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LITURGY

First reading: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Response to the Psalm: Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

Second reading: 1 John 2:1-5

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to

us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

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Dear Parishioners

THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA.

We are told today that we are all supposed to be 'witnesses of the resurrection.'

That we are to 'go into the world and announce resurrection, forgiveness and peace to all nations.'

Any spiritual experience or awakening brings about some initial fear. Why is this happening? What is going to be the outcome of such a happening? Is it real? Is it holy? It is new, it is unexpected. Such could be our response to something in a retreat. In the Gospel it was Jesus' being among them in a most unexpected way and at an unexpected time which was the scary moment.

When we understand the experience there is great joy, sometimes just out of relief that everything is still okay, maybe just different, maybe very different. Spiritual growth is like that, we become different, and with the difference there is a great joy. When they knew it was Jesus they were able to move to great joy. They moved from being upset to being at peace, from doubt to faith. And their joy and amazement was great.

When all is settled with them, he sends them out as witnesses. He did not come to show them himself for their own consumption only, but that they could be sent out to share what happened. Jesus sends them into the world as his witnesses.

We come to Mass to hear the word. To participate in the Eucharist and to experience fear, amazement and joy and the call to be witnesses to what we have seen and heard. We come to give thanks that we have seen and heard and partake of the great mystery. We are then sent to share it, to be witnesses so that others may come and hear and know the resurrected Lord still in their midst.

God Bless Fr. Benedict OSB

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3rd Sunday of Easter (Year B) Week commencing Sunday 7th April 2024 <u>Parish Safeguarding: Mrs. Helen Woodhouse</u>

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 or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern

Masses			
Sat 13 th April	5.00pm	3 rd Sunday of Easter	People of the Parish
Sun 14 th April	10.30am	3 rd Sunday of Easter	Keith Cotterell RIP
Mon 15 th April			
Tues 16 th April			
Wed 17th April			Private Intention
Thurs 18th April			
Fri 19 th April			
Sat 20 th April	5.00pm	4 th Sunday of Easter	Patricia Reardon RIP
Sun 21st April	10.30am	4 th Sunday of Easter	People of the Parish

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:,

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, John Knox 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 Is on April 28th. Please come and enjoy a coffee, Biscuits, cake and a chat.

Second Collection SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK IS FOR THE HOLY PLACES. NEXT WEEK THE SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR THE CLERGY TRAINING FUND.

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.

<u>Missio</u>

The 'Red Box' has been around for over 100 years. Whether you still have one at home, or remember having one growing up, we would love to hear from you as we plan for the future. Would you be happy to speak with us? If so, please complete a short form to show your interest and to find out more at: missio.org.uk/research or scan the QR code. If you cannot access the form online you can call 020 7821 9755. Thank you!

Please could you bring in your red boxes asap and leave them on the front bench of the church after Mass. Thank you.