



LITURGY

First reading: Isaiah 58:6-10

Response to the Psalm: A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

Second reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16



Dear Parishioners

Jesus uses two images in today's Gospel to help us see how to live as his disciple. Christians are to be the salt of the earth and light to enlighten all peoples. But how are we to go about this, what does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? True riches come to those who give and giving is good for our wellbeing. It can lift our mood and provide a sense of connection to others. To be truly generous, however, requires more than one-off acts of generosity. It involves the development of our character so that we become a generous, just and loving person. And where do we learn this? Through following the example of others, those who have allowed their light to shine in our lives, those who are the salt of the world. We learn to be generous through the generosity of others. Isaiah tell us that if we are generous our light will break forth like the dawn. We will cry to the Lord and he will say 'here I am'. After the fall, in the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve hide themselves from the Lord because they are ashamed. In his Son Jesus Christ the Father comes to us to take away our shame. In Adam we hide ourselves from God and it is God who calls out to us. In Jesus Christ we stand in the light and call out to God 'here I am'. As disciples of Jesus Christ we are called to stand in his light, to be salt of the earth and a light to enlighten all peoples.

God Bless
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5th Week of Year A

Week commencing Sunday 8th 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 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
Mon 9 th Feb.			
Tues 10 th Feb.		St. Scholastica (Feast)	People of the Parish
Wed 11 th Feb.	9.45am	School Mass	All Welcome
Thurs 12 th Feb.			
Fri 13 th Feb.			
Sat 14 th Feb	5.00pm	6 th Sunday Year A	Anthony Flynn (80 th Birthday)
Sun 15 th Feb	10.30am	6 th Sunday Year A	Paul Bunn 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.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is on 18th February and Mass will be at 10.30am

Graveyard

People have been throwing their old wreaths and other rubbish away in the graveyard. Three bin bags were filled with this during the week. Please take all of your rubbish away with you and help to keep our graveyard better for everyone.