



LITURGY

First reading: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

Response to the Psalm: Sush are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

Second reading: 1 John 3:1-3

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, says the Lord, and I will give you rest. Alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a



Dear Parishioners

Today's Feast of All Saints is a feast of encouragement, celebrating that we are called to be saints. The biblical meaning of 'saint' is a person who is trying to live a life of holiness for the Lord. Our modern idea has restricted the term to those who are in heaven. Just the same we still use the term 'Communion of Saints' to refer to the union of all members of Christ in the Church militant here on earth and the Church suffering in purgatory, as well as the Church triumphant in heaven. The "communion" or "fellowship" which we have with each other comes from our union with God. We do not come together to form a community and then begin to worship. Rather, we come to worship, and by that worship we are formed into a community.

And we must always see our Communion of Saints in the context of Christ. Only through, with and in him do we have communion with each other and with the saints in heaven. So we should not visualise our relationship with the saints as their being so many functionaries through whom we must go to get to the boss. Our relationship with the saints is a circle, not a hierarchical bureaucracy. The saints intercede for us, just as we intercede for each other.

**God Bless
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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All Saints of Year C

Week commencing Sunday 2nd November 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 1 st Nov.	5.00pm	All Saints	Kathleen Neville
Sun 2 nd Nov	10.30am	All Saints	Zita, Harold & deceased Sollis Family RIP
Mon 3 rd Nov.			
Tues 4 th Nov.		St. Charles Borromeo (mem)	Lillian Pounall RIP
Wed 5 th Nov.	9.45am	School Mass All Welcome	
Thurs 6 th Nov.			Holy Souls
Fri 7 th Nov.			
Sat 8 th Nov.	5.00pm	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	Alan Clatworthy RIP
Sun 9 th Nov.	10.30am	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	War Veterans Living and Dead

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, Sheila Eastham 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 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.

Remembrance Sunday, 9 Nov 2025

Please allow extra time when coming to 10.30 Mass on Remembrance Sunday. There will be road closures, particularly The Alcester Road near the War Memorial. If you say you are coming to the church you will be allowed through.

Blessing of Graves

The blessing of the graves will take place after Mass on Sunday 16th November. If it is raining heavily there will be a short service in church.