

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

15th February 2026



The water that I will give him will become a spring of water within him welling up to eternal life.
JOHN 4:14

This Sunday's Gospel reveals Jesus preaching the Sermon on the Mount. He is quoting law after law. In fact, he is doing more than just listing the laws as given to Moses. Jesus, the fulfilment of the Law and Prophets, is saying that to be a Christian is MORE than just doing the minimum the law sets out. Being a Christian is MORE than following laws and procedures. Being a Christian is about going above and beyond the law to love. Love is more than just doing the bare minimum.

The idea of being a Christian is a change within that springs forward to do whatever it can, wherever it can, to love others without losing the self in the process. We are called to embrace the whole of the way God wants us to live, not just do what is required to keep the ship stable.

We like to separate ourselves from our actions. If we think about any mistakes which we may have made, it is easy to pass it off with "It is not who I really am." That is not true. We do who we are. If we let that sink in, maybe we would accept responsibility for our actions more. Maybe there would be more true repentance in our world. What we should say is this, "I am not being who I want to be." When we get angry and fly off the handle, is that who we want to be? Not if we want to love God. We have to be more one day, one moment, at a time.

So, as Christians, we are striving for righteousness always; aiming to always follow the rules and do the right thing. Yet can we do more? Can we shine Jesus' love through all of our actions, all of our thoughts and all of our words?



In addition, this week let us pray for:

- ♦ all those connected to our community who are unwell, upset or mourning;
- ♦ our school community, that we may all have a safe and refreshing half term break;
- ♦ all those around the world who need to share in the light of Christ to live in peace and harmony;
- ♦ all those affected by the ongoing war in Ukraine;



They are happy who follow God's law!

Psalm 118