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**LITURGY**

**First reading:** Isaiah 62:1-5  
**Response to the Psalm:** Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.  
**Second reading:** 1 Corinthians 12:4-11  
**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia, God called us through the gospel, so that we may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!  
**Gospel:** John 2:1-11



**Dear Parishioners**

On a very deep level, we can apply today's lessons to the wedding party that is our life, because Jesus cared about people and wanted them to enjoy themselves and be happy. He wasn't a killjoy: He made people feel good about themselves, as though they were bathed in sunshine. The people who crucified Jesus never accused him of being a bore. To the contrary, they thought him too dynamic to be safe. It has been later generations that muffled up Jesus' personality and surround him with an atmosphere of tedium and recommended him as a fitting household pet for the insecure, vulnerable and retiring.

Jesus is the Jesus of the wedding feast, but the party entails work that is very serious. We should work for justice, justice in our own lives, in our own communities and in the world, because without justice there can be no party! We should feed the hungry, because without feeding the hungry there can be no party! We should respond to God's invitations as the ongoing way of the life of love of a bridegroom and his bride, or there can be no party!

God Bless  
Fr. Benedict OSB

# St Mary's Roman Catholic Church

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Benedictine Monks of Douai Abbey

Parish Priest: Fr. Benedict Thompson O.S.B

Rev. Deacon Peter Griffiths



**2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Year C**

**Week commencing Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

**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 concerns.

### Masses

Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	5.00pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Year C	People of the Parish
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10.30am	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Year C	Keith Cotterell RIP
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan			
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan		St. Agnes (mem)	
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan			Private Intention
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan			
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan		St. Francis de Sales (mem)	
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	5.00pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Year C	Kathleen Joaley (poorly)
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10.30am	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Year C	172 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the Dedication of St. Mary's

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, Agnes Wilkins, Alma Finnerty, Bud Sollis, Agnes Finn.

#### 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, Richard Thornton-Pett, Mary Scally and all those we have been asked to pray for.

### INFORMATION

#### Sunday Coffee

**Please come and join us for coffee and biscuits.**

The next Sunday coffee morning will be **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January**  
Thank you to Wendy and Lin for volunteering. There will be a £5 and £2 sale on 26<sup>th</sup> January.

**Thank you to those who have volunteered up until March. We need volunteers from April please. The form is at the back of the church to sign up. Thank you.**

#### 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.

#### Church Cleaning

It would be really helpful if we could find two more volunteers for church cleaning. As we now only clean every other week this would mean that volunteers would only need to clean once every eight weeks. Please could you let the parish office know if you are able to volunteer, together with your telephone number and we'll be in touch. Many thanks.

#### Unwanted Gifts

**So that we are able to keep the bric-a-brac table stocked, we are appealing for any unwanted gifts and any contemporary paperback fiction please.**

**Thank you for your help.**