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15th February 2026

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.

Ministers at Masses this weekend

Saturday 14/02 17:00 Eucharistic minister Mark Startin
Reader Anne McArthur, Peter Taylor
Sunday 15/02 09:15 Eucharistic minister H Anne Copley
Readers R Kevin King, P Anne Monaghan
Sunday 15/02 11:15 Eucharistic minister Jean Denman
Reader Oma Nwokeji, Jeremy Charnock

Ministers at Masses next weekend

Saturday 21/02 17:00 Eucharistic minister Michael Rewilak
Reader Barbara Hladowski, P Anne McArthur
Sunday 22/02 09:15 Eucharistic minister H Christine Kay
Readers R Ann McKerchar, P Helena Harrington
Sunday 22/02 11:15 Eucharistic minister Peter Harrison
Reader Viv Drake, P Oma Nwokeji

Please remember in your prayers all who are sick and those who care for them, especially:

Anita Austick	Elizabeth Hartley	John Moran
Angela Barnes	Liam Kay	David Ohr
Marisa Bell	Jacob Kinsey	Tony Shipman
Maria Binns	Ria Koetsier	Steven Shaw
Michael Bradley	Melissa Le Coultre	Neil Smith
Ellerie Carroll	Patricia Long	Rosamund Spencer
Sylvie Cantopher	Richard Longden	Jeff Trotter
Frieda Clapham	Brian Marie	Mary Walker
Rita Curtin	Andrew Markham	Sandra Walton
Anna Danys	Christine Matthews	Lisa White
Barbara Furniss	Paul McMenamin	Ann Wilkinson
Paul Gallagher	Harry McKenna	Madeleine Wilkins
Ian Harrison	Philomena McKenna	

Please contact Colin 01274 566332 with any changes to this list.

Sanctuary Candles are lit each week in memory of your loved ones. Please keep the following in your prayers:

Albert Link The Whitaker Family
Sheila & Tony Monaghan

Thank you to all who have donated items to the SVP raffle and tombola collection. It is never too late to donate. You can do it throughout the year- just give to a member of the SVP or leave in the entrance of either church with a note.

Children's Liturgy Reminder: We restart after half-term on Sunday 22nd February. Don't forget there is a basket of children's books at the back of both Churches which are always available!

World Day of Prayer: This year All Saints are hosting the WDP on March 6th @2pm in church.

The first Christian Aid **Lent Lunch** this year will be on March 6th at Bingley Baptist Church, followed on March 13th at St Mary's & St Monica's, Cottingley. There will be a Bring & Buy at each Lunch.

Bradford Festival Choral Society is performing Haydn's 'The Creation' at St George's Hall on Saturday 21st March at 7.30pm. It's an inspirational work celebrating God's creation of the world as told in Genesis. Featuring Yorkshire Symphony Orchestra. Join us for an exhilarating performance! Tickets Bradford Theatres 01274 432000

NEW MEN'S GROUP: The Oratory of St Joseph, for young Catholic or other interested laymen aged between 21 & 35. Monthly meetings at Hinsley Hall LS6 2BX, for prayer, Benediction, talks, social time & free supper. Inaugural meeting Thursday 26th February, 6.30-8.30pm. Contact: benjamin.hilton@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Please email **items for the parish bulletin** to me (Colin) at bulletin@ourladyandstjoseph.org.uk before Wednesday and I'll try to fit your item in.

The Parish Memorial Book (Book of Remembrance)

The book has these memories for this coming week:

14 Annette Davis	18 George William Philpott
14 Bert Ashworth	18 Mary Elizabeth Cavill
14 Ernest Walton	19 Andy Longhorn
14 Frank Thompson	20 Christine Turner
15 Richard B. Enright	20 Noel Halpin
16 John Richards	21 Mary Ann Starr
17 David Holroyd	22 George Starr
18 Christopher Kavanagh	22 Peter Whiteley
18 Douglas Stableford	

To have your loved ones included in the Parish Memorial Book, please send their name and date of death to

bulletin@ourladyandstjoseph.org.uk

Dead List Masses: there are forty five Masses which will be said throughout the year. In a change to previous years the Dead List is displayed in each church and the actual lists are behind the display. Do take time to check the list and let me know if there are any mistakes. Thank you. Fr Pollard

Join Bishop Marcus in Praying for Vocations: Our Lady of Unfailing Help! Pray that the Lord of the Harvest will send labourers into His harvest and that He will grant an abundance of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life within the Diocese of Leeds, and throughout the world. Amen.

CAFOD: The word 'Lent' finds its roots in the Old English word lencten, which means 'Springtime'. It describes the quiet, persistent season when the days begin to lengthen and the earth slowly wakes from its winter sleep. We hope that this Lent is a true Springtime for your soul. In addition, we invite you to experience the beginning of Spring in Bingley by taking part in the Big Lent Walk! You can find a sponsorship form and other materials at <https://parishes.walk.cafod.org.uk/resources>. If you are unable to talk part in the walk yourself, please consider sponsoring someone else. Finally, whether or not you are able to support CAFOD through walking or sponsorship, please keep in your prayers those whom CAFOD support, praying for justice in the world. *Loving God, human sin turns your garden into a wilderness in which many are powerless and oppressed. Yet still you walk with us and call us beloved. In this Lenten season, deepen our reflection and strengthen our solidarity with the vulnerable. Sustain our hope, and make us agents of your healing. Amen.*

PAX CHRISTI ASH WEDNESDAY PRAYERS: For the second year running, Pax Christi Leeds is organising prayers of repentance on Ash Wednesday 18th February at 12.30 pm Dortmund Square, Leeds. We pray for all those involved in nuclear war preparations to repent and have a change of heart. We will also pray that all us speak out for peace.

Winter Shelter 2026: A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered for the recent winter shelter: those who cooked; baked; cleaned; served; befriended; gave up their time; their sleep or sent a donation. You all helped make it a great success and you made a difference. Our guests very much enjoyed the week and the welcome they received here Thank you also to Ruth Core who co-ordinated it all.

Have you any Bradford Council issues?

If you live in Cottingley, Cullingworth, Harden or Wilsden I am here to help. Please visit my Councillor Surgery in Cullingworth Methodist church on Saturday 14 February 10 - 11.00am OR email paul.sullivan@bradford.gov.uk Paul Sullivan, Ward Councillor