



**LITURGY**

**First reading:** Acts 2: 14a, 36-41

**Response to the Psalm:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**Second reading:** 1 Peter 1 2:20-25

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia, I am the good shepherd, says the Lord. I know my sheep and my own know me. Alleluia.

**Gospel:** John 10:1-10



**Dear Parishioners**

Today's gospel focuses on sheep and shepherds. The idea is that Christ is in some way like a shepherd – a good shepherd – one who looks after his sheep. Of course, Jesus is the best of all shepherds. He gathers a flock together, a flock which is the Church, making us, his sheep, part of his mystical body. He cares for his flock in every way he can. He seeks out the lost, whatever they may have done, in order to return them to his flock and he never stops trying to bring new people into his flock. Not only is he willing to defend his flock but ultimately he gives up his life for it and he does all this because he wants to lead his flock to what God holds out for it – eternal life. Inevitably along the way difficulties must be faced.

Fortunately, Christ prepared for them. Take the Last Supper: Christ's thoughts during that final Passover with his disciples were not about himself, but rather about the ones he had come to help, the ones he had come to save – human beings. And that was the disciples in the first instance of course, but beyond that to those who follow – us. Christ never stops trying to bring people into his flock, but we can help as well: sheep follow other sheep. If other people see the benefits that being a member of Christ's flock brings, then they'll be much more likely to seek out Christ themselves. Only Christ can justify, but we can encourage other people to open themselves to Christ's saving grace. And if we can do so then we'll be helping to pass on what we have received, just as Christ would want us to do.

God Bless  
Fr. Benedict OSB

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Parish Priest: Fr. Benedict Thompson O.S.B

Rev. Deacon Peter Griffiths



**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Year A**

**Week commencing Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:sg.stmarys.studley@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns.

### Masses

Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> April	5.00pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Jill Spurrell RIP
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30am	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Paddy & Mary Hayes RIP
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> April			
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> April			
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> April		St. Catherine of Siena (Feast)	Private Intention
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> April			
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> May			Private Intention
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	5.00pm	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	People of the Parish
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	10.30am	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Pamela Parry 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### Missio

Red Box 2025: Thank You!

In 2025, St Mary's RC Studley raised £303.50 through the red boxes and individuals giving directly. Thank you! Our missionary community here at St Mary's is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. Your red box has been emptied and returned to the back of the church for you to collect. Once again thank you for your continued support through 2026.