



LITURGY

First reading: Acts 6:1-7

Response to the Psalm: May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord.

Second reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia, I am the way and the truth and the life, says the Lord. No one comes to the Father except through me. Alleluia.

Gospel: John 14:1-12



Dear Parishioners

We wonder where we are going, if anywhere. What direction do we take when our very sense of direction seems to have gone? In today's Gospel John shows us that it is no different for the disciples. Jesus gives his final discourse before leaving his close followers for the last time. He counsels them not to be afraid, for he is going to prepare a place for them, and he will return to take them with him. It is Thomas who voices their problem: what direction are they going to take in the absence of Jesus? What is to be their way when Jesus leaves them?

There are no maps into the future with specific routes clearly arrowed. Jesus simply points to himself: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life." He alone is the gateway to God, the access to the Father. Jesus *trusts* his followers down the ages to face the confusion and complexity of the world. That's why he doesn't leave answers to everything. There's still a lot of working out to be done. Looking to Jesus as the Way, the Truth and the Life, doesn't actually, *solve* every question effortlessly. But Jesus knew that! Clearly, he wants us to put our faith to work.

**God Bless
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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5th Sunday of Easter Year A

Week commencing Sunday 3rd May 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 2 nd May	5.00pm	5 th Sunday of Easter	People of the Parish
Sun 3 rd May	10.30am	5 th Sunday of Easter	Pamela Parry RIP
Mon 4 th May			
Tues 5 th May			
Wed 6 th May			Private Intention
Thurs 7 th May			
Fri 8 th May			
Sat 9 th May	5.00pm	6 th Sunday of Easter	Eugene McLoughlin RIP
Sun 10 th May	10.30am	6 th Sunday of Easter	Margaret Kickham 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 10th May. Thank you to Lin & Agnes.

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.

First Communion Mass

Please pray for the children who will be celebrating their First Communion on Saturday 9th May at 10.30am. May the Lord bless them and keep them in his care.