



**LITURGY**

**First reading:** Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

**Response to the Psalm:** Behold, I have come Lord, to do your will.

**Second reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us; to all who did receive him, he gave the authority to become children of God. Alleluia.

**Gospel:** John 1:29-34



**Dear Parishioners**

The Christian faith is a call of particular individuals and communities to be witnesses to the light of Christ in the world and in its history. But this call has a universal reach because God's salvation is to reach the ends of the earth. The journey taken by Jesus in response to his call was from the outlying reaches of the Holy Land, through Samaria and Judea to Jerusalem with its temple. There in that very particular place, a particular story reached its climax, the covenant-history of the God of Israel.

We believe that climax to be of universal and eternal significance, relevant to all people in every time and place. From Jerusalem the word goes out, the news of our reconciliation, and it is preached in Judea, in Samaria, in Galilee and eventually to the ends of the earth.

We have just emerged from Christmastide with its great feasts of the Nativity, Epiphany and Baptism. We have seen Jesus revealed to his own people, Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, Simeon and Anna. We have seen Jesus revealed to foreigners and outsiders, the magi who followed their understanding to find their way to him. Those of us who believe have seen his glory as the only Son from the Father. We all, therefore, play a crucial role in leading others to Christ. If God is in our hearts, he goes wherever we go. We are called to bring a deep commitment to Christian ideals to a society of shifting values. For the truth of God to be accessible to others, the Christian life must not be restricted to Church worship but must spread out into our neighbourhood and workplace. There is no room for a half-hearted effort. It demands nothing less than absolute loyalty and a complete commitment.

God Bless  
Fr. Benedict OSB

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Year A**

**Week commencing Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**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](mailto:sg.stmarys.studley@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns.

### Masses

Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	5.00pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Year A	Private Intention
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	10.30am	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Year A	Susanna Westmeath RIP
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan.			
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan.			
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan.		St. Agnes (Mem)	
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan.			
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan.			
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	5.00pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Year A	Blair Wilson RIP
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	10.30am	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Year A	Delia Stack 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.

#### 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, Michael Howell 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 be this Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### Scaffolding

There will be scaffolding around the rear of the building and the conservatory for the foreseeable future.

Please enter the conservatory via the church cloister and through the presbytery.

Please leave the conservatory via the presbytery front door.

Please take care if using the rear car park for Mass or visiting the cemetery.

Thank you!