



LITURGY

First reading: Acts 2: 14, 22-33

Response to the Psalm: O Lord, you will show me the path of life.

Second reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia, Lord Jesus, open the scriptures to us; make our hearts burn within us when you speak to us. Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35



Dear Parishioners

We are still on pilgrimage; we need, in a sense, to be like those disciples whose “eyes were kept from recognizing him”. While “we walk by faith and not by sight”, we *cannot* cope with seeing Jesus’ true glory. But we do have pointers to nourish faith; it’s in those pointers that we recognize Jesus. There are the events themselves of Jesus’ life, Death and Resurrection, and the witnesses’ testimony which has come down to us in Scripture and Tradition. There is the whole body of Scripture, which Jesus the Divine Wisdom helps us understand. There is The Breaking of the Bread, the Holy Eucharist, the great Sign of Jesus’ friendship, the way in which the Risen Jesus is with us most powerfully – and, like all Sacraments, it must veil the one it reveals. The disciples at Emmaus would follow Jesus on the journey into the world. In our mission, we are *following* Jesus, and he still goes ahead of us. For, as St John Paul suggested in his first Encyclical, Christ marks out the way, the *missionary* way, the Church must take. We are, each of us, charged in some way to bring the Good News to those who need it, and this is because we are caught up in *Christ’s own journey* to each human being. When we reach anyone, however, we will find that Jesus has got there first, with his Gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus and the Spirit will be there already, awakening the thirst for truth and goodness.

God Bless
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3rd Sunday of Easter Year A

Week commencing Sunday 19th April 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 18 th April	5.00pm	3 rd Sunday of Easter	Jim Fallon RIP
Sun 19 th April	10.30am	3 rd Sunday of Easter	Cathy Glasbey RIP
Mon 20 th April			
Tues 21 st April		St. Anselm (Mem)	
Wed 22 nd April			
Thurs 23 rd April		St. George (Sol)	
Fri 24 th April	11.30am	Requiem Mass	Cathy Glasbey RIP
Sat 25 th April	5.00pm	4 th Sunday of Easter	Jill Spurrell RIP
Sun 26 th April	10.30am	4 th Sunday of Easter	Paddy & Mary Hayes 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, 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, **Cathy Glasbey, Jim Fallon, Jill Spurrell** 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.

Graveyard

We still have several glass vases being used in the graveyard, even though H & S have asked us not to do so. These can cause harm when the gardener is strimming if they are caught and smashed. Please can you remove them as soon as possible or we will need to do so. Many Thanks.