



LITURGY

First reading: Exodus 17:8-13

Response to the Psalm: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Second reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. The word of God is living and active, discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8



Dear Parishioners

One of the most adaptable words in the English language is 'persistent.' When flies, bees or ants are persistent during a summer picnic we really mean they are a pest. When children are persistent in wanting something, we consider them bold. When politicians are persistent in pursuing the electorate, we call them astute. And

when business people are persistent in following up sales prospects, we admire their tenacity. This week's liturgy connects persistence with religion, especially in our prayers of petition. We are also reminded, however, that we don't win battles only by our own force.. As the refrain for this week's Responsorial Psalm says, our

help is from the Lord. We are also reminded in our second reading of another dimension of our prayers, that they be 'other-directed.' We should live and pray wholeheartedly for what we think we want, but we should at the same time pray and act not that our will predominate, but that "God's will be done," leaving it to God to differentiate between what we want and what we need.

Starting right now, let's make a firm commitment to persevere in those areas of our lives where perseverance is most needed: relationships, family, faith, self-esteem, work, prayer. But let's temper our perseverance with the petition that, after all is said and done, "May God's will, and not ours, be done!"

**God Bless
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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29th Week of Year C

Week commencing Sunday 19th 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 18 th Oct.	5.00pm	29 th Sunday Year C	Bernadette Harris RIP
Sun 19 th Oct.	10.30am	29 th Sunday Year C	Stan Phipps RIP
Mon 20 th Oct.			
Tues 21 st Oct.			
Wed 22 nd Oct.		St. John Paul II	Susanna Westmeath RIP
Thurs 23 rd Oct.			
Fri 24 th Oct.			
Sat 25 th Oct.	5.00pm	30 th Sunday Year C	Blair Wilson RIP
Sun 26 th Oct	10.30am	30 th Sunday Year C	Michael Howell.

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 16th November. Thank you to Sarah and Wendy 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 IS FOR WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

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 above.

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.

Scaffolding

There will be scaffolding around the presbytery for the foreseeable future. We are undertaking repairs to the roof and chimneys as required by the latest quinquennial report. At the same time the wooden fascias will be weatherproofed and decorated. Please take care.