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**LITURGY**

**First reading:** Jeremiah 31:7-9

**Response to the Psalm:** What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

**Second reading:** Hebrews 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 10:46-52

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Dear Parishioners

The readings this Sunday reminds us of the 'joy' that Jesus brings to his people. In the Gospel Bartimaeus, the blind man, kept calling to Jesus but others rebuked him as if to say "Don't bother Jesus, he's too busy to worry about you." The blind man paid no attention he kept calling for help and, eventually, Jesus cured him. I think we, too, sometimes convince ourselves that God and His son Jesus wont help us. We are not physically blind but most of us have problems. Our problems are not great theological dilemmas but just everyday situations. The mortgage payment is due, the tuition fees for school, the job just isn't what we thought it would be, loneliness. Our young people too have worries, will the date for Saturday night turn up and will they like me, my grades at school aren't as good as I should like them to be. Maybe they have even more serious problems, how there life is being cluttered by drugs or alcohol and will their parents find out.

Whatever your problems turn to Jesus and ask him for help. Shout it out, like Bartimaeus, let him know! He is asking each of us to turn to him. Jesus expects us to come and see, and to grow in faith. Some people walk through life with their eyes wide open, yet comprehend little of its meaning because they are inwardly blind or have tunnel vision. The physically blind are well aware of their handicap, the spiritually blind are usually not!

This weekend when you go to communion ask God to help you, just take a few moments to think of one or two things God can help you with and ask God for help in your particular situation.

Jesus asked Bartimaeus, "What do you want me to do for you?" Bartimaeus answered, "I want to see." Jesus said, "Go your way, your faith has saved you."

Immediately he received his sight and followed him on his way.

That can happen to all of us.

God Bless
Fr. Benedict OSB

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30th Week of Year B

Week commencing Sunday 27th October 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 26 th Oct	5.00pm	30 th Sunday Year (B)	John O'Brien RIP
Sun 27 th Oct	10.30am	30 th Sunday Year (B)	John Lawrence RIP
Mon 28 th Oct			
Tues 29 th Oct			Private Intention
Wed 30 th Oct			
Thurs 31 st Oct			
Fri 1 st Nov	10.30am	ALL SAINTS (Holy Day Of Obligation)	People of the Parish
Sat 2 nd Nov	5.00pm	31 st Sunday Year (B)	Sandra Gill RIP
Sun 3 rd Nov	10.30am	31 st Sunday Year (B)	Paul Bunn RIP

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, Bud Sollis.

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 27th October, Thank you to Wendy and Barbara for volunteering.

As well as the usual books & bric a brac, there will be a 'Gift Table' this weekend for those of you who are getting ahead of the Christmas rush!

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.

Missio

If you have one of the Missio red boxes please could you bring them back by the 13th October and leave them on the front bench of the church. Many thanks.

Friday 1st November All Saints

The Solemnity of All Saints is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Mass will be at 10.30am