LITURGY

First reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

Response to the Psalm: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Second reading: James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and

they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The building of the beliefs and values of our young people is critical to their future and the future of society. Adults ultimately influence children by their actions more than their words. It has been said, "What you do shouts so loudly that I cannot hear what you are saying!"

If we review some of the headlines over the past couple of years, it appears that what we are doing is sending a message which is in conflict with the basic values taught by Jesus. Some business leaders have been dishonest and deceitful in their dealings with their employees and investors. Some government leaders, at all levels of government, have abused their power to be self serving rather than serve the people who elected them. Some church leaders have abused the trust of their people by their actions and by their lack of responsible leadership.

I remember a conversation I had one evening with a young man in his mid twenties at a homeless shelter in East London. He told me he was never going to set foot in a church again. I asked him, "Why?" He told me about an experience he had as he hitch hiked across the country. One Sunday morning he felt a need to attend church. He was in a small town and entered the local church; he did not tell me the denomination of the church. The young man sat in the back of the church before the service began. The minister spotted him and came over and asked him what he wanted. The young man told him he wanted to attend the service. The minister told him to, "Get out, we don't want your type in here."

Jesus challenges the Pharisees and scribes of his day about the time and effort spent on their external practices while ignoring their internal attitudes and actions. Their practices had taken on a life of their own and God and others got lost. It is only in and through an intimate relationship with God that we can grow to be a person whose actions on the job, or in political office, or within the church, or wherever we are called, reflect the heart and mind of Jesus. That is what wholeness and holiness are all about.

God Bless Fr. Benedict OSB

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22nd Week of Year B Week commencing Sunday 1st September 2024 <u>Parish Safeguarding: Mrs. Helen Woodhouse</u>

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 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
Mon 2 nd Sept			
Tues 3 rd Sept		St. Gregory the Great (Feast)	
Wed 4 th Sept			
Thurs 5 th Sept			
Fri 6 th Sept			
Sat 7 th Sept	5.00pm	23 rd Sunday Year (B)	Claire Hurley RIP
Sun 8 th Sept	10.30am	23 rd 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, Bernadette Mary Parker, 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 ORDERS ARE NOW CLOSED FOR THE NEW MISSAL. YOU WILL BE INFORMED WHEN THEY ARRIVE JUST BEFORE ADVENT.

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.