



**LITURGY**

**First reading:** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

**Response to the Psalm:** Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

**Second reading:** 1 Peter 3:15-18

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia, If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and will come to him. Alleluia.

**Gospel:** John 14:15-21



**Dear Parishioners**

How should the Church in the West face what is seen as a rising tide of secularity often antagonistic to religion? One solution which has been suggested recently is called the Benedict Option. What does it require? It demands withdrawal and consolidation. If the Church is to survive this menace it must stop trying to compete with the combined forces of capitalism and technology which destroy everything in their path. It must withdraw from the world and concentrate on building up its true identity through actually putting into effect the stringent demands of the Gospel. Just as St Benedict in the fifth century withdrew from the decadence of city of Rome before the fall of that great empire and founded monastic communities so must Christians today become creative minority communities who keep alive the flame of faith. The witness of John’s Gospel and the witness of the Acts of the Apostles must complement each other. Christians must know their faith and live it before they can evangelise. You can’t preach love of enemies unless first you have shown you can love your own brethren. The Church is both contemplative and missionary.

Neglect one aspect and you undermine its witness.

God Bless  
Fr. Benedict OSB

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

Rev. Deacon Peter Griffiths



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

**Week commencing Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 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](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 9 <sup>th</sup> May	5.00pm	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Eugene McLoughlin RIP
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30am	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Margaret Kickham RIP
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> May			
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> May			Private Intention
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> May			
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30am	The Ascension	People of the Parish
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> May			
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> May	5.00pm	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Jill Spurrell RIP
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30am	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Millie & Douglas Thompson 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.