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**LITURGY**

**First reading:** Acts 12:1-11

**Response to the Psalm:** From all my terrors the Lord set me free.

**Second reading:** 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew 16:13-19

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**Dear Parishioners**

The Gospel that the Church asks her faithful to read on the feast of Ss Peter and Paul is that in which Christ gives to St. Peter “the keys of the Kingdom” and the power “to bind and loose on earth.” This passage might be taken as clear evidence to a Catholic believer that Christ gave his authority to St. Peter and to his successors. If so, today’s feast could be seen as a celebration of the authority of the Pope. But the Church resists this temptation. She rather wants to balance the authority in the Church with her faith and mission. That is why she prefers to celebrate, not just the authority of St. Peter, who also stands for the faith of the Church but, together with him, that of St. Paul who stands for the challenge of mission entrusted by Christ to his Church. Thus, today’s feast is a reminder to all of us that the authority of the Church will be ineffective if there is no faith in her; because only those who believe are obedient and only those who are obedient believe. It also reminds us that faith is not idle; it works while it waits. In fact I can experience my faith only when it is in action: thus there is a need for all the faithful to be, in some way, missionaries as well.

**God Bless  
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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Rev. Deacon Peter Griffiths



## SS Peter & Paul Year B

**Week commencing Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> 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](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

Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> June	5.00pm	SS Peter & Paul (B)	The Hedley Family
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> June	10.30am	SS Peter & Paul (B)	Keith Cotterell RIP
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> July			
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> July			People of the Parish
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> July		St. Thomas (Feast)	Private Intention
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> July			
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> July			Neil Stewart (poorly)
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> July	5.00pm	14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Year (B)	The Stonor Family
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> July	10.30am	14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Year (B)	James Goodison 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 this Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June, after the 10.30am Mass.**

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.

#### Mass Intentions

I have recently received an influx of Mass Intentions. Please be patient if your intention has not yet appeared in the bulletin. If you have requested a certain date, I will do my best to comply with your wishes, but Saturday and Sunday Mass Intentions are running through to August!

#### Graveyard

Please would people refrain from keeping bottles of water in the hedges of the graveyard. Unfortunately, this is encouraging people to leave all sorts of rubbish in there as well. It might be an idea to leave the bottles in the car park side of the hedge and we'll see if that works!