



**LITURGY**

**First reading:** Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

**Response to the Psalm:** Give the Lord glory and power.

**Second reading:** Thessalonians 1:1-5

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew 22:15-21



**Dear Parishioners**

What difference does faith make to your life? St Paul, addressing the Thessalonians in today's second reading heaps praise on them for showing their faith in action. Hope and love are also mentioned by Paul, as these are the shape that the power of the Gospel, through the Holy Spirit, gives to the lives of the Thessalonians. This life of faith, hope and love is the life of the Church, and it is offered to us through the Church, and in particular through our participation in the liturgy. The liturgy forms us and teaches us. Through participation in the liturgy our lives are transformed, so that we become sharers in the mystical body of Jesus Christ. But what about the rest of society? Could too narrow an emphasis on liturgy turn us inwards, concerned only with internal Church affairs, whilst remaining oblivious to the world around us? Do we run the risk of becoming a club for those on the inside, with no regard for the rest of humanity? There is little evidence to support this charge, and it is clear that Christians are active within society on many levels. The life of faith, hope and love moves us not only to render to civil authorities what in justice is required, but to work for the transformation of society by going beyond the demands of justice. This often requires great personal courage and self-sacrifice. And so it is right that each Sunday we pray for those who serve us in political society, and that we respect them. It also encourages us to become involved in society, to use our own gifts in the service of other, so that we may co-operate with Jesus Christ in building his Kingdom.

**God Bless  
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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Rev. Deacon Peter Griffiths



**29<sup>th</sup> Week of (Year A)**

**Week commencing Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023**

## Masses

Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> October	5.00pm	29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Year (A)	Robert & Sarah Lamb RIP
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	10.30am	29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Year (A)	John O'Brien RIP
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> October			
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> October			People of the Parish
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> October			
Thur 26 <sup>th</sup> October			
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> October			
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> October	5.00pm	30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Year (A)	Margaret & Tim Butler RIP
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> October	10.30am	30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Year (A)	Kathleen Neville RIP

Mass is celebrated privately daily except on Monday.

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, *please do not place it in the collection bag*. Thank you.

### Those Who Have Asked for Prayers:

Derek Sollis, , Georgette Cowell, Dolores Flynn, Fred Chadfield. Alan Clatworthy, Chanel Mullings, Clive Rickhards,, Jill Spurrell, Stan Phipps, Judith Baylis, Rachel Severn, Jackie Gannon.

### Those who have recently died: .

Doleen Evans, Jean Monica Tucker, Fr. John Fallon, Judy Husband Graham Janes, Elizabeth Watton, Maurice Andrews, Max Stoddart. Tony Lyons, Michael Russell, Mary Cross, Agnes McIlravey, Helen McCarthy, Patricia O'Brien, Pauline Burton, Mary Judith Smith (nee Hewitt), Wyn Varley, Raimondo Gemeli, Anthony Woodhouse, Barbara Woodhouse, Kathleen McLoughlin, Peter McGoldrick, Anthony Roache, Lionel Quigley. Keith John Francis Cotterell, Anna Rose McGoldrick, Mary Baker.

## INFORMATION

### .Sunday Coffee

Do please come and join us after Mass near the end of each month. **The next coffee morning will be on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October.** There will often be a small tabletop sale of priced items. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible for coffee, cake and biscuits.

### Second Collection

The weekly second collection will normally be for help towards the payment of the diocesan levy and the upkeep of the house and church buildings. Both the church and the house are Grade II listed so any work done has to be to a high standard as set by the requisite authority. Here are a few of the expenses for the coming year:

Diocesan Levy	£5,500 p.a.
Buildings and grounds upkeep	£24,000.00
Insurance	£3,744.77 p.a.

At times the second collection will be for other charities and the details of these will be placed in the bulletin.

### Missio

There are Missio magazines at the back of the church for promoters to take and share. If you would like to bring in your red box to be emptied, please do so on the weekend of 28/29 October and leave them on the front bench after Mass in church. Many thanks.

### All Saints Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November

The Mass on the Feast of All Saints will at 10.30am here in church. It is a Holy Day of Obligation.

### Parish Safeguarding: Mrs. Helen Woodhouse

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Helen Woodhouse. They can be contacted at: [sg.stmarys.studley@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stmarys.studley@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern