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**LITURGY**

**First reading:** Isaiah 50:4-7

**Response to the Psalm:** My God, my God, why have you forsaken me.

**Second reading:** Philippians 2:6-11

**Gospel Acclamation:** Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory. Christ became for us obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name. Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory

**Gospel:** Luke 23:1-49

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Dear Parishioners

By bringing together in a single liturgy two separate, contrary, contradictory, events – adulation when entering Jerusalem and rejection when being nailed to a cross– the Church confronts us, confuses us, with the Mystery that is Holy Week. We are to enter into the anguish of those who loved Jesus and expected so much of Him – so well expressed by the bewilderment of the disciples on the road to Emmaus.

And, you know, there are so many of this age and every other age who can make neither head nor tail of what happened to Jesus during the last few days of His life!

As we celebrate Palm Sunday we are called to identify with those who joyfully welcomed Jesus as the promised Messiah. But as we hear today's Passion Narrative we must accept Jesus' understanding of what that role really meant. We must accept Him on His own terms, not ours!

God Bless
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Palm Sunday Year C

Week commencing Sunday 13th 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

Sat 12 th April	5.00pm	Palm Sunday	Christine Leach RIP
Sun 13 th April	10.30am	Palm Sunday	People of the Parish
Mon 14 th April			
Tues 15 th April			
Wed 16 th April			
Thurs 17 th April	7.00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper (watching until 9.00pm)	
Fri 18 th April	3.00pm	Good Friday Passion	
Sat 19 th April	8.00pm	Easter Vigil (at Mount Carmel Redditch)	
Sun 20 th April	10.30am	Easter Day	People of the Parish

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.