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**LITURGY**

**First reading:** Apostles 1:15-17, 20-26

**Response to the Psalm:** The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

**Second reading:** 1 John 4:11-16

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia, I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:** John 17:11-19



**Dear Parishioners**

It was the Spirit who bore witness through signs and wonders in the Church. It was the Spirit who inspired the brave words, deeds and witness of the apostles. And it was he who spoke to believers deep within their hearts.

The Spirit bears witness deep within us that we are God's children when he makes us call out to God the Father. He inspires within us the prayer of Christ himself, and we share in calling down the Gift of God on one another. He is God's gift to us and even our gift to one another in Christ.

In today's second reading, St John tells us no one has ever seen God. But if we love one another, God will live in us and his love will come to perfection in us. But we can only know that this love dwells within us, because the Holy Spirit has been given to us, the witness that our lives are lived for God.

But the Spirit bears witness not only to what we are, but also to what we shall be. No one has ever seen God, but that shall not be true for ever. Even now the Spirit dwells within us as a witness that we shall see God, as a pledge that we shall share the life of heaven, where the risen Christ has already gone ahead to prepare a place for us too.

God Bless,  
Fr. Benedict OSB

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**Rev. Deacon Peter Griffiths**



**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (B)**

**Week commencing Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

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### Masses

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|---------------------------|-----|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> May  | 5pm | <b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter(B)</b> | Tim & Margaret Butler RIP |
| Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> May  |     | <b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter(B)</b> | People of the Parish      |
| Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> May  |     |                                           |                           |
| Tue 18 <sup>th</sup> May  |     |                                           | Paul Bunn RIP             |
| Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> May  |     |                                           |                           |
| Thur 20 <sup>th</sup> May |     |                                           | Private Intention         |
| Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> May  |     |                                           |                           |
| Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> May  | 5pm | <b>Pentecost</b>                          | Nor Thomas RIP            |
| Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> May  |     | <b>Pentecost</b>                          | People of the Parish      |

**Mass is celebrated daily except on Mondays.**

**If you would like a mass offered for a particular intention, please email the parish or put a note through the door of the presbytery.**

**Those Who Have Asked for Prayers:** Faith Lyons, Steve Smith, Jane-Christina Thomson, Joan Smith, Derek Sollis, Michael Hall, Christopher Hurd, Edward O'Neill, Michael Smith, Barbara Wall, Mick Sollis, Margaret Birkett, Annie McHugh, Georgette Cowell, Dolores Flynn, Carol Shuck, Tony Lyons, Jackie Ingrams, Brian Arthur, Michelle Norton, Melvin Probyn, Peter Sollis, Fred Chadfield. Mary Cross, Alan Clatworthy, Anthony Woodhouse, Robinson Family.

**Those who have recently died:**

Jill Smith, Paula Brookes, Jean McCarthy, Joe Brennan, Paul Bunn, Richard Flynn, Denis Charlton, Mary Gardner, Charles Maries, Sheila Hall, Donald Newell, Helen Meaney Bridget Clarke, Sylvia Flanagan, Robert McCarthy, Pamela Young, Norah O'Neill-Thomas, Susanna Westmeath, Nell Bridge. Doleen Evans, Jean Monica Tucker, Fr. John Fallon, Judy Husband.

**Parish Safeguarding Representative:- Vacant**

### **Information**

May I please remind people that when they phone on Mondays to book a place at Mass **not to leave messages on the answer machine.** These can only be dealt with after the phone calls and you could very well be disappointed as the Mass may be fully booked. Thank you.

### **PRAYER FOR A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**



My Jesus, I believe that You are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love You above all things and I passionately desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to You now and forever. Amen

*Based on a prayer of St Alphonsus Liguori*

### **How to support your Parish As We Move Forward**

The overall qualification for unity is love. This is the function of an apostle: not only to know *about* Jesus, but to actually *know* Jesus. That means not only the Jesus of books, but as we experience him in our lives. The overall qualification for unity is love. We must act in oneness with God and with one another. As we begin to move out of the current pandemic and hopefully towards some kind of normality, we as a parish, can only move forward in love. If we wish to rebuild and indeed improve on what our parish was before the pandemic it will take time, sacrifice and yes, love. At some point, sooner rather than later I hope, we will need to reinstate our ministers of communion, readers, cleaners and parents to help with children's liturgy. Hopefully also our servers, although I am well aware that a number of them will have moved on to university. Please could I ask you to email me at [stmarysstudley@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysstudley@gmail.com) or phone me on 01527 852524 and let me know if you are willing and able to support us once more. Please could you pass on this message to anyone you know who does not receive the bulletin. Please remember that you are the parish and without you this parish would cease to exist.

**A big 'Thank You' to all those people who have sent cheques and cash over the last week. Please let us keep each other in our prayers**