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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A:

Prayers and Readings are from page 709 in the missal

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.

Psalm Response:

Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord!

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.

Communion Antiphon:

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

Readings:

Sirach 15:15-20. Ps 119(118). I Corinthians 2:6-10. Matthew 5:17-37.

Divine Office:

Monday & Tuesday: Week 2, 6th Week in Ordinary Time
Then Ash Wednesday, and Thursday, Friday and Saturday after Ash Wednesday

Daily Readings:

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Sunday 15th February 2026 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 14 th February	17:30 Mass	<i>Priests of the Diocese</i>
Sunday 15 th	08:00 Mass	<i>Greg Warwick (rec. dec.)</i>
	10:00 Mass	<i>For the Parish</i>
Monday 16 th <i>Feria</i>	No Mass	
Tuesday 17 th <i>Feria</i>	10:00 Mass	
Wednesday 18 th <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	10:00 Mass	
	19:00 Mass	
Thursday 19 th <i>Lent Feria</i>	No Mass	
Friday 20 th <i>Lent Feria</i>	10:00 Mass	
Saturday 21 st	17:30 Mass	
Sunday 22 nd	08:00 Mass	
1 st Sunday of Lent	10:00 Mass	

Confessions by arrangement
Coffee and Tea on Sunday and Tuesday after the 10.00 Mass

Lent Programme: Each Tuesday there will be Stations of the Cross at 9.30am and at 7pm. Confessions will be on Saturdays 10am-11am. Fr Andrew will be giving a series of Lent talks, 'The Desert Heart'. These will take place on Thursday 26th February, 12th March and 26th March: Mass at 6.30 pm and talk at 7 pm. All welcome!

Parish Priest

We said a fond farewell to Fr Mike last weekend after his loving care of our parish for the last five months. There will be a collection after each Mass this weekend for Fr Mike to show our gratitude for his ministry amongst us. We welcome back Fr John Morrill this weekend to celebrate Mass. And, we look forward to offering Fr Andrew a very warm welcome to the parish next week as we begin a new chapter in the parish's 200-year history!

Dates for your diary

10th March: Lenten Station Mass – Newmarket (tbc) at 7pm
Adoration & Confessions from 6pm, supper after Mass

21st March: Parish Quiz Night – parish hall, after 5.30pm Mass

27th March: Jubilee Station Mass – Bury or Newmarket (tbc) at 7pm
Adoration & Confessions from 6pm, supper after Mass

1st May: Induction of Fr Andrew Eburne as Parish Priest, 7pm Mass

5th July: Parish Jubilee Mass and Celebration with Bishop Peter

Collections

Sunday 8th February: £719.56 (of which £130 is gift aided) plus £316 in direct-to-bank contributions (average weekly figure). Many thanks for your financial support.

Prayer Requests

We remember in our prayers those who have died recently and their families and friends: Greg Warwick, Luna Freitas, Tessa Trappes-Lomax, Olga Devonish, Mavis Bassett, Anna Manning, Thomas Collins.

And we pray for the sick: Mgr Peter Leeming, Fatima Anja, Patricia & Vittorio Cocuccio, Alicya Frydryk, Hazel Fullbrook, Albert and Maureen Huggett, Theresa Lescott, Sheila Sheppard, Madeline Tanner, Clive Townsend.

Day of Prayer for Victims of Trafficking: Last Sunday we prayed for the Victims of Trafficking and Slavery and for their rescue. Contact: john_simong@hotmail.com or search for "RCDEA slavery" online to learn more and how you can help.

Rachel's Vineyard Ministry

Are you or someone you know hurting from past abortion(s)? *Rachel's Vineyard is a healing ministry for those who are suffering from the trauma of abortion.* The healing weekends offer a supportive, confidential and non-judgemental environment where women and men can deal with painful post-abortive emotions and receive healing. The next Rachel's Vineyard retreat weekend in our diocese will take place on **March 6th–8th 2026**. For more information about this retreat or to arrange a time to chat please contact Helen on 0772 118 2521; or send an email to: suffolk@rachelsvineyard.org.uk

For further information or to find out about other retreat dates and locations please visit: www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk

Parish Mission in Bury St Edmund's: 22nd February - 1st March

Some of the sisters from the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham will be running a parish mission at St Edmund's in Bury to which all those in the vicinity are also welcome to attend. There will be talks from the Monday - Friday both in the morning and evening, and a retreat day on Saturday 28th February along with other events including all night Adoration. For a full program and further information go to: www.walsinghamcommunity.org/stedmunds

Parish Quiz Night – 21st March

Although a little after his feast day, we'll be holding a St Patrick's Day Quiz Night for the parish on Saturday 21st March at 7pm in the parish hall. Bring your own food and drink. £5 per person as well as a raffle to raise funds for the parish. See Mary Patrick or Paul Gilbert for details.

Food Bank Collection – Fri 27th & Sat 28th February 9am–5pm at Tesco

If any parishioner would like to volunteer for an hour (more if wished) on either of these days to encourage shoppers to make donations, please contact juliaphyers@gmail.com The food bank is very short of stock at the moment and any assistance will be greatly appreciated. Thank you and God bless for your continued support.