



LITURGY

First reading: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

Response to the Psalm: Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Second reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a



Dear Parishioners

Matthew has nine Beatitudes where Luke has four (Lk.6:20-23). They are not found as such in the other evangelists. Some of the Beatitudes derive from a common source used by Matthew and Luke easily linked to Jesus himself in terms of the audience addressed. The rest are either composed by the evangelists themselves or derived from the early Church. The people in all these categories are declared “blessed,” favoured and extolled by God, because the wrongs which attend them are to be corrected with the full arrival of God’s reign. This is a Gospel about God’s preference for the nobodies of this world; this is another example of the upside-down world of God’s kingdom that we experience in the Gospel of John. These Beatitudes are directed at all of us, you and me, we must model ourselves on them, live up to their downtrodden example.

God Bless
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4th Week of Year A

Week commencing Sunday 1st February 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 31 st Jan.	5.00pm	4 th Sunday Year A	Michael Howell RIP
Sun 1 st Feb.	10.30am	4 th Sunday Year A	Jill & Tony Smith RIP
Mon 2 nd Feb.			
Tues 3 rd Feb.			
Wed 4 th Feb.			
Thurs 5 th Feb.		St. Agatha (Mem)	Douglas & Millie Thompson RIP
Fri 6 th Feb.	10.30am	Requiem Mass	Michael Howell RIP
Sat 7 th Feb	5.00pm	5 th Sunday Year A	Geraldine Hadfield (70 th Birthday)
Sun 8 th Feb	10.30am	5 th Sunday Year A	Stephen Sollis 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, John Butler.

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 Sunday the 15th February. Thank you to Wendy and Barbara.

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 was 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...