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**LITURGY**

**First reading:** Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31

**Response to the Psalm:** O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

**Second reading:** 1Thessalonians 5:1-6

**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 25:14-30

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**Dear Parishioners**

Sometimes we Christians, in favour of smooth security, are smugly disinclined to take bold risks that others take on behalf of their business and personal ventures. Perhaps we watch our diet carefully, exercise more or less scrupulously, buckle up religiously, and always do the 'sensible' thing. We may feel we're not living fully every day, but we do feel safe and virtuous. Today's liturgy tries to set us straight. Jesus' story of the talents teaches us to boldly prefer taking active risk in our lives over passive complacency.

The standard of God's judgement of every person is relative to the talents given; the greater the gifts, the greater the responsibility. We are the servants in today's gospel parable, and the absentee master is a symbol of Christ; his return is a scene of judgement. As with most parables, though, the comparison can't be pressed too far. While God isn't a cosmic soft touch who forgives anything, even when we are not inclined to apologise, the key to Jesus' moral practice - in every case, without exception - involves the humility to admit that you have wandered. We do not know when death will visit us but we as true Christians have hope. In the face of death, the pagan world becomes fearfully mute and despairing. The object of Christian hope is specific: Jesus died and rose.

**God Bless  
Fr. Benedict OSB**

# St Mary's Roman Catholic Church

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Benedictine Monks of Douai Abbey

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

Rev. Deacon Peter Griffiths



**33<sup>rd</sup> Week of (Year A)**

**Week commencing Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

## Masses

Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	5.00pm	33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Year (A)	Colette Stalford (who is ill)
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.30am	33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Year (A)	Keith Cotterell RIP
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov			
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov		Presentation of Our Lady (mem)	Holy Souls
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov		St. Cecilia (mem)	People of the Parish
Thur 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov			Holy Souls
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov		St. Andre Dung-Lac & Comp. (mem)	Holy Souls
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	5.00pm	CHRIST THE KING	Holy Souls
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.30am	CHRIST THE KING	Robert & Sarah Lamb 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 26<sup>th</sup> November.** At the next coffee morning there will be a tabletop sale of new Christmas gifts priced at £5 & a few higher priced items. Please come and enjoy a coffee, cake & some shopping.

### 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Missio

At the back of the church, you will find some Missio calendars for 2024. They are free so please help yourself.

### 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