



LITURGY

First reading: Sirach 15:15-20

Response to the Psalm: Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord!

Second reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children. Alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37



Dear Parishioners

‘If you desire’, if you wish, ‘you can keep the commandments’. Put like that, it seems so simple. God has gifted Israel with the commandments, to guide and sharpen their understanding of right and wrong, and to make their right living an act of fidelity to God, to make the moral life a continual act of worship. Who could deny the extent of the challenge? And that’s before we get to today’s Gospel, and the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus seemingly pushes the moral standards yet higher.

Does He ask too much of weak flesh and blood? It can sound as though God is poised, ready to cast us into hell, for so much as a cross word, one lustful thought, a momentary expletive. We need the repeated gifts of grace that come through the Eucharist, through regular confession, through daily prayer and discipleship. Lent, too, will soon help us with its rituals of fasting and abstinence. Even so, our healing may only be fully completed in Purgatory. Yet, there is much to inspire hope. The

saints assure us that grace abounds to renew our hearts. They aid us by their prayers when we seek out their powerful intercession. We find support in the wider Christian community. What would otherwise seem hopeless, is now shot through with promise, for while our weaknesses are many, we may be even more confident of God’s abounding grace in Christ, the Spirit who dwells more intimately within our hearts than we can even imagine.

God Bless
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Rev. Deacon Peter Griffiths



6th Week of Year A

Week commencing Sunday 15th 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

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| 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 |
| Mon 16 th Feb. | | | |
| Tues 17 th Feb. | | | Geraldine Hadfield (70 th Birthday) |
| Wed 18 th Feb. | 10.30am | ASH WEDNESDAY | People of the Parish |
| Thurs 19 th Feb. | | | |
| Fri 20 th Feb. | | | |
| Sat 21 st Feb | 5.00pm | 1 st Sunday of Lent A | Sheila Hall RIP |
| Sun 22 nd Feb | 10.30am | 1 st Sunday of Lent A | Douglas & Millie 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, 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 this 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.

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 your rubbish away with you and help to keep our graveyard better for everyone.