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**LITURGY**

**First reading:** Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

**Response to the Psalm:** O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not.

**Second reading:** Ephesians 2:4-10

**Gospel Acclamation:** Glory and praise to you, O Christ! God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son; everyone who believes in him has eternal life. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

**Gospel:** John 3:14-21



**Dear Parishioners**

On a number of occasions people have said to me to me, "I don't know why I go to Mass Father, I don't get anything out of it." **Well, you're wrong.** You're doing exactly what God has asked you to do...you have come to worship him. As long as we are here, we might as well do just that. Don't just sit there or kneel waiting for Mass to end. We're going to be here through the whole worship time and we really are wasting time if we don't just think of our God, recognise that he has given us unbounded blessings, has given us food to eat, a great home to live in and freedom to practice our religion and not be persecuted when we do. Think about the many other areas of the world whose people don't have what we have. They don't have freedom, they don't have enough food or housing, they often don't have the means of a great education.

I think it is very important for all of us, particularly our young people, to realise what God has given us, all of us could have been born in other countries but, for some reason he chose that we would be here where there is freedom, where no-one need starve and where we have the opportunity to become successful and live our lives as we choose.

And the most important gift we have been given was contained in the Gospel acclamation: "God loved the world so much that he gave his only son; everyone who believes in him has eternal life."

All I can say is, go to Mass for an hour a week because you are getting a great deal in return.

God Bless,  
Fr. Benedict OSB

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**4<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent (Year B)**

**Week commencing Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**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. She 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

### Masses

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|------------------------------|---------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> March    | 5.00pm  | 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent B | Kathleen McLoughlin<br>RIP   |
| Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> March   | 10.30am | 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent B | People of the Parish         |
| Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> March   |         |                                  |                              |
| Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> March  |         |                                  |                              |
| Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> March   |         |                                  | Private Intention            |
| Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> March |         |                                  |                              |
| Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> March   |         |                                  |                              |
| Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> March   | 5.00pm  | 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent B | Harold Sollis RIP            |
| Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> March   | 10.30am | 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent B | Robert and Sarah<br>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, Dolores Flynn, Fred Chadfield. Alan Clatworthy, Chanel Mullings, Clive Rickhards,, Jill Spurrell, Stan Phipps, Judith Baylis, Jackie Gannon, Mick Sollis, Tim Harrison

### 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, Georgette Cowell, Anthony Mathew and all those we have been asked to pray for.

## 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 31<sup>st</sup> March (Easter Sunday).** Please come and enjoy a coffee, cake and a chat.

### Coffee Rota

We hope to continue coffee mornings and sales once a month but need volunteers so that this can happen. **The rota sheet for 2024 is at the back of the church for you to sign if you can help.** We will also need new gift sets and other saleable items so please put aside any unwanted gifts you receive at Christmas. We are always happy to receive contemporary paperback fiction that is in good condition. We are unable to accept general bric-a-brac.

### 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.

**The second collection this week is for the Cathedral Maintenance Fund**

### Confirmations

Please pray for the children from St. Mary's Catholic Primary School who will be Confirmed here at church on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March by Bishop David Evans.