



LITURGY

First reading: Proverbs 9:1-6

Response to the Psalm: Taste and see that the Lord is good

Second reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

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

Gospel: John 6:51-58



Dear Parishioners

St Paul in his Letter to the Ephesians tells us to come together and sing psalms and hymns to the Lord but also to continue singing and chanting in our hearts. There are some other benefits of singing in our hearts: it is our music, music that only we can hear rising to the throne of God. It can be a constant hymn, a constant prayer of thanksgiving wherever we are and whatever else we are doing. But above all it builds within our life a constant reminder of God. And let's be honest with ourselves, when our life is going along all right we can so easily forget about the God who keeps us in being.

When no disasters hit there is no need to beg for help. When there is nothing to fill us with joy there is not need to thank God for it. It is in the more extreme moments of life that we find ourselves paying more attention to God, the rest of the time we can just take God's gifts for granted. I suppose part of the problem is remembering what we have to be grateful for, though every breath we take should be a reminder of our creator. But what about giving thanks for that which is to come, our future life without end with God? Instead, then, of taking so much for granted let us fill our hearts with a song of thanksgiving to the Lord 'so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ'. Then with our hearts full of joy we can begin to live.

**God Bless
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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20th Week of Year B

Week commencing Sunday 18th 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 17 th Aug	5.00pm	20 th Sunday Year (B)	Max Stoddart RIP
Sun 18 th Aug	10.30am	20 th Sunday Year (B)	
Mon 19 th Aug			
Tues 20 th Aug		St. Bernard (Mem)	
Wed 21 st Aug		St. Pius X pope (Mem)	
Thurs 22 nd Aug			
Fri 23 rd Aug			
Sat 24 th Aug	5.00pm	21 st Sunday Year (B)	
Sun 25 th Aug	10.30am	21 st Sunday Year (B)	

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.

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. Orders close at the end of August.

Crowdfunding Page

We have started a crowdfunding page to help raise money for the church roof. If you click on the following link <https://gofund.me/c97767fe> It will take you there if you would like to donate. You can also donate directly to the parish. Please could you do so in an envelope marked church roof and if you pay gift aid, please put that on the envelope together with your name. There are prepared envelopes in the conservatory and in the porch of the church. Many thanks.

A big Thank you to the people who have already donated to the church roof fund. It is really appreciated.

Fr. Benedict

I shall be taking a break from Saturday 17th August until Saturday 31st August. The weekend Masses will be celebrated by Fr. Van. Please give him a warm welcome. I will be in the office from Tuesday 3rd September. There will be someone here to allow people to count the money.