



LITURGY

First reading: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Response to the Psalm: My soul, give praise to the Lord.

Second reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16

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 16:19-31



Dear Parishioners

When the rich man first calls out to Abraham, he is informed that a great chasm has been fixed between them, one that shall never be crossed. This is not, however, the only boundary in the story that is never crossed. The other is the gate of the rich man’s house. The two boundaries are closely related.

The rich man’s daily decision to ignore the cry of Lazarus, the failure to invite him within his gate, has now been cemented in place. His repeated alienation of the poor man has culminated in his own alienation from God’s blessings. In death, the decisions of his life are made definitive. Christ gives us a stern warning here, against creating impassable chasms in our own lives. It is why he speaks with such passion about a love that reaches across every possible divide: *Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you* (Lk 6:27–28). Jesus constantly challenges us to expand who it is we see as our neighbour. As Pope Benedict put it, the rich man is a warning that ‘an incapacity to love [...] then becomes a burning and unquenchable thirst’.

**God Bless.
Fr. Benedict OSB**

St Mary’s Roman Catholic Church

103 Alcester Road Studley Warwickshire B80 7NW

Telephone 01527 852524

Email: stmarysstudley@gmail.com

WEBSITE: stmaryscatholicchurchstudley.org.uk

Registered Charity Number 1063237

This parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham and served by the Benedictine Monks of Douai Abbey

Parish Priest: Fr. Benedict Thompson O.S.B

Rev. Deacon Peter Griffiths



26th Week of Year C

Week commencing Sunday 28th 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 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
Mon 29 th Sept.			
Tues 30 th Sept.		St. Jerome (mem)	
Wed 1 st Oct.	9.45am	School Mass	All Welcome
Thurs 2 nd Oct.			
Fri 3 rd Oct.			
Sat 4 th Oct.	5.00pm	27 th Sunday Year C	Private Intention (sh)
Sun 5 th Oct	10.30am	27 th Sunday Year C	Stan Phipps 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 THIS WEEK WILL BE FOR THE
FR. HUDSON SOCIETY
THE SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK IS FOR
CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL

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.