



LITURGY

First reading: Acts 1:12-14

Response to the Psalm: I believe I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.

Second reading: 1 Peter 4:13-16

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia, I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord. I am going away and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice.

Alleluia.

Gospel: John 17:1-11a



Dear Parishioners

Glory is for most of us a nebulous concept. What does it mean? How can God be glorified? What does it mean to give God glory?

Yet in John's Gospel the notion has a clear meaning: "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son." The hour of Jesus's glorification is the hour when he is lifted up from the earth to be with the Father on the arms of a Roman cross. The scourging, the crown of thorns, the awful journey to Calvary, this is glory; the terrible agony of the execution, this is his glory. The death, the going down among the dead, the resurrection and the seating at God right hand, all this is what is entailed in that request, "Father glorify your Son." And why does he ask for this glory? He asks for it so that he, in turn, may glorify the Father. It was for the glory of the Father that he became man.

As we celebrate the great sacrament of this saving event, in which Christ offers to the Father his accomplished work, we must know that along with him it is we ourselves that he is offering, the great crowd of those who through his death and resurrection have been made truly alive, "the whole redeemed city" as St. Augustine call it. And in the words of the same Augustine, "since we are the body of such a head, we must learn to offer ourselves through him."

God Bless

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7th Sunday of Easter Year A

Week commencing Sunday 17th 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 16 th May	5.00pm	7 th Sunday of Easter	Jill Spurrell RIP
Sun 17 th May	10.30am	7 th Sunday of Easter	Millie & Douglas Thompson RIP
Mon 18 th May			
Tues 19 th May		Ss. Dunstan, Oswald & Ethelwold (Mem)	Douai Brethren
Wed 20 th May			
Thurs 21 st May			
Fri 22 nd May			
Sat 23 rd May	5.00pm	Pentecost	John Barrett RIP
Sun 24 th May	10.30am	Pentecost	Danny Barrett 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 7th June. Thank you to Lin for volunteering.

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.