



LITURGY

First reading: Amos 7:12-15

Response to the Psalm: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

Second reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia, Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life; you have the message of eternal life Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 6:7-13



Dear Parishioners

In his poverty Jesus shows us how to become rich. And he does this by teaching us how to learn. When God created human beings, he made us to learn how to live with him, with each other and with the whole of the creation. But we are not good learners; we do not know how to value ourselves. We are overconfident and try to take the place of God or lack confidence and lower ourselves to the dust. God sent his only Son into the world to teach us how to be human. He shows us the true dignity, the true worth, of human life and in doing so he brings down those who are proud and raises up the lowly from the dust. For what he teaches us is how to listen to his Father. We will only know what we are worth if we listen to the voice of God, for it is through his Word that God proclaims that we are loved as his children from eternity.

The lesson Jesus teaches the twelve apostles in sending them out is how to become like him in his poverty; to learn how to learn. In our first reading we hear that the prophet Amos has had no training in how to prophesize, he is not like the professional prophets in the royal sanctuary. But Amos has that which the professional prophets lack: the humility to learn from God. In sending out the twelve Jesus is teaching them how to learn. They will fail, as we so often fail, but their failure will be an opportunity to learn. For each failure is an invitation to learn how to be a child of God, to allow him in his eternal love to teach us our true worth as his adopted children.

God Bless,
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15th Week of Year (B)

Week commencing Sunday 11th July 2021

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Masses

Sat 10 th July	5pm	15th Sunday (YearB)	Jean Stoddart RIP
Sun 11 th July		15th Sunday (YearB)	Hilda & Pat Tenten RIP
Mon 12 th July			
Tues 13 th July			
Wed 14 th July			
Thur 15 th July		St. Bonaventure (m)	Nancy and Nickie Flynn RIP
Fri 16 th July			
Sat 17 th July		16th Sunday (YearB)	1 st Communion Children
Sun 18 th July		16th Sunday (YearB)	1 st Communion Children

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 Graham Janes.

Parish Safeguarding: Mrs. Helen Woodhouse

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 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

Unfortunately, there will be no Saturday evening Mass next week, 17th July. Also, after this date, you will no longer need to book for the Saturday evening Mass, please just turn up when and if you can. If 'Track and Trace' is still needed, we will ask for your details when you arrive.