



LITURGY

First reading: Exodus 22:20-26

Response to the Psalm: I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second reading: Thessalonians 1:5-10

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40



Dear Parishioners

We've come to the final question – the last put by the Lord's many critics to undermine His authority, to challenge His knowledge of the Mosaic Law. In the verses immediately preceding this Sunday's Gospel passage, Jesus has finally silenced the Sadducees in a resounding affirmation of the resurrection. Now it is the turn of the scribes and Pharisees. They, too, will be reduced to silence. Our Saviour shows His mastery of sacred Scripture in arriving at these two principles under which the many other laws and traditions are subsumed. Jesus first cites Moses' command to Israel in Deuteronomy (6:5) "to love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul", words from the *Shema*, the prayer at the heart of daily Jewish worship. The command to "love your neighbour as yourself" can be seen to précis the many passages of the Law like that in today's reading from Exodus urging our concern for the stranger (or immigrant), the widow (or single-parent), and the orphan (or children in care). Jesus is not replacing these more detailed requirements of social justice and compassion, however adept we may be at ignoring their demands in present-day society. Where, then, does this leave us? Put bluntly, the authority which Jesus here displays cannot be ignored. Is it to be rejected or accepted? Is this not the authority of One who is Himself the Author of Sacred Scripture? The questions are no longer for Jesus, but for the rest of us.

**God Bless
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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30th Week of (Year A)

Week commencing Sunday 29th October 2023

Masses

Sat 28 th October	5.00pm	30 th Sunday Year (A)	Margaret & Tim Butler RIP
Sun 29 th October	10.30am	30 th Sunday Year (A)	Kathleen Neville RIP
Mon 30 th October			
Tues 31 st October			
Wed 1 st Nov	10.30am	ALL SAINTS	People of the Parish
Thur 2 nd Nov			
Fri 3 rd Nov			
Sat 4 th Nov	5.00pm	31 st Sunday Year (A)	Zita & Harold & Family RIP
Sun 5 th Nov	10.30am	31 st Sunday Year (A)	Holy Souls

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 29th 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.

All Saints Wednesday 1st November

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

Sunday 19th November

After the 10.30am Mass on the above date Deacon Peter will be in the churchyard to bless our graves. You are all very welcome to attend.

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.simarys.studley@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern