



LITURGY

First reading: Amos 8:4-7

Response to the Psalm: Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

Second reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus Christ, though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13



Dear Parishioners

Often the other-worldly, those who believe in God, attend church and try to live morally, but don't give anywhere near as much attention to donating their services to God's work as the worldly give to making more money, living in the right neighbourhood and hob-nobbing with the right people. Why is that? Is religion truly the "opium of the people" that provides an escape into a dream like trance? Or do the "children of light" have phlegmatic personalities? Or are they lazy? Or without courage? Or smug? Or do they fail to see the wisdom of the axiom that "the only thing necessary for evil to triumph is for good people to do nothing?" Perhaps they don't see that evil people hate the light because it reveals themselves to themselves. They hate goodness because it reveals their badness; they hate love because it reveals their laziness. They will destroy the light, the goodness, the love in order to avoid the pain of their own awareness of their state.

The Lord wants us to be even shrewder than the children of this world. He wants of us day by day fidelity, and he wants total dedication, telling us we can't serve two masters, both God and mammon. Like fire, money can be a good servant, but a bad boss!

Though we cannot escape the economic and political world in which we live, we must apply Christian principles to the world. Living well and lavishly may be the best revenge in some people's minds, but living well lovingly pays greater dividends in the long run. People remember Francis of Assisi, the "poverello" far better than they do his money-centered father!

**God Bless.
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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25th Week of Year C

Week commencing Sunday 21st September 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 20 th Sept.	5.00pm	25 th Sunday Year C	Anthony Kilburn RIP
Sun 21 st Sept.	10.30am	25 th Sunday Year C	Natalie Tonks RIP
Mon 22 nd Sept.			
Tues 23 rd Sept.		St. Pius of Pietrelcina (mem)	Private Intention
Wed 24 th Sept.			
Thurs 25 th Sept.			Stan Phipps RIP
Fri 26 th Sept.			
Sat 27 th Sept.	5.00pm	26 th Sunday Year C	Hedley Family
Sun 28 th Sept.	10.30am	26 th Sunday Year C	Sandra Gill 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, Judith Baylis, Jackie Gannon, Mick Sollis, Agnes Wilkins, Alma Finnerty, Bud Sollis, Agnes Finn, Anne Hazlewood, Michael Howell.

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, Fr. Anthony Rohan, James Joseph Flynn, Stan Phipps, 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 28th September.

Thank you to for volunteering.

A new list, for volunteers to sign up is now available at the back of church. Please do help and try to sign up for a couple of times a year. Thank you.

Second Collection.

THE SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK WILL BE FOR THE FR. HUDSON SOCIETY

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.

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.