



LITURGY

First reading: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

Response to the Psalm: The waters of a river give joy to God's city, the holy place, the abode of the Most High.

Second reading: 1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 16-17

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. I have chosen and consecrated this house, says the Lord, that my name may be there forever. Alleluia.

Gospel: John 2:13-22



Dear Parishioners

Today we celebrate the Dedication of the Basilica of St John Lateran, or to give it its proper name, the *Archbasilica of the Most Holy Saviour*. It is this church in Rome and not St Peter's which is the Pope's cathedral. By our communion with this See, we share fully in the life-giving authority of Christ, because we are established on the foundation Christ gave and built on Peter the Rock. When the late Cardinal Heenan was asked what was distinctive about the Catholic Church, he answered quite simply with one word: authority. Cardinal Heenan's reply ruffled not a few feathers. In the gospels the crowds are not amazed by Jesus' love or compassion. Instead they are impressed because he taught them as one with authority. It is not enough to tell the world about love, compassion, mercy, peace and justice. All of these things are meaningless and empty unless they are grounded in Him who *is* love, compassion, mercy, peace and justice. Unless all these things are founded on the authority of Christ, they are empty and vain, and will fail.

**God Bless
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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Rev. Deacon Peter Griffiths



Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Year C Week commencing Sunday 9th 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 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
Mon 10 th Nov.			
Tues 11 th Nov.		St. Martin of Tours (Feast)	Holy Souls
Wed 12 th Nov.			
Thurs 13 th Nov.		All Saints of the Order of St. Benedict (Feast)	Lillian Pounall RIP
Fri 14 th Nov.			
Sat 15 th Nov.	5.00pm	33 rd Sunday Year C	Holy Souls
Sun 16 th Nov.	10.30am	33 rd Sunday Year C	Sheila Eastham 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, 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 COLLECTION NEXT WEEK WILL BE FOR THE CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE.

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.

Blessing of Graves

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