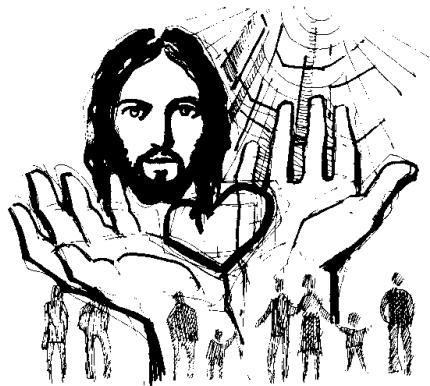


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Serving St Benedict's, St Mary's & St Oswald's,
Warrington



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

15 February 2026

Introductory Rites

Gathering Song

The kingdom of God (821)

Greeting & Introduction

Penitential Act

Have mercy on us, O Lord.

R. For we have sinned against you.

Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

R. And grant us your salvation.

Gloria

Mass of Christ the Saviour – Schutte (1013)

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Collect

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.

R. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

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.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119

Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

- 1 Blessed are they whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord.
Blessed are they who observe his decrees, who seek him with all their heart.
- 2 You have commanded that your precepts be diligently kept.
Oh, that I might be firm in the ways of keeping your statutes!

Second Reading

(1 Corinthians 2: 6-10)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

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.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel

(Matthew 5: 20-22, 27-28, 33-34, 37)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, '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.

'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.

'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. Let what you say be simply "Yes" or "No"; anything more than this comes from evil.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Pastoral Letter from the Archbishop

Nicene Creed

**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,
(All bow at the following words)
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.**

Bidding Prayers

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

Hymn: My God accept my heart this day (872)

Prayer over the Offerings

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.

R. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

Mass of Hope – Bernadette Farrell (559)

Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,

Holy Lord, Holy Lord, God of hosts.

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed, blessed, blessed, blessed is he

who comes in the name,

who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

The Mystery of Faith

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,

and profess your Resurrection

until you come again.

Our Father

Notre père... Tève Mūsū... Vater unser... Ojcze nasz...

Padre nostro... 我們的天父

Sign of Peace

Please exchange the Sign of Peace with those around you in whatever way is most comfortable for you.

Communion

St O: God is forgiveness (221)

Prayer after Communion

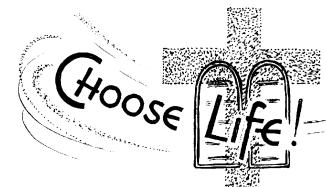
Having fed upon these heavenly delights,
we pray, O Lord,
that we may always long
for that food by which we truly live.
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Concluding Rite

Blessing & Dismissal

Final Song (for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes)
Immaculate Mary (365)



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