



LITURGY

First reading: Isaiah 50:5-9

Response to the Psalm: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the Land of the living.

Second reading: James 2:14-18

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: Mark 8:27-35



Dear Parishioners

In our Lord's time a suffering Messiah was foreign to everyone's expectation. Everyone wanted a glorious Messiah who would usher in a glorious era of peace and plenty, of grandeur and glory for Israel. Suffering was not a part of this expectation and, less so, the scandal of the cross. As in Saint Mark's time so it is today, there are many who want a glorious Christ but not a pained and a suffering one. They want a happy, clappy religion, but not a disciplined one. I'm sure they mean well, but the fact is that they are sanitising Christology and stage-managing Christ in a way that is unacceptable to the Gospel and to our Lord's own self - understanding.

Jesus says, "If anyone wishes to be my follower, let him deny himself, and let him take up his cross, and let him follow me." These words are near the heart and centre of the Christian faith, and we will only truly understand their demands if we take the words very simply and and literally.

There is no authentic Christ without a suffering Messiah and there is no glory without the cross. The theologian William Barclay wrote: **"If a man will follow Jesus Christ he must ever say no to himself and yes to Christ. He must say no to his own natural love of ease and comfort. He must say no to every course of action based on self-seeking and self-will. He must say no to the instincts and the desires which prompt him to touch and taste and handle forbidden things. He must unhesitatingly say yes to the voice and the command of Jesus Christ. He must be able to say with Paul that it is no longer he who lives but Christ who lives in him. He lives no longer to follow his own will, but to follow the will of Christ, and in that service he finds perfect freedom."**

**God Bless
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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24th Week of Year B

Week commencing Sunday 15th September 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 14 th Sept	5.00pm	24 th Sunday Year (B)	Dorothy Goodison RIP
Sun 15 th Sept	10.30am	24 th Sunday Year (B)	John Woodard RIP
Mon 16 th Sept			
Tues 17 th Sept		Hildegard of Bingen (mem)	Private Intention
Wed 18 th Sept			
Thurs 19 th Sept			
Fri 20 th Sept		St. Andrew Kim Taegon (mem)	
Sat 21 st Sept	5.00pm	25 th Sunday Year (B)	People of the Parish
Sun 22 nd Sept	10.30am	25 th Sunday Year (B)	Abby O'Gorman (poorly)

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

Please come and join us for Coffee, biscuits and a chat

There will be coffee on Sunday 29th 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.

THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK WILL BE FOR THE CATHOLIC EDUCATION FUND.

THE SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK IS FOR HUDSON'S CARE

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.

Church Scaffolding

Please be very careful when using the church car park and steer clear of the scaffolding. If you are driving round or walking to the rear of the church be very careful as the scaffolding does protrude a little.