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LITURGY

First reading: Wisdom 6:12-16

Response to the Psalm: For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

Second reading: Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

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Dear Parishioners

The Church devotes the whole month of November to remembering those who have gone before us, marked with the sign of faith. In so doing, we remember the kindness of those who have died and their influence on our lives, but we might also remember their failings, or the harder aspects of their memory. There may indeed be a range of feelings and emotions in the air when we recall them, called to mind when we remember those who have died. This whole experience of 'remembrance' inspires wonder. It is crucial to remember to bring some important item on a journey, or to communicate some important words and sentiments. We work hard to remember birthdays or anniversaries, and there can be disappointment if these are easily forgotten. Remembering something or someone brings us close to it, makes it present, and so we can relate to it as something 'in the air', so to speak. There is a kind of 'recollection' with different experiences brought together that bring our hearts and minds into a unity with something beyond ourselves, which is real. we need to be sober, vigilant, watchful, prepared. That's the way to be in the bridegroom's company, and that is where we all desire to be. It's not really about forgetfulness and foolishness, but about prudence and recollection. Jesus comes to show us both justice and mercy, and these things are present when we listen to him and when we are in his presence. Perhaps the greatest and most faithfully observed command of the Lord is to 'Do this in remembrance of me', and we would do well to reflect on the importance of this aspect of our lives in these days of remembrance.

**God Bless
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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Rev. Deacon Peter Griffiths



**32nd Week of (Year A)
Week commencing Sunday 12th November 2023**

Masses

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.
Mon 13 th Nov			
Tues 14 th Nov		Bl Hugh Faringdon (mem)	Holy Souls
Wed 15 th Nov			
Thur 16 th Nov		St. Gertrude the Great (mem)	Holy Souls
Fri 17 th Nov			
Sat 18 th Nov	5.00pm	33 rd Sunday Year (A)	Colette Stalford (who is ill)
Sun 19 th Nov	10.30am	33 rd Sunday Year (A)	Keith Cotterell 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 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.

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