



LITURGY

First reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Response to the Psalm: The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Second reading: 1 John 4:7-10

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: @If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 15:9-17



Dear Parishioners

THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED
ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA.

When we consider what makes a good friend, at a human level this means someone who is there when we need them. A friend is someone we can talk to in good times and bad times, generally someone who is dependable and understands us, because many things are shared in a friendship. A good friend is someone who would go the extra mile to help us in a time of need, and someone who offers gifts and not expecting anything in return. A friend is someone who makes you feel energised after talking to them, someone you can speak in complete confidence and assurance. Friendship with God should perhaps resemble what makes a good friendship at a human level, but we are not dealing with just any friend request. A friendship with God is something which is not going to end over time. When Jesus says 'I call you friends and no longer slaves or servants', this is not really the same thing as a human friendship. A friendship with God might mean that we do end up changing, although that is not the same as manipulation. This friendship with God is also inevitably elusive, as it invites us to fulfil the commands of Jesus to become friends and to remain friends into eternity, whatever that might mean. Love for others is central to this friendship, and love is what ultimately bridges the gap between us and God. Love for others is what makes us able to be friends with our creator.

God Bless
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Rev. Deacon Peter Griffiths



6th Sunday of Easter (Year B)

Week commencing Sunday 5th May 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 or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern

Masses

Sat 4 th May	5.00pm	6 th Sunday of Easter	Eugene McLaughlin RIP
Sun 5 th May	10.30am	6 th Sunday of Easter	People of the Parish
Mon 6 th May			
Tues 7 th May			Private Intention
Wed 8 th May			
Thurs 9 th May	9.45am	Ascension Holy Day of Obl.	Bill McCarthy RIP
Fri 10 th May			
Sat 11 th May	5.00pm	7 th Sunday of Easter	Margaret Kickham RIP
Sun 12 th May	10.30am	7 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, Bill McCarthy 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 26th May.** Please come and enjoy a coffee, biscuits, cake and a chat.

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.

Holy Day Of Obligation

Thursday 9th May, is when celebrate the Ascension of the Lord which is a Holy Day of Obligation, the parish Mass will be at 9.45am with the school here in church.

First Holy Communion

Please pray for the children from St. Mary's Catholic Primary School who will be receiving their First Holy Communion at Mass on Saturday 11th May at 10.00am.