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**LITURGY**

**First reading:** Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

**Response to the Psalm:** Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.

**Second reading:** 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia, The Lord has sent me to proclaim good news to the poor; to proclaim liberty to the captives. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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Dear Parishioners

A body is one though it has many parts...in the second reading this week St. Paul reminds us of this most important fact, and that a part of this fact is that all the parts of the body are important. The body is incomplete when it is missing one of the parts or one of the parts is not working properly.

Pause for a moment and enter a thought path with me. Ask yourself, what part of the body of Christ am I. Each of us is a part and a very important part. Am I Christ's arms and hands – do I reach out to those in need? Am I the leg and foot – do I go where Christ is needed? Am I the eyes of Christ – do I see what is needed and act upon what I see? Just what part of the body of Christ am I/ Examine your gifts...are you using your gifts to build up the kingdom of God? Most of us are just average in most things and sometimes we don't even attempt to find that at which we excel. But if we begin to search for what it is that God has gifted us with, that gift in which we are above average, we might be delightfully surprised. We might discover what it is God wants us to do.

Remember St. Paul tells us that not all are apostles, prophets, teachers, miracle workers, healers, assistants, administrators or speak in tongues...BUT we are all members of Christ's body and each has it's duty to do...each member is important to the whole of the body...for it is the members who make the body whole. Therefore it is important that each of us searches to find what part of the body is my role, how will I best serve the rest of the members of the body of Christ?

God Bless
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3rd Week of Year C

Week commencing Sunday 26th 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 or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

Masses

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| Sat 25 th Jan | 5.00pm | 3 rd Sunday Year C | Kathleen Joaley (poorly) |
| Sun 26 th Jan | 10.30am | 3 rd Sunday Year C | 172 nd Anniversary of the Dedication of St. Mary's (pro pop) |
| Mon 27 th Jan | | | |
| Tues 28 th Jan | | St. Thomas Aquinas (mem) | Pamela Parry RIP |
| Wed 29 th Jan | | | |
| Thurs 30 th Jan | | | |
| Fri 31 st Jan | | St. Alban Roe (Feast) | |
| Sat 1 st Feb | 5.00pm | The Presentation | Maureen Walsh RIP |
| Sun 2 nd Feb | 10.30am | The Presentation | Jill & Tony Smith 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, 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 This **Sunday 26th January**
Thank you to Wendy and Lin for volunteering. There will be a £5 and £2 sale on 26th 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.

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.

Parish Anniversary

This Sunday we celebrate the 172nd anniversary of the dedication of St. Mary's. The Mass will be offered for all parishioners both past and present.
Please come and join us for coffee afterwards.