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**LITURGY**

**First reading:** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26

**Response to the Psalm:** The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

**Second reading:** 1 John 4:11-16

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy.

Alleluia!

**Gospel:** John 17:11-19

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Dear Parishioners

THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED
ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA.

Does living in the truth mean we cannot or should never disagree? That dissent is sinful? Not in this life! In fact, what we dispute may in some cases deepen our unity and agreement on the fundamentals. By 1921 the close-knit community of artists and craftsmen at Ditchling in Suffolk was experiencing internal disagreement and conflict. A Dominican friar, Fr Austin Barker, wrote to remind them that their primary purpose was the 'concrete praise of God', that this was 'the normal life brought into the world by the Incarnation.' Whatever else they disagreed upon was secondary, a matter of ways or means', and 'efforts in praise'. But, he argued, 'in so far as you are all rooted together in your contemplative life, these material disagreements and criticisms are actually very helpful... They must give perpetual occasion for charity, stimulate humility in judgment, patience in dissension – above all friendship and kindness in mutual relations.' To live, then, in unity, to live in God's truth, is for us a journey, a process which, from its God-given origin in His saving truth, often works out its further progress in us and among us by way of a graced and charitable series of disagreements and discussions, means by which we come to be more fully the courageous lions who together hunt for the God who is our truth, our life and our joy.

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

Rev. Deacon Peter Griffiths



7th Sunday of Easter (Year B)

Week commencing Sunday 12th 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 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
Mon 13 th May			
Tues 14 th May			Private Intention
Wed 15 th May			
Thurs 16 th May			
Fri 17 th May			
Sat 18 th May	5.00pm	Pentecost	Paul Bunn RIP
Sun 19 th May	10.30am	Pentecost	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, Agnes Wilkins.

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.