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**LITURGY**

**First reading:** 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

**Response to the Psalm:** The Lord is compassionate and gracious.

**Second reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia, A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 6:27-38

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**Dear Parishioners**

Pro-active love is fundamental to Christian living. It's not okay to live by the Golden Rule on a Sunday and for the rest of the week live by "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth!"

In the Gospel Jesus lists common ways that people think is sensible conduct toward our neighbour – loving those who love you, doing good to those who do good to you, lending money to those from whom you expect to be repaid. But Jesus says that is not enough: In each case he concludes by asking, "what credit is that to you?" The poet Jane Merchant wrote:

If I forgive an injury  
Because resenting would poison me –  
I may feel noble, I may feel splendid,  
But it isn't exactly what Christ intended.

Jesus' standard of comparison is God. Only if we love our enemies and expect nothing back will we be acting like God. Difficult? You bet it is. That's why Chesterton said, "Christianity has not been tried and found wanting; it has been found difficult and not tried.

God Bless  
Fr. Benedict OSB

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Rev. Deacon Peter Griffiths



**7<sup>th</sup> Week of Year C**

**Week commencing Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](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 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	5.00pm	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Year C	Special Intention (T.M.)
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	10.30am	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Year C	Charlie C. (poorly)
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb			
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb			Private Intention
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb			
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb			
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb			
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> March	5.00pm	8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Year C	Kathleen Foaley (poorly)
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	10.30am	8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Year C	Hector, Phyllis & Sheila Hall 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 next Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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. On occasion there will be other second collections and these will be noted here.

### 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

### Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is on 5<sup>th</sup> March. Mass will be celebrated here in church at 9.45am with the school. Please use the benches at the rear of the church.