

🌿🌿🌿🌿🌿🌿🌿🌿🌿🌿🌿🌿🌿🌿🌿🌿🌿🌿🌿🌿🌿🌿🌿🌿  
**LITURGY**

**First reading:** Ezekiel 2:2-5

**Response to the Psalm:** Our eyes are on the Lord till he shows us his mercy.

**Second reading:** 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Mark 6:1-6



**Dear Parishioners**

In the readings we see Jesus Christ, true God and true man, grappling with the limitations of his own humanity and that of others. He preaches in his hometown but does not succeed in convincing those whom he probably knew from when he was a boy. We are told: "And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands upon a few sick people and healed them." This may mean that Jesus, shocked and disappointed, felt that a miracle would not be worthwhile because of their degree of unbelief, but did not wish the sick to suffer because of what was lacking in others.

For Christians, to be mindful that we are limited creatures is not to put ourselves down but is meant to be a source of comfort. In a world where profit and loss, efficiency and productivity, dominate, there is something truly wonderful in knowing that our relationship with God does not work like this. God has made us as we are. He did not make us super-efficient religious beings that can work wonders at every turn, who always succeed; or beings whose hearts are always turned towards him. Why God created us as we are is a profound mystery, but a mystery that involves sin and our redemption and transformation in Christ.

All this is therefore not meant to be understood as an excuse for resting in mediocrity or worse. It is an invitation to be realistic about what we can achieve and what we can't, without losing heart. It is an invitation to reflect on our need for God, and what we are called to be in Christ. It is also an invitation to be creative and imaginative in working within the limits of what it is to be a human being. After all, God created us as human beings. He loves us as human beings, even to the point of becoming one.

**God Bless  
Fr. Benedict OSB**

# St Mary's Roman Catholic Church

103 Alcester Road Studley Warwickshire B80 7NW

Telephone 01527 852524

Email: [stmarysstudley@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysstudley@gmail.com)

WEBSITE: [stmaryscatholicchurchstudley.org.uk](http://stmaryscatholicchurchstudley.org.uk)

Registered Charity Number 1063237

This parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham and served by the

Benedictine Monks of Douai Abbey

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

Rev. Deacon Peter Griffiths



**14<sup>th</sup> Week of Year B**

**Week commencing Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July 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 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
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> July			
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> July			People of the Parish
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> July			
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> July		St. Benedict (Feast)	Alan Clatworthy RIP
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> July			
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> July	5.00pm	15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Year (B)	Nancy & Nickie Flynn
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> July	10.30am	15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Year (B)	Mick Wall 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 on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July after the 10.30am Mass.**

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

#### Second Collection

**THE SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK IS FOR THE APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA**

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!