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LITURGY

First reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

Response to the Psalm: O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'

Second reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. The word of the Lord remains forever and this word is the good news that was preached to you. Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

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Dear Parishioners

We've come to think that modern technology has vastly changed our world, but at the same time there's an old adage that the more things change, the more they remain the same. All three readings of today's liturgy support that adage. From at least 600 B.C., which was about when the prophecy of Habakkuk was written, through to roughly 100 A.D., roughly when the second letter to Timothy was written and right up to the present, there have been problems with faith and faithfulness.

In the supernatural order, faith is the only power that can save the world, a seemingly impossible task. The Gospel passage teaches the disciples, and us, the necessity of being humble in the service of God. Jesus tells us that we can never have any claim on God. Our greatest response to the giver of divine faith is works of service. The biblical notion of faith means a commitment of the entire person to Jesus. This means action as well as intellectual assent. It is steadfast loyalty to God no matter what comes.

In ancient times, before banks as we know them, one of the places where people often deposited their valuables was the Temple. The deposits safekeeping was considered a sacred trust. Faith, the greatest force in the world, is the richest deposit possible, and the most sacred of trusts. Saint Paul had entrusted his work and his life to God. While a criminal in a Roman jail, treated at best indifferently by his barbarous keepers, he didn't change his faith, or his loyalty and steadfastness to God's plan for him. Why? Because it was inconceivable to him that God, whom he had come to know intimately, would let him down. God's message to Habakkuk and Paul and Timothy and the Apostles is just as important to us now as ever it has been. Faith can move mountains.

**God Bless
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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27th Week of Year C

Week commencing Sunday 5th October 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 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
Mon 6 th Oct.			
Tues 7 th Oct.		Our Lady of the Rosary (mem)	
Wed 8 th Oct.			
Thurs 9 th Oct.		St. John Henry Newman (mem)	
Fri 10 th Oct.			
Sat 11 th Oct.	5.00pm	28 th Sunday Year C	Bernadette Harris RIP
Sun 12 th Oct	10.30am	28 th Sunday Year C	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, 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 12th October.
We currently have no volunteers for this Sunday.

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 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.