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LITURGY

First reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Response to the Psalm: All the nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

Second reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia, We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

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Dear Parishioners

Taken together, the three gifts, brought by the three wise men reveal both who this child is and what he is destined to do. We might describe them as token gifts in the best sense: they betoken or symbolise something more than their immediate use; they point us to a deeper future significance beyond any immediate utility. You see, the Epiphany is not about the wise men whose names we don't know for sure, nor is it even about their gifts which Jesus certainly didn't need even if they are richly symbolic. No, the Epiphany is really about Jesus, whose name we do know and which means 'God saves'. Jesus saves Kings as well as Shepherds, the wise and the simple, both righteous and sinners; yes, even you and me. That's His incomparable gift to us. Christina Rossetti memorably suggested the only fitting response:

What can I give him,
Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd
I would give a lamb;
If I were a wise man
I would do my part;
But what I can I give him
Give him my heart.

**God Bless
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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

Rev. Deacon Peter Griffiths



The Epiphany Year C

Week commencing Sunday 5th 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 concern

Masses

Sat 4 th Jan	5.00pm	The Epiphany	People of the Parish
Sun 5 th Jan	10.30am	The Epiphany	Brendan Grimes RIP
Mon 6 th Jan			
Tues 7 th Jan			
Wed 8 th Jan	9.45am	School Mass in church	Private Intention
Thurs 9 th Jan			
Fri 10 th Jan			
Sat 11 th Jan	5.00pm	Baptism of the Lord	Robert & Sarah Lamb RIP
Sun 12 th Jan	10.30am	Baptism of the Lord	Eugene & Kathleen McLoughlin 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, biscuits.

The next Sunday coffee morning will be **Sunday**

Thank you to.

Please could we ask for Volunteers for the coming year, the form is at the back of the church. Currently we have no one to prepare coffee for January. 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.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

May your New Year be full of
Joy and Peace and love.