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**LITURGY**

**First reading:** Sirach 27:4-7

**Response to the Psalm:** It is good to give thanks to you, O Lord.

**Second reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 6:39-45

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Dear Parishioners

Through speech God gave human beings the ability to communicate in greater detail than any other animal, and yet some people are so gross in its use! Speech is mightier than fighting, speech can be poetry, speech is civilisation itself, speech was made to open person to person, but we allow our use of speech to degrade our integrity. From the speech we hear in our streets, we wonder how much of our speech is the improvement on silence that it's supposed to be. Hence it is true that a lot of the mischief that vexes this world arises from words. But it is also true that a lot of good can be done through words. Did you notice how St. Paul uses his words in his letter to the Corinthians, his words are like apples of gold on a plate of silver. He inspires hope when he asks, "Death, where is your victory?" He is grateful when he "thanks God" and he is truthful when he asserts that "the sting of death is sin." Do we encourage people who are downhearted, especially those who carry a thorn in their flesh? Daily we meet people whose hopes, like withered leaves, fall fast. Do our words uplift their spirits? Are we grateful to God and to one another at least through a sincere "Thank you?" Let us make sure that our words encourage others at all times.

**God Bless
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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8th Week of Year C

Week commencing Sunday 2nd March 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 1 st March	5.00pm	8 th Sunday Year C	Kathleen Foaley (poorly)
Sun 2 nd March	10.30am	8 th Sunday Year C	Hector, Phyllis & Sheila Hall RIP
Mon 3 rd March			
Tues 4 th March			
Wed 5 th March	9.45am	ASH WEDNESDAY	People of the parish
Thurs 6 th March			
Fri 7 th March			
Sat 8 th March	5.00pm	1 st Sunday of Lent C	Zita, Harold & Sollis Family RIP
Sun 9 th March	10.30am	1 st Sunday of Lent C	Agnes Flyn (Ongoing Recovery)

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 on **Sunday 30th March**

Thank you to Wendy and Barbara for volunteering.

Thank you to those who have volunteered up until March. We need volunteers from May 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 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.

Because of the age of the buildings the work is continuous and ongoing.

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.