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**LITURGY**

**First reading:** Ezekiel 2:2-5

**Response to the Psalm:** Our eyes are on the Lord till he shows us his mercy.

**Second reading:** 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia, The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Mark 6:1-6



**Dear Parishioners**

In the readings we see Jesus Christ, true God and true man, grappling with the limitations of his own humanity and that of others. He preaches in his home town, but does not succeed in convincing those whom he probably knew from when he was a boy. We are told: "And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands upon a few sick people and healed them." This may mean that Jesus, shocked and disappointed, felt that a miracle would not be worthwhile because of their degree of unbelief, but did not wish the sick to suffer because of what was lacking in others.

For Christians, to be mindful that we are limited creatures is not to put ourselves down but is meant to be a source of comfort. In a world where profit and loss, efficiency and productivity, dominate, there is something truly wonderful in knowing that our relationship with God does not work like this. God has made us as we are. He did not make us super-efficient religious beings that can work wonders at every turn, who always succeed; or beings whose hearts are always turned towards him. Why God created us as we are is a profound mystery, but a mystery that involves sin and our redemption and transformation in Christ.

All this is therefore not meant to be understood as an excuse for resting in mediocrity or worse. It is an invitation to be realistic about what we can achieve and what we can't without losing heart. It is an invitation to reflect on our need for God, and what we are called to be in Christ. It is also an invitation to be creative and imaginative in working within the limits of what it is to be a human being. After all, God created us as human beings. He loves us as human beings, even to the point of becoming one.

God Bless,  
Fr. Benedict OSB

# St Mary's Roman Catholic Church

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**Rev. Deacon Peter Griffiths**



**14<sup>th</sup> Week of Year (B)**  
**Week commencing Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

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### Masses

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|---------------------------|-----|-------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> July  | 5pm | <b>14<sup>th</sup> Sunday<br/>(YearB)</b> | Maurice Andrews      |
| Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> July  |     | <b>14<sup>th</sup> Sunday<br/>(YearB)</b> | Nor Thomas RIP       |
| Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> July  |     |                                           |                      |
| Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> July |     |                                           |                      |
| Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> July  |     |                                           |                      |
| Thur 8 <sup>th</sup> July |     |                                           |                      |
| Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> July  |     |                                           |                      |
| Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> July | 5pm | <b>15<sup>th</sup> Sunday<br/>(YearB)</b> | Paul Bunn RIP        |
| Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> July |     | <b>15<sup>th</sup> Sunday<br/>(YearB)</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, Maurice Andrews, Bud Sollis, Max Stoddart.

**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.

### **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**

At some point, sooner rather than later I hope, we will need to reinstate all our different ministries, we particularly need more volunteers to act as stewards. 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.**

### **INFORMATION**

Situated in the beautiful surroundings of rural Warwickshire, St Joseph's Care Home offers a range of personalised services including residential care, specialised dementia care and short term respite care in a friendly welcoming environment. With a dedicated and compassionate staff team who are passionate about making residents safe and happy in an environment that is just *how home feels*.

If you or someone you know might benefit from the care offered and would be interested in more information or to book a virtual tour then please quote SJ1 and contact Care Home Manager Shelley Perryman on 01675 434559, email [shelleyperryman@fatherhudsons.org.uk](mailto:shelleyperryman@fatherhudsons.org.uk) or visit our website at [www.stjosephscarehome.co.uk](http://www.stjosephscarehome.co.uk)