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LITURGY

First reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

Response to the Psalm: The Lord gave them bread from heaven

Second reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 6:24-35



Dear Parishioners

The sixth chapter of John's Gospel is a long Chapter and in today's passage Jesus begins what the commentators call his discourse on bread. We met the first form of bread in last Sunday's Gospel. Jesus fed the hungry crowd with the bread multiplied from the five barley loaves. This was ordinary bread, "the staff of life," the bread that feeds our bodies. It is the bread we pray for in the "Our Father." Today, however, he feels that he must caution the crowd. For they are tempted to follow him only because he feeds their bellies. He tells them that they must be far more concerned about a very different kind of bread. He calls it, "the bread that endures to eternal life." So, what is this bread?

It is Jesus himself. It is his saving word. It is his Gospel. It is the truth of God which he speaks. So why is Jesus the truth of God? Today's Gospel reading tells us that "God has set his seal" on Jesus. This means that God guarantees the truth that Jesus speaks. What our Lord said to people 2000 years ago, he is still saying to the searchers of truth in this generation. He is saying, "Follow me because I am God's truth and his seal is on me." He is saying, "Follow me because I am the truth that endures to eternal life."

**God Bless
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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18th Week of Year B

Week commencing Sunday 4th August 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 3 rd Aug	5.00pm	18 th Sunday Year (B)	Margaret & Martin Flynn RIP
Sun 4 th Aug	10.30am	18 th Sunday Year (B)	John Kickham RIP & Kickham Family
Mon 5 th Aug			
Tues 6 th Aug		The Transfiguration of the Lord (Feast)	Susanna Westmeath RIP
Wed 7 th Aug			People of the Parish
Thurs 8 th Aug			Mary Phipps RIP
Fri 9 th Aug		St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Feast)	
Sat 10 th Aug	5.00pm	19 th Sunday Year (B)	Margaret Hazlewood RIP
Sun 11 th Aug	10.30am	19 th Sunday Year (B)	Maurice Andrews 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, Alma Finnerty.

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 OSB, Katherine McCallion Fr. Boniface Moran OSB and all those we have been asked to pray for.

INFORMATION

Sunday Coffee

Because of the current situation with regard to the church and conservatory, unfortunately there will be no coffee until the end of September.

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!

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

Saturday & Sunday Mass

Until further notice the weekend Masses will take place in the conservatory. I realise this is not ideal, but we have been advised that the roof in the church is unsafe. Your continued support would be most appreciated and be assured we will return to church as quickly as possible. Your safety is my primary concern.