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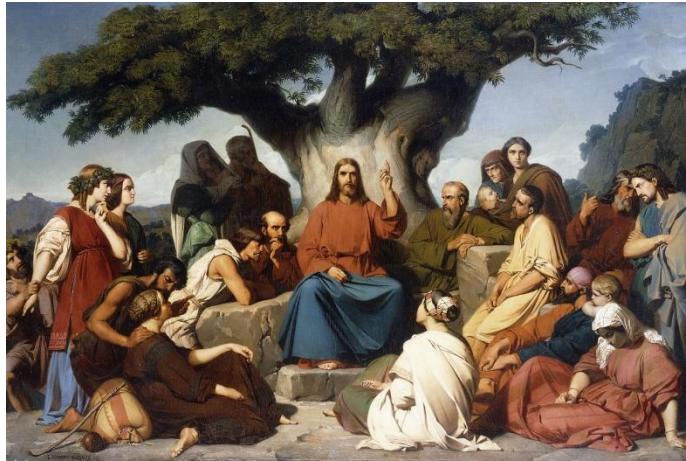
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

15th February 2026

Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'

Mass Times

Sat 14th	SS Cyril & Methodius	
	12.00	Les Clarke+
Sun 15th	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	9.30	People of the Parish
	11.00	Michael & Kathleen Danico+
Mon 16th	Feria	
	10.00	
Tue 17th	Feria	
	10.00	
Wed 18th	Ash Wednesday	
	10.00	with distribution of Ashes
	19.00	with distribution of Ashes
Thu 19th	Lent Weekday	
	No Mass	
Fri 20th	Lent Weekday	
	10.00	Anthony Aga-in+
Sat 21st	Lent Weekday	
	12.00	
Sun 22nd	First Sunday of Lent	
	9.30	Mary Gorman+
	11.00	People of the Parish



Sermon of Jesus Christ on the Mount
by Edouard Louis Dubufe 1844

Tea & Coffee in the Parish Hallafter Sunday masses
Children's Liturgy (Sign in required)Sunday 9.30
Holy Hourafter Wednesday morning mass
Confessionsduring Holy Hour Wednesday & at call
Choir Practice18.00 Monday in Church
PsalterWeek 2
Sunday Readings:Year A
Weekday Readings:Year 2
BaptismsContact the Deacon
Marriages:Contact the Parish Priest
Mother's Prayer Group2nd & 4th Fridays 10.30
Rosary GroupFridays 10.30 when no Mother's Prayers
Friendship Club14.00 Fridays
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Today's liturgy centres on the profound gift of human freedom and the transformative power of God's law. In the first reading from Sirach, we are reminded that God has set before us 'fire and water,' life and death. We are not mere spectators in our spiritual lives; we are active participants who must choose to stretch out our hands toward the good.

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus continues the Sermon on the Mount by teaching that He has come not to abolish the Law, but to fulfil it. He invites us to move beyond a 'legalistic' faith—one that only checks off external requirements—and toward a 'righteousness that exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees.' This higher righteousness is a matter of the heart.

Jesus takes the Commandments we know and deepens them. It is no longer enough to avoid the act of murder; we must now confront the anger and resentment that precede it. It is not enough to avoid adultery; we must guard the purity of our intentions and thoughts. This is the 'hidden wisdom' St. Paul describes to the Corinthians—a wisdom that requires the guidance of the Holy Spirit to understand and live out. Our 'Yes' must mean 'Yes' and our 'No' must mean 'No.' By living with this radical integrity, we reflect the light of Christ. This week, we are called to examine our inner lives, asking the Lord to purify our motives and help us choose the path of life in every word and action.

Cycle of Prayer: Ordinary Time: Winter

Peace on Earth, Racial Justice, Christian Unity,
Victims of Human Trafficking, The Sick and those
who care for them, The Unemployed



First Communion

We recently had a meeting for parents and children who wish to make their First Communion in 2026. Classes commence on Sunday 8th March after the 9.30 mass.

The other dates for classes are: 22nd March, 19th & 26th April, 10th & 17th May. The rehearsal will be on Friday 5th June with the First Communion itself on Saturday 6th June at 12.00. Contact Angie on fhcteam.olqp@gmail.com. Note date corrections.

**When man is with God in awe and love,
then he is praying**

Karl Rahner

Ash Wednesday

Please note that Ash Wednesday this year falls on 18th February. Mass will be at 10.00 and 19.00 with the distribution of Ashes.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will take place on Fridays during Lent at 18.30 in the Church. Please sign up if you wish to help organise the Stations.

A Prayer for Lent

O Lord, who by the fasting and passion of thine only begotten Son hast taught us to mortify our bodies and to abstain from sin: grant us grace so to fast from all evil, that we may more freely serve thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**To be truly human
is to be conscious of human weakness,
but confident that it can be overcome**

Romano Guardini

Funerals

The funeral of **Rosaleen Rogers** will take place on Friday 27th February at 12.00 followed by cremation at Bournemouth Crematorium. Please note no 10.00 mass that day.

The funeral of **Anthony Min-Ho Ng** will take place on Monday 9th March at 10.30 followed by burial in Bournemouth North Cemetery. Please note no 10.00 mass that day.

The funeral of **Veronica Bevan** will take place on Friday 13th March at 12.30 in Bournemouth Crematorium West Chapel. Mass is at 10.00 as usual

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from Monday 6th July until Friday 10th July departing from Heathrow Airport. The group will be staying at Hotel La Solitude close to the sanctuary. If you would like more information and a booking form, please email lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.



Mardi Gras Masked Ball Dinner Dance

After the huge success of this event two years ago, it's back again and it's going to be even better than before! The Masked Ball will take place on Saturday 28th February 2026 in the Parish Hall from 19.00 -22.30. Join us for an incredible evening of musical genius with James Stead. What a treat for everyone to have James come and entertain us. A long dress for the ladies and black tie for the gents please, plus a mask which is a MUST! Tickets £15 per person. More details to follow. Please contact Nicola for info on 07966 222463 **Please remember to bring your own drinks and glasses to the party. Monies to be paid for by 21st February latest please. If anyone needs a mask for the Ball, please see Nicola who has a wide selection to choose from, for just £2 each.**

**True prayer
is asking God what He wants**

William Barclay

Fasting and Abstinence During Lent

Lent is a sacred season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that prepares us to celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord at Easter. Through fasting and abstinence, the Church invites us to practice self-discipline, grow in solidarity with those in need, and make room in our hearts for God.

Fasting is required of Catholics ages 18–59 on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On days of fasting, one full meal is permitted, along with two smaller meals that together do not equal a full meal. Abstinence from meat is required of Catholics age 14 and older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays of Lent.

These practices are not meant to be burdensome but freeing us and helping us detach from excess and turn more fully toward Christ. Those who are ill, pregnant, elderly, or otherwise unable to fast are excused and encouraged to choose another form of penance or charity. As we journey through Lent, may our fasting and abstinence deepen our prayer, strengthen our compassion, and draw us closer to the love and mercy of God.

Recent Collections

Standing Orders £408, Sunday £331 with thanks.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

Readers: 9.30 T McCaffrey, L Pritchard 11.00 V Rochford, V Dybka **Ministers:** 9.30 T McCaffrey 11.00 H Gardiner **n/w Readers:** 9.30 B Nanovo, S Smith 11.00 C Wright, L. Goodall **n/w Ministers:** 9.30 D Rogers 11.00 L Goodall

Forthcoming Dates

Mardi Gras 28th February
Penitential Service (Corpus Christi) 27th March
Easter Sunday 5th April