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**LITURGY**

**First reading:** Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

**Response to the Psalm:** Taste and see that the Lord is good

**Second reading:** 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

**Gospel Acclamation:** Praise and honour to you Lord Jesus. I will arise and go to my Father and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.' Praise an honour to you, Lord Jesus

**Gospel:** Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

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**Dear Parishioners**

One question that comes to mind in the light of today's Gospel is where does the mother figure in all this? In the Gospel parable, we hear how the prodigal son callously demands his inheritance from his father, and when everything goes wrong, it is the thought of his father than brings the prodigal son back to his senses. But no mention, however, is made of the prodigal son's mother. Jesus leaves the mother's role in this story to our imagination. There are of course many ways in which we should be grateful to our mothers. My mother was the person who brought me into the world; she helped me and sustained me when I was entirely helpless. She comforted me when I was upset and reassured me when I was frightened. She was the first person I formed a relationship with. I learnt my mother tongue from her. When the prodigal son in the parable came to his senses, we can imagine that he too would have had similar thoughts of gratitude towards his mother. When we remember our mothers, we remember where we come from, where our home is. How grateful we should be to God for her love for us.

God Bless  
Fr. Benedict OSB

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**4<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent Year C**

**Week commencing Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> 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](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 29 <sup>th</sup> March	5.00pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent C	Peter Bennett RIP
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> March	10.30am	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent C	All Mothers
Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> March			
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> April			
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> April			Private Intention
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> April			
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> April			
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> April	5.00pm	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent C	Alphonsus & Ann Stoner RIP
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30am	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent C	Donald Newell 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 for whom we have been asked to pray.

### INFORMATION

#### Sunday Coffee

**Please come and join us for coffee and biscuits.**

The next Sunday coffee morning will be **THIS Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> 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.**

#### 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 to everyone who has donated items for the Bring & Buy table, your support is really appreciated.

Please leave any donations for the table in the black box at the back of the church and not directly on the table in the conservatory.

Thank you for your help.

#### Second Collection

**The second collection This week is for Cathedral Maintenance**

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.