



LITURGY

First reading: Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

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

Second reading: Ephesians 5:21-32

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

Gospel: John 6:60-69



Dear Parishioners

“Lord, to whom shall we go?”

God has given us the Day of the Lord not only to worship him, but also to give us a day of rest, the Mass is not just the remembrance of a past event, it is a celebration of the living presence of the Risen Lord in the midst of his own people. God loves us as individuals, but we are called the people of God – that’s a community, and for the presence of God to be properly proclaimed and lived, it is not enough for us to pray as individuals and proclaim Christ inwardly as in the secrecy of our hearts, but as members of the Mystical Body. We come together to share the Eucharist, the center of our Catholic lives.

Sunday Eucharist (or the Saturday vigil) is both a privilege and an obligation and that obligation extends also to our neighbours, for without one another we worship as individuals – we need one another!

One of the most common intercessions one hears at any mass is to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood. Jesus promised to never leave us orphans, but are we creating our own shortage? Even in crowded churches a large majority of the parishioners are not present each Sunday. Why have three priests in a parish and six weekend masses, when all who do attend regularly would only fill the pews of two or three masses? The other masses are just providing more convenient times, they are not really necessary. Is Jesus saying to us, “I’m providing what you really need, come every Sunday, I’ll provide more priests? It’s a thought to ponder. As we fail to gather each Sunday our faith is weakened, our spiritual priorities are undermined, and we grow tepid in our love of Jesus and one another. Just the opposite happens when we attend mass every Sunday, the obligation fades and the knowledge of the privilege to attend grows.

Let us take back Sundays...so that Sundays will once again become the Lord’s Day...a time we worship as family, we play as family, we rest as family – we **BECOME FAMILY**. God has given us a day to celebrate and cherish with gratitude and joy...a day that becomes a wonderful opportunity to encounter the living Christ and through him the Father of life.

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Rev. Deacon Peter Griffiths



21st Week of Year B

Week commencing Sunday 25th 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 24 th Aug	5.00pm	21 st Sunday Year (B)	
Sun 25 th Aug	10.30am	21 st Sunday Year (B)	
Mon 26 th Aug			
Tues 27 th Aug		St. Monica (Mem)	
Wed 28 th Aug		St. Augustine of Hippo (Mem)	
Thurs 29 th Aug		Passion of St. John the Baptist (Mem)	
Fri 30 th Aug			
Sat 31 st Aug	5.00pm	22 nd Sunday Year (B)	Anthony Kilburn RIP
Sun 1 st Sept	10.30am	22 nd Sunday Year (B)	People of the Parish

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.