorious, or self-seeking. The disciples of the new Kingdom must seek happiness even amidst poverty, deprivation, tears and oppression. To aim for the Kingdom requires a radical change in outlook, in mentality, in behaviour, in relations with others. Just as the Law revealed to Moses on Mount Sinai, so, in this Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the new Lawgiver, offers to all mankind a new way of life, a charter of Christian life. (*Homily of Pope John Paul II, Glasgow, 1 June 1982*)

In the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew has gathered the things Jesus taught on different occasions in one discourse. This makes it easier for his readers, who were Jewish converts, to grasp the new order of salvation as inaugurated by Jesus. They knew the ten

commandments, but they knew them as their rabbis had taught them. These rabbis put all the stress on the letter of the law and on its external observance. Jesus' reminds his followers that the attitude of his followers to the commandments must be different, and superior to that of the scribes and Pharisees. Jesus is not abolishing the ten commandments, but he is demanding of his followers a more perfect, a more sincere, fulfilment of them. Their observance must come from the heart, from a wish to serve God in all things. Jesus is saying that love and faith are more than 'box ticking.' We can keep all the rules, but if our lives have not got that spark of love and laughter, then we are not following the God of love but the 'great policeman in the sky'.

Parish Notices

Lenten Observances: During Lent we will have **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** from 9:30am -9:55am on Tuesday mornings in Cottingley and in Bingley from 4:15pm - 4:50pm on Saturdays. There will also be **Stations of the Cross** on Sundays at 4:00pm beginning in Cottingley next Sunday. We will be looking for volunteers to lead the stations each Sunday. A sheet will be at the back of Church next Sunday to sign up.

First Sacraments Part 1: Classes in preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held in Cottingley on Saturday 28 February and Saturday 7 and 21 March 10:30-12:00 and at least one parent should attend with their child.

Pilgrimage to Poland St. Stephen's Parish is organising a pilgrimage to Krakow in Poland, 12th to 18th October 2026. The itinerary includes visits to Wadowice (John Paul II museum), Auschwitz, the Salt Mines, the Divine Mercy shrine, the Jasna Gora Monastery in Czestochowa with daily Mass and time to explore Krakow. Cost is £1979 + flights. For the full itinerary and booking form, please email christopher.angel@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

The Pope Leo's Intention for February: 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.

