



LITURGY

First reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Response to the Psalm: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad

Second reading: Colossians 3:1-4

SEQUENCE

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia, Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed; let us therefore celebrate the festival in the Lord. **Alleluia.**

Gospel: John 20:1-9



Dear Parishioners

Because of the resurrection of Jesus, his followers have contributed to many ideas of our civilisation: the principle of personal moral responsibility, for example, and the rule of tolerance, the rationale for the brotherhood of all members of the human race, the basis for the exaltation of womankind, the standard of mercy, the principle of enthusiasm, the element of optimism and new concepts of peace. In our lives we can continue to contribute to such other areas as are defined by the life and example of Jesus: the guarantee of justice, esteem for human life, regard for the law, the expressions of democratic ideals, reverence for the rights of minorities.

Always bring four things into any situation when dealing with others and always look for these four things when others are dealing with you: Dignity, Dialogue, Justice and Love.

Our Christian life should be joyful. It may be, perhaps, compared to the egg. The Easter egg is a symbol of the resurrection, insofar as from the egg a new life may spring. This feast of Easter, more than any other of the year, is a day filled with a new life of enthusiasm, praise and rejoicing. Some people feel that they have little experience of the risen Christ. Perhaps the problem may be more one of recognition. Today we should pause to recognise that 'heaven' is not a special place apart from the universe. 'Heaven' is the universe, recognised as being in God. Let us resolve to lead a 'heavenly' life on earth, witnessing God's power and love. And I wish you all a very Happy Easter and great joy in the knowledge that

God loves us all very much!

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Easter Sunday Year A

Week commencing Sunday 5th 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 4 th April	5.30pm	No Mass	
Sun 5 th April	10.30am	Easter Day	People of the Parish
Mon 6 th April			
Tues 7 th April			
Wed 8 th April			
Thurs 9 th April			
Fri 10 th April			
Sat 11 th April	5.00pm	2 nd Sunday of Easter	Paul Bunn RIP
Sun 12 th April	10.30am	2 nd Sunday of Easter	Keith Cotterell 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 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.

***REJOICE FOR THE LORD IS RISEN!
A VERY HAPPY AND HOLY EASTER TO YOU
ALL.***

**God Bless
Fr. Benedict OSB**