



LITURGY

First reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Response to the Psalm: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Second reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory. Christ became for us obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name. Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Gospel: Matthew 27:11-54



Dear Parishioners

There are many scenes in literature describing the inhumanity of man to man but none so poignant as the one contained in Matthew's Gospel. It's an appalling spectacle. Crucifixion is one of the most lingering and torturing methods of execution ever devised. Even before it starts, Jesus' agony in the garden produces sweat like great drops of blood falling to the ground. Throughout the events of his trial and sentencing, Jesus' posture is one of silent composure and is in sharp contrast to the scheming conduct of his enemies. The passion story lays bare the forces of evil and the wickedness of sin. However, it reveals the goodness of God, for what appears as the triumph of the powers of darkness at his death turns out to be the great moment of God's saving plan. Christ died for our sins on the Hill of Calvary and calls us to follow the way of the cross. The way of suffering which is the way of love will only be fully understood in the light of eternity. We know from our experience that pain, suffering and death are part of life and that there is no escaping them. Walking with Jesus on the road to Calvary we learn the meaning of the cross – the depth of God's love for us and the effect of evil in the world. "The way of the cross", writes Michel Quoist, "winds through our towns and cities, our hospitals and factories, and through our battlefields. It is in front of these stations that we must stop and meditate and pray to the suffering Christ for the strength to love him."

Lord, in this time of repentance, we call out for your mercy. Bring us back to you and to the life your Son won for us by his death on the cross.

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Palm Sunday Year A

Week commencing Sunday 29th 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 March	5.00pm	Palm Sunday	Philomena Green RIP
Sun 29 th March	10.30am	Palm Sunday	Kathleen O'Toole RIP
Mon 30 th March			
Tues 31 st March			
Wed 1 st April			
Thurs 2 nd April	7.00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper (watching until 9.00pm)	Stanley & Hannah Williams RIP
Fri 3 rd April	3.00pm	Good Friday Passion	
Sat 4 th April	8.00pm	Easter Vigil (at Mount Carmel Redditch)	
Sun 5 th April	10.30am	Easter Sunday	People of the Parish

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 26th April. Thank you to Alane & Mike .

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.