



LITURGY

First reading: Isaiah 9:1b-4

Response to the Psalm: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus proclaimed the gospel of the kingdom and healed every affliction among the people. Alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23



Dear Parishioners

Many of us, at one time or another, dream of leaving everything behind. All the ties and responsibilities that nail us down, all the daily drudge, our half-heartedness about our work or our families, the weight of our past and our failures, all the things which define us. It would be so simple to dump all the baggage of life, disappear and start again in another place with a new passport and a Swiss bank account.

In the Gospel, four fishermen leave everything behind, all the ties and bonds of work and family, to follow Jesus. Jesus doesn't offer them a career, as carpenters, soldiers or tax collectors. He isn't offering them exciting new love affairs, or friendships unencumbered by the weight of failure and misunderstanding. That following of Jesus establishes a relationship between what the disciples are now and what they are to become. That which will define them now is not bypassed or ignored but becomes the scene of an urgent call to a deeper self-understanding. The urge to escape who we are often weighs very heavily upon us. But there are no real clean slates in this life; who we are is intimately bound up with those we live with, those who have cared for us or hurt us. The call of God's grace doesn't offer us a new identity; the fantasy life we have always longed for. The call to be a disciple is a call to move to an even deeper understanding of who we are, who we are called to be, in the self-giving of God, in the cross of Jesus and in the glory which finally transformed simple fishermen into fishers of men.

God Bless
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Rev. Deacon Peter Griffiths



3rd Week of Year A

Week commencing Sunday 25th 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 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 17 th Jan.	5.00pm	3 rd Sunday Year A	Blair Wilson RIP
Sun 18 th Jan.	10.30am	3 rd Sunday Year A	Delia Stack RIP
Mon 19 th Jan.			
Tues 20 th Jan.			
Wed 21 st Jan.		St. Agnes (Mem)	Private Intention
Thurs 22 nd Jan.			
Fri 23 rd Jan.			
Sat 24 th Jan.	5.00pm	4 th Sunday Year A	Paul Bunn RIP
Sun 25 th Jan.	10.30am	4 th Sunday Year A	James & Mary 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, Ken Faulkner.

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 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.

St. Mary's Catholic Church

For your information.

Friday 23rd January is the 173rd Anniversary of the foundation of our church.

Please keep all our past and present parishioners and parish priests in your prayers. Also, the monastic community of Douai Abbey who have provided the priests.

Hail Mary Full of Grace...