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LITURGY

First reading: Malachi 1:14-2:2, 8-10

Response to the Psalm: Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.

Second reading: Thessalonians 2:7-9. 13

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

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Dear Parishioners

Christianity does not measure religiosity according to religious garb. We have nuns in wimples, and priests in clerical dress, and prelates in cassocks and mitres, with or without colours and piping and the rest, but none of this indicates piety. They only distinguish consecration and purpose. It is a rare and foolish Catholic who will confuse lace and birettas for holiness. Our religiosity cannot be like that of the Pharisees: They do all their deeds to be seen by men. The honours of the world are pointless. Jesus tells us that we have one Teacher—the Holy Spirit, and one Father—the Heavenly Father, and one Master—Jesus Christ. We do not obey God's new and eternal covenant to win his favour or to be seen by others and win their approval. Rather, God, in his graciousness, draws us into his inner life, the life of the Blessed Trinity. We cannot do God any favours, but he does them all for us, in us. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted. Only when we accept that we are his humble servants, servants he makes into his children, can we enjoy the tri-personal love lavished on us by the Trinity.

Now *that's* true religion.

**God Bless
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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Benedictine Monks of Douai Abbey

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

Rev. Deacon Peter Griffiths



31st Week of (Year A)

Week commencing Sunday 5th November 2023

Masses

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
Mon 6 th Nov			
Tues 7 th Nov			
Wed 8 th Nov	9.45am	School Mass	Holy Souls
Thur 9 th Nov		Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Feast)	EBC
Fri 10 th Nov		St. Leo the Great (m)	Holy Souls
Sat 11 th Nov	5.00pm	32 nd Sunday Year (A)	Eileen Griffiths RIP
Sun 12 th Nov	10.30am	32 nd Sunday Year (A)	All those killed in war.

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 26th November. 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.

.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.stmarys.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