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**LITURGY**

**First reading:** Deuteronomy 6:2-6

**Response to the Psalm:** I love you, Lord, my strength.

**Second reading:** Hebrews 7:23-28

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia If anyone loves me,,,,,, he will keep my command, says the Lord, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Mark 12:28b-34



**Dear Parishioners**

Regarding the 'Ten Commandments,' some individuals might observe. "I'm not a Christian, so the Commandments don't pertain to my life." We are taught, however, that the commandments are written on the soul of everyone at birth and that, in truth, everyone knows what is right and wrong. It is not difficult to prove this concept. If you asked anyone the question, "Would you like someone to steal from you, to lie to you or to kill you?", the response would probably be, "Of course not!" It seems everyone is aware of what is right and wrong when it pertains to how others treat them, but not necessarily convinced they, as individuals, should treat others in the same way.

There are commandments. Those who disobey the commandments are not obeying God and there can be penalties. If a society, as a whole, disobeys God's commandments, disaster can follow. In the Old Testament we read of the penalties paid by the Jewish people for corrupt regimes which strayed from obedience to Yahweh. Disasters were prophesied and because they did not repent, the Jews were banished, at different times, to Egypt and to Babylon.

Here in our country, we have a democratically elected government. In this form of government the people decide whether they will be ruled by the laws of God or by the whims of the men and women they have elected into office. The problem with this form of government is that all the people are responsible for the conduct of those who rule because the people determine who is elected.

As a result, our whole country could be at risk. If God has punished other nations in the past for not obeying his commands, then if our nation strays from His path with the way it treats unborn children and its ideas on euthanasia for example, it would seem we could also be collectively punished. Some might say, "You're talking politics?" Was John the Baptist talking politics or was he preaching the Word of God? Did Jesus get involved in politics or was He following the course laid out for Him by God His Father? Were the Apostles politicians or messengers of Jesus Christ?

We are at a crossroads. There are commandments, there are sins and there are rewards and punishments. Each of us, individually, must decide which path our country will follow.

Will we condemn our children to the same fate suffered by the Israelites?

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**31<sup>st</sup> Week of Year B**

**Week commencing Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 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

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|---------------------------|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov   | 5.00pm  | 31 <sup>st</sup> Sunday Year (B)                          | Sandra Gill RIP                     |
| Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov   | 10.30am | 31 <sup>st</sup> Sunday Year (B)                          | Paul Bunn RIP                       |
| Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov   |         |                                                           |                                     |
| Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov  |         | Deceased Relatives<br>& Benefactors of the<br>EBC         |                                     |
| Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov   |         |                                                           |                                     |
| Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov |         |                                                           |                                     |
| Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov   |         |                                                           | People of the Parish                |
| Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov   | 5.00pm  | 32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Year (B)                          | Alan Clatworthy RIP                 |
| Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov  | 10.30am | 32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Year (B)<br>Remembrance<br>Sunday | Zita, Harold & Sollis<br>Family 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

The next Sunday coffee morning will be on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November**, Thank you to Mike and Alain for volunteering.

#### 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.

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK IS FOR THE JOHNSON FUND FOR RETIRED AND INFIRM CLERGY**

#### Blessing of Graves

The blessing of the graves will take place on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November** after the 10.30am Mass, weather permitting.

#### Graveyard Memorials

As you will know in June 2023, for Health and Safety reasons, we had to lay flat certain memorials which were unsafe and in danger of falling. It has been brought to my attention that for some reason three of the large cross memorials have been dragged back into position on their plinths. They are now in an even more precarious state than before as both the plinths and the crosses have been damaged in the process. I have no idea who has done this, but it is most unhelpful and costly to remedy. Not to mention the cost of the insurance if they should fall on someone.