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**LITURGY**

**First reading:** 1 Kings 17:10-16

**Response to the Psalm:** My soul, give praise to the Lord.

**Second reading:** Hebrews 9:24-28

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Mark 12:38-44



**Dear Parishioners**

Anything worthwhile in life requires self-giving. To live is to love, and this not easy, because love hurts. A sentiment that launched a thousand songs is founded on the truth that love opens us to pain. Not all love is worth this, but the true love of friendship involves doing good with a self-giving that opens our hearts to suffering. The alternative is to close ourselves to the good, but in doing so we shut our souls to life. When Jesus observes the rich giving large sums into the temple treasury he is not impressed. Their wealth protects them from suffering but is an obstacle to the self-giving love through which we grow. Wealth insulates the rich from the sufferings that come with poverty, but it can also prevent them entering into life and love; they retreat into seclusion or encounter the world in the superficial manner of global tourists. They keep God at a distance, for to allow God's love into our lives is to open our lives to pain and suffering. Yet without God there is no life and we live a slow death, desperately clinging to what passes as love or sinking into the grave. The widow who gives her two last coins, her whole livelihood, is alive in a manner that the rich will never experience. She has nothing, yet she gives what she has to the poor; to other widows like herself.

She understands that to live is to love and to love is to give yourself to others. Her life is not easy, but she is not alone in her suffering. The God of Israel, the God of the poor, is with her.

God Bless  
Fr. Benedict OSB

# St Mary's Roman Catholic Church

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Rev. Deacon Peter Griffiths



**32<sup>nd</sup> Week of Year B**

**Week commencing Sunday 10<sup>th</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 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 |
| Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov   |         |                                                           |                                     |
| Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov  |         |                                                           | Theresa Hancock RIP                 |
| Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov   |         | All Saints of the<br>Order of St. Benedict                | People of the Parish                |
| Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov |         |                                                           |                                     |
| Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov   |         |                                                           |                                     |
| Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov   | 5.00pm  | 33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Year (B)                          | S. Jackson<br>(speedy recovery)     |
| Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov   | 10.30am | 33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Year (B)                          | Kathleen Neville                    |

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.

*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.

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS 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.