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**LITURGY**

**First reading:** Acts 10:34, 37-43

**Response to the Psalm:** This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad.

**Second reading:** Colossians 3:1-4

**SEQUENCE**

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia. Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed; let us therefore celebrate the festival in the Lord. Alleluia.

**Gospel:** John 20:1-9

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Dear Parishioners

Across the globe on Easter morning, sermons are being preached in a multitude of different languages to congregations of various nationalities and backgrounds. Within these congregations are to be found, sitting beside one another, men and women in very different personal circumstances. Some will have hearts full of joy; some will have lives neither especially happy nor especially burdensome; some will be struggling with worries and cares: trying to make ends meet, fighting ill health, struggling with relationships, but all feeling the weight of the world upon their shoulders. And, yet, despite the diversity of place, background, and personal circumstances, there is the same humanity, the same human condition, and the same message of Easter: *Death and sin have been overcome! The Lord is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!* This is a message of the most profound blessing: that, as shown in the Resurrection of Christ, the love of God is greater than anything that life might throw at us, that the ultimate victory is assured. The ultimate assurance is now revealed. Nothing can change that. Nothing can change the reality that is so much greater than whatever our individual personal circumstances might be, but which still reaches out to us regardless and gives the challenges we face new meaning.

**God Bless
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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Rev. Deacon Peter Griffiths



Easter Sunday Year C

Week commencing Sunday 20th April 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

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| Sat 19 th April | 5.30pm | No Mass | |
| Sun 20 th April | 10.30am | Easter Day | People of the Parish |
| Mon 21 st April | | | |
| Tues 22 nd April | | | |
| Wed 23 rd April | | | |
| Thurs 24 th April | | | Private Intention |
| Fri 25 th April | | | |
| Sat 26 th April | | 2 nd Sunday of Easter | People of the Parish |
| Sun 27 th April | 10.30am | 2 nd Sunday of Easter | Stanley & Hannah Williams 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 on Sunday 27th April

Thank you to Lin and Wendy for volunteering.

Thank you to those who have volunteered up until April. We need volunteers from May please. The form is at the back of the church to sign up.

Unwanted Gifts

So that we can 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 weekly 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.

***REJOICE FOR THE LORD IS RISEN!
A VERY HAPPY AND HOLY EASTER TO YOU
ALL.***

God Bless

Fr. Benedict OSB