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**LITURGY**

**First reading:** Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

**Response to the Psalm:** The Lord upholds my life.

**Second reading:** James 3:16-4:3

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Mark 9:30-37

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**Dear Parishioners**

It is wise to act wise unless you are otherwise. But we know that human wisdom often degenerates into brute reason which is worse than brute force, and in the process of acquiring it many people make fools of themselves? Besides, human pride and ambition often parade under the guise of human wisdom and, as a result, some foolishly identify even war and violence with courage, though none of us can be sure of our courage until the day of our death.

Hence, instead of relying on earthly wisdom, we must look up to the "wisdom that comes from above" which alone can show the way to equality in economics, decency in politics, prosperity in society and peace among all men, the deep, deep peace of the heart. Christ himself spelt out this way when he told his disciples who were arguing among themselves, "Who is the most important?" that, "If anyone wishes to rank first, he must remain the last one of all and the servant of all." This means that the way to the peace of Christ is first humility. Humility is not bowing my head so low that I can see nothing but my navel. Rather it is acknowledging one's human limitation and depending upon divine providence. However, the person who often looks up to God rarely looks down on any neighbour and hence a humble person will naturally respect and care for fellow human beings. A humble person sees their own brother and sister in the eyes of any man or woman offering loving service to all, especially to the weak and the poor.

These days, the price of everything is rising. The cost of peace also can be high. Christ's refusal to take up the sword, and his loving service to sinful humanity led him to his passion and death. But then he rose to glory with an explosion of joy and life. Likewise, if we dedicate ourselves to loving service, even at a great cost, the risen light and the peace of Christ will fill the earth.

**God Bless  
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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**25<sup>th</sup> Week of Year B**

**Week commencing Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:sg.stmarys.studley@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern

### Masses

Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept	5.00pm	25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Year (B)	People of the Parish
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	10.30am	25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Year (B)	Abby O’Gorman (poorly)
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept			
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> Sept			Private Intention
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.45am	School Mass in Church	
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept			
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept		St. Vincent de Paul (Mem)	
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	5.00pm	26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Year (B)	People of the Parish
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.30am	26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Year (B)	Special Intention

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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 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/c97767je> 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.

### Special Intention Mass

The Mass on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September will be offered for all those who generously donated funds for the recent repairs of the church roof, for those who ran our crowdfunding site and also for those who selflessly gave their time and hard work to thoroughly clean and prepare the church to be used again. Thank you and God Bless you all.