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**LITURGY**

**First reading:** Job 3:1, 8-11

**Response to the Psalm:** O give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures forever.

**Second reading:** 2Corinthians 5:14-17

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Mark 4:35-41

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Dear Parishioners

Trusting in God is not a kind of existential anaesthetic. If the story of Jesus in the Gospels ended with the narrative of Jesus whose trust in the Father was so complete that he was able to sleep calmly on the storm-swept boat, then we might be tempted to think of trust in God solely in these terms. But the Gospels continue and they tell us of a saviour who wept, who sweated blood, and who died in agony. As the images of Jesus's baptism remind us, he entered the waters of the human condition. He knew what it is to be rejected, hurt, and afraid.

All the same, today's Gospel with Jesus asleep in the boat does tell us something important about what it is to have faith in the midst of great difficulties. That is, even though when we trust in God we can still feel greatly the pain and fear due to what life can throw at us; yet, even if sometimes falteringly, there can also be an awareness that in the midst of it all some part of us is like Jesus sleeping untroubled in the boat during the storm: an underlying consolation of knowing that despite everything we are ultimately in God's hands.

Today's Gospel reading, it seems to me, not only encourages us to trust in God, especially when life is hard. This is perhaps its most obvious message. But, seen in the context of the whole Gospel narrative, it also gives us an insight into the nature of what it is to have trust in God when suffering travails; and this can help us to recognise the presence within us of faith in God even when such faith is small and flickering, and we feel tossed about, hurt, rejected, and afraid.

**God Bless
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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12th Week of Year B

Week commencing Sunday 23rd June 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 22 nd June	5.00pm	12 th Sunday Year (B)	Robert & Sarah Lamb RIP
Sun 23 rd June	10.30am	12 th Sunday Year (B)	Kathleen & John O'Brien RIP
Mon 24 th June			
Tues 25 th June			
Wed 26 th June			
Thurs 27 th June			
Fri 28 th June	11.00am	Requiem Mass	Alan Clatworthy
Sat 29 th June	5.00pm	SS Peter & Paul (B)	The Hedley Family
Sun 30 th June	10.30am	SS Peter & Paul (B)	Keith Cotterell 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, 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, Mary Phipps, Alan Clatworthy, Abbot Finbar Kealy 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 next Sunday 30th June, after the 10.30am Mass.**

Please come and enjoy a coffee, biscuits, cake and a chat.

Second Collection

THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK IS FOR PETER'S PENCE

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.