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**LITURGY**

**First reading:** Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8

**Response to the Psalm:** In the presence of the angels I praise you, O Lord.

**Second reading:** 1 Corinthians 18:1-11

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of men. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 5:1-11

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Dear Parishioners

All three readings this week have a similar theme. They all recount individuals being called to the service of God. Each of the men in these readings was called in a dramatic way and I suppose it's easy for us to say, "Well, if God called me by performing a similar miracle, I would probably accomplish great things as well." The truth is, of course, that God has called each one of us. Maybe we didn't hear His voice or experience some miraculous conversion but, let's face it, neither do most other people. I don't recall Mother Teresa or Pope John Paul, to name just two, ever revealing they had a miraculous calling from God. Most of us aren't in the same league as either of those, but everyone has a call from God. When I was called to be a monk, I didn't experience any miraculous occurrence. I thought about the possibility, I prayed about it (for a long time), then decided this is what God wanted me to do. Those of you who are married had a call from God, those of you who aren't married have a call from God. The important thing is to create space to listen to that call. You see the important fact is that it's not the call that really counts. It's how each of us reacts and responds to the calling we receive.

It's how each of us reacts and responds to all the situations in our life that determines whether we are truly answering God's call to us.

For us, answering the call may be the courage to kiss one's spouse and say, "I'm sorry." It may be realising that God has given your parents their responsibility to expect reasonable obedience from you. It also may be that you have the responsibility to tell your boyfriend or your friends, "NO."

In Gethsemane Jesus was terrified. He did not want to face the coming ordeal, just as we often do not want to face adversity. We need to summon up all our courage and respond as did the disciples, 'They left everything and followed Him.' **We should too.**

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Fr. Benedict OSB**

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5th Week of Year C

Week commencing Sunday 9th February 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

Sat 8 th Feb	5.00pm	5 th Sunday Year C	Janet Dixon RIP
Sun 9 th Feb	10.30am	5 th Sunday Year C	Steve Sollis RIP
Mon 10 th Feb			
Tues 11 th Feb			
Wed 12 th Feb	9.45am	School Mass in Church	
Thurs 13 th Feb			
Fri 14 th Feb		St. Cyril & Methodius (Feast)	
Sat 15 th Feb	5.00pm	6 th Sunday Year C	Hedley Family
Sun 16 th Feb	10.30am	6 th Sunday Year C	Duncan Sollis with thanks for his medical career

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 23rd February**

Thank you to Alane and Mike for volunteering.

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.

GDPR update

We are updating our GDPR records for volunteers on the coffee and cleaning rotas. A new form to complete will be at the back of the church for you. Please return the forms for the attention of Lin Rea asap so that we can publish the rotas. Many thanks