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LITURGY

First reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Response to the Psalm: The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

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Dear Parishioners

We may find today's Gospel reassuring or terrifying, depending I suppose on our honest assessment of how we are getting on with our corporal works of mercy, but at least it seems fairly straightforward: perform those works of mercy, and we shall be counted among the sheep, those at the right hand of the king at the end of time; fail to perform them, and we must reckon on eternal punishment.

This, however, is not at all the point of this Gospel, and it is certainly not the point of today's feast of Christ the King. In the first place, if we do read it in that straightforward and – dare I say? – simplistic way, we are in danger of the heresy of Pelagianism, the notion that we can work our way into heaven by our own efforts. This is one of the gravest and most persistent heresies in the history of the Church and is always to be resisted.

God does not wait to see how meritorious our deed will be before coming to a decision about our eternal fate. Christ is not a moral auditor. Notice how the judge in the parable speaks of the fate of those on his right: 'take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you *since the foundation of the world*'.

We are all prophets and priests, called to proclaim God's love and sanctify the world. We share the awesome but joyful burden of bringing the world to judgement, but we do so by sharing in the equally awesome and joyful task of showing the world God's love. We show the world what true kingship is like by accepting that we are called, as Christ himself came into the world, not to be served but to serve.

**God Bless
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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Rev. Deacon Peter Griffiths



**CHRIST THE KING (Year A)
Week commencing Sunday 26th November 2023**

Masses

Sat 25 th Nov	5.00pm	CHRIST THE KING	Holy Souls
Sun 26 th Nov	10.30am	CHRIST THE KING	Robert & Sarah Lamb RIP
Mon 27 th Nov			
Tues 28 th Nov			Holy Souls
Wed 29 th Nov			People of the Parish
Thur 30 th Nov		St Andrew (Feast)	Holy Souls
Fri 1 st Dec			
Sat 2 nd Dec	5.00pm	1 st Week of Advent Year B	Rita Gardiner RIP
Sun 3 rd Dec	10.30am	1 st Week of Advent Year B	Shirley Larkin (who is ill)

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.** 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.

Missio

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

Ministers of Communion

Currently the parish only has two functioning ministers of communion and it would be very beneficial to have at least two more. If you feel you would like to be a minister please see Father Benedict after mass or call him during office hours to discuss this. Many thanks.

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