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LITURGY

First reading: Numbers 11_25-29

Response to the Psalm: The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

Second reading: James 5:1-6

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 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



Dear Parishioners

Surely if we are honest, we must admit that we are in danger of becoming like the rich that the letter of St. James speaks about oblivious to the needs of others, living in luxury, lives devoid of eternal significance. And yet, what are we to do? Must we deny the world and its goodness? Are we to pluck out the eye for beauty and cut off the hand of work and progress?

A partial answer, at least, is found in what we do when we come together to celebrate the Eucharist. Prayer is meant to be for us like a great storm: it removes us from the security of everyday reality and puts us in contact with the sacred. We are confronted in prayer, if it is genuine, with what we so easily forget: our finitude, our mortality, our kinship with the earth and with each other; our solidarity with all the joys and sorrows of the world; the sense of purpose to life, its beauty and its progress, in the service of others.

But what of the rest of life, those many moments that are not spent in prayer and are devoid of reflection, lived in the habit of secularity? There is some comfort in the words of the earlier part of today's Gospel: "Anyone who is not against us is with us." The whole of the secular world is "with" God to the extent that it does not actually lead us away from him; it is with him in secret and in implicit ways, in its acts of charity, in its efforts at social order, justice and progress, in its seeking for beauty and truth. Much of what is best in our society is in fact the Christian message of love, appropriated by the world and hidden in secular guise. The Christian's attitude will certainly be to support this reality. But beyond this, there is another task: to bring to attention and reflection the true nature of our world, including its progress and beauty, but also its sorrows and injustice; to overcome the forgetfulness about the purpose of life, and to be for the world a sign of its own deepest meaning toward that ultimate that we know as God and who lives among us by love of one another.

**God Bless
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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26th Week of Year B

Week commencing Sunday 29th 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 28 th Sept	5.00pm	26 th Sunday Year (B)	People of the Parish
Sun 29 th Sept	10.30am	26 th Sunday Year (B)	Special Intention
Mon 30 th Sept			
Tues 1 st Oct		St. Therese of the Child Jesus (Mem)	Private Intention
Wed 2 nd Oct			
Thurs 3 rd Oct			
Fri 4 th Oct		St. Francis of Assisi (Mem)	
Sat 5 th Oct	5.00pm	27 th Sunday Year (B)	People of the Parish
Sun 6 th Oct	10.30am	27 th Sunday Year (B)	Maureen Walsh 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, THIS WEEK.

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.

Roof Repairs Update - We have reached our target of £5000!

A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE FUNDRAISING – IT HAS MADE A HUGE DIFFERENCE!

The work to the roof, which is still ongoing outside, has so far cost £12000. We are still in discussions with our insurers & hope that at least some payment towards the costs will be forthcoming.

We will be closing the GoFundMe online donation site at the end of September. You can, of course, donate in the usual ways – by cash or cheque made payable to St Mary's RC Parish. Please place cash or cheques in an envelope marked for the attention of Fr Benedict. It would be helpful if you would include your name & if you are able to Gift Aid.

Please take care when entering the church and do not park near the scaffolding.

We really do appreciate your support. Thank you!

Special Intention Mass

The Mass on Sunday 29th 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.