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**LITURGY**

**First reading:** Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

**Response to the Psalm:** The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

**Second reading:** Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia, I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** John: 6:24-35



**Dear Parishioners**

Rather than write a small homily here this week I have decided to use this space to say thank you to all the people who have helped to keep this parish running through the pandemic. Firstly, I would like to thank Lin Rea who took charge of our Health and Safety and Risk Assessments, a difficult assignment at the best of times. She kept up to date with government and diocesan guidelines in order to keep us all safe. She prepared the church for when we first opened, trained the stewards, and devised the cleaning schedule in line with the rules and regulations for our cleaners. After all that she then ran our bookings for Mass every Monday. She also kept me sane when I was pulling out what was left my hair! I would also like to thank Deacon Peter for his spiritual and personal support and Jane Hall who continued to fulfill her role of sacristan and kept all the items needed for Mass safe, clean, and properly ordered. I would like to thank all of our stewards who took on their role with courage and selflessness thus enabling us to open the church. To the people who sent financial support even though they couldn't be with us a big thank you to you as well, your help has been extraordinary and vital! Finally, thank you to those who attended Mass in what have been difficult times, your attendance has been uplifting. I should also like to take this opportunity of thanking Helen Woodhouse for agreeing during all of this to be our Parish Safeguarding Officer, her contact details are below.

As we move into a more open environment let us continue to support one another and welcome home some of those who haven't felt able to come for some time. We are now able to seat up to 96 people in a safe and careful way, the details of which you will find below. So 'let go and let God' and join us on a Saturday evening when you can. We look forward to seeing you again.

God Bless,  
Fr. Benedict OSB

# St Mary's Roman Catholic Church

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**Parish Priest: Fr. Benedict Thompson O.S.B**

**Rev. Deacon Peter Griffiths**



**18<sup>th</sup> Week of Year (B)**

**Week commencing Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021**

**General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)**

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### Masses

|                             |     |                                           |                                     |
|-----------------------------|-----|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Sat 31 <sup>st</sup> July   | 5pm | <b>18<sup>th</sup> Sunday<br/>(YearB)</b> | Richard Flynn RIP                   |
| Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> August  |     | <b>18<sup>th</sup> Sunday<br/>(YearB)</b> | Zita, Harold & Sollis<br>Family RIP |
| Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> August  |     |                                           |                                     |
| Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> August |     |                                           |                                     |
| Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> August  |     | St. John Vianney<br>(m)                   | EBC Priests                         |
| Thur 5 <sup>th</sup> August |     |                                           |                                     |
| Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> August  |     | <b>Transfiguration (F)</b>                | Private Intention                   |
| Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> August  | 5pm | <b>19<sup>th</sup> Sunday<br/>(YearB)</b> | Elizabeth Watton RIP                |
| Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> August  |     | <b>19<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. Chanel Mullings

**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, Elizabeth Watton.

**Parish Safeguarding: Mrs. Helen Woodhouse**  
**Contact in confidence [sg.stmary.studley@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stmary.studley@rcaob.org.uk)**

### **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*



### **INFORMATION**

As from Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July, following guidelines from the government and the diocese and after completing yet another Risk Assessment, we would like to welcome you back to 5pm Mass on Saturdays. We would ask you to please support our wonderful stewards, by following their guidance so that we can continue to keep everyone safe.

**We are encouraging all those attending Mass to:**

- Wear a face covering
- Use the QR code or complete a paper Test, Track and Trace form. These are located in the porch **or can be downloaded from our website to be completed before you arrive.**
- You are free sit where you wish but no more than 4 adults and 2 children under 12 years to a bench please. (Total 96)
- Please do not attend if you have symptoms of Covid 19
- **The toilets remain closed.**

These guidelines will remain the same for weddings, funerals and baptisms. I look forward to seeing you. God Bless.

**Fr. Benedict OSB**