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**LITURGY**

**First reading:** Amos 7:12-15

**Response to the Psalm:** Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

**Second reading:** Ephesians 1:3-14

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Mark 6:7-13



**Dear Parishioners**

One of the reasons given for modern youth's use of drugs and alcohol, their rates of crime, accidents, suicide, and other problems, is that young people perceive life as mindless and meaningless. According to the theologian Paul Tillich, the word "God" translates as the depth of our life, the source of our being, and our ultimate concern: what we take seriously without any reservation. So, our search for meaning connects with our search for God. Little of young people's exposure – in the media, or among their peers – prepares them to seek life's meaning. They see nothing worth dying for. And if you have nothing to die for, you have nothing to live for. As a result, when young people think of the future, they think of how they're going to make a living instead of how they're going to live their life. Jesus took steps to provide the world with what the letter to the Ephesians and the Book of Amos were talking about: meaning to life, hope to a fragmented world. As Amos had been sent to preach social justice and Paul to preach repentance to pagans as well as Jews, both in the face of rejection, so Jesus sent the twelve apostles.

**God Bless  
Fr. Benedict OSB**

# St Mary's Roman Catholic Church

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

Rev. Deacon Peter Griffiths



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

**Week commencing Sunday 14<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 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
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> July			
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> July			Private Intention
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> July			Millie Thompson RIP
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> July			
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> July			
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> July	5.00pm	16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Year (B)	Margaret & Martin Flynn RIP
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> July	10.30am	16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Year (B)	John Kickham RIP & Kickham Family

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. We currently have no volunteers!**  
Please come and enjoy a coffee, biscuits, cake and a chat.

#### Second Collection

### THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS 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!

#### New Sunday Missal

The newly translated Sunday Missal will be available from the end of October 2024. The cost is £19.95 for a red hardback edition. The parish will be ordering missals for those who want them. Please complete the form with your details at the back of the church and enclose cash or a cheque made payable to St. Mary's RC Parish for £19.95