



LITURGY

First reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

Response to the Psalm: May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord.

Second reading: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Gospel Acclamation: Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father. From a bright cloud, the Father’s voice was heard: ‘This is my beloved Son, Listen to him.’ Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9



Dear Parishioners

In Lent we are on a graced journey of return to God and to our true nature. Starting with Ash Wednesday, the journey of repentance was marked visibly on our foreheads, where the spiritual and creative part of our brain is located. We commit to prayer, fasting and almsgiving, all of which involve practical, embodied doing, for God, ourselves and our neighbour, as individuals and communities. The danger, of course – given the fallen reality of our distance from God – is that we turn it into an endurance exercise. And when it becomes a battle – when we feel the broken relationship of spirit, soul and body within us – we blame ourselves or give up. Ten days into Lent we may well be finding ourselves at that point now! So, the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus is a sign of God’s grace and hope for us. In the presence of Peter, James and John, his closest friends – and therefore with us, His brothers and sisters by adoption – Jesus is transformed on the mountain. His spirit is manifested in His soul and His soul in His body. He is dazzlingly radiant. As He will be in His Resurrection, and we will be. This is what the way of the Cross, the way of self-denial, is all about. Like Abram, we are called by God to leave what is familiar, all our often negative assumptions about who we are and what we should do – to walk instead by the way of faith, and to be fruitful beyond what we could imagine. Often not all at once, but when he we are old, towards the completion of our journey.

God Bless
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2nd Week of Lent Year A

Week commencing Sunday 1st March 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 28 th Feb.	5.00pm	2 nd Sunday of Lent A	Private Intention
Sun 1 st March	10.30am	2 nd Sunday of Lent A	Michael Howell RIP
Mon 2 nd March			
Tues 3 rd March			
Wed 4 th March	9.45am	SCHOOL MASS	All are Welcome
Thurs 5 th March			People of the Parish
Fri 6 th March			
Sat 7 th March	5.00pm	2 nd Sunday of Lent A	Pamela Parry RIP
Sun 8 th March	10.30am	2 nd Sunday of Lent A	Kathleen McLoughlin 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:

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 on Sunday the 15th March. 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 COLLECTION THIS WEEK IS FOR CAFOD

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.

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