LITURGY

First reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Response to the Psalm: Blessed are all who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Second reading: Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. Alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

Dear Parishioners

On this Feast of the Holy Family we should be mightily thankful if our own families are living in security and with sufficiency. We will know what a blessing it is if we are living with a modicum of harmony in our lives; and our hearts must go out to those who do not have this, who have never known this, and to those who at this very moment find that their family life is crumbling to pieces.

Special graces of discernment and self discipline are needed to deal with the threat to family life of both young and old alike being so taken up in many pursuits, not necessarily bad in themselves, that they find little quality time for each other. The tragedy is when this is accepted as a fact of life in the modern world. As this happens meaningful relationships become increasingly disposable. This constitutes a huge privation of loving experiences and lovely moments together in the home, with children and especially adolescents being the chief losers, the most liable to be damaged.

The flight into Egypt that we hear about in the Gospel suggests that we should consider to what extent the love, unity and even survival of our own families are under threat. Are there precautionary measures to be taken before it is too late? Family life is something precious. Those near to us should be dear to us and we to them. Family life is worth fighting for. Family life needs fighting for and most certainly praying for.

God Bless
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Holy Family Year A

Week commencing Sunday 28th December 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 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

Masses

Sat 27th Dec.	5.00pm	**Holy Family**	Max Stoddart RIP
Sun 28th Dec.	10.30am	**Holy Family**	Stanley & Hannah Williams RIP
Mon 29th Dec.			
Tues 30th Dec.			
Wed 31st Dec.			
Thurs 1st Jan.	10.30am	**Mary Mother of God**	People of the Parish
Fri 2nd Jan.			
Sat 3rd Jan.	5.00pm	**2nd Sunday after Christmas**	Ray, Jenny & Rene Lavery RIP
Sun 4th Jan.	10.30am	**2nd Sunday after Christmas**	Millie & Douglas Thompson 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 coffee morning will hopefully be on Sunday the 18th January. Thank you to Anna and Rob.
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.