

Entrance Antiphon**Cf. Ps 16: 6, 8**

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
 turn your ear to me; hear my words.
 Guard me as the apple of your eye;
 in the shadow of your wings protect me.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
 grant that we may always conform our will to yours
 and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart.
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
 Spirit, (one) God, for ever and ever.

First reading**Isaiah 45:1,4-6**

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
 whom he has taken by his right hand
 to subdue nations before him
 and strip the loins of kings,
 to force gateways before him
 that their gates be closed no more:
 'It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,
 of Israel my chosen one,
 that I have called you by your name,
 conferring a title though you do not know me.
 I am the Lord, unrivalled;
 there is no other God besides me.
 Though you do not know me, I arm you
 that men may know from the rising to the setting of the
 sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.'

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 95(96):1,3-5,7-10*Give the Lord glory and power.*

O sing a new song to the Lord,
 sing to the Lord all the earth.
 Tell among the nations his glory
 and his wonders among all the peoples.

Give the Lord glory and power.

The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
 to be feared above all gods;
 the gods of the heathens are naught.
 It was the Lord who made the heavens,

Give the Lord glory and power.

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
 give the Lord glory and power;
 give the Lord the glory of his name.
 Bring an offering and enter his courts.

Give the Lord glory and power.

Worship the Lord in his temple.
 O earth, tremble before him.
 Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
 He will judge the peoples in fairness.

Give the Lord glory and power.

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Second reading I Thessalonians 1:1-5

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thes-
 salonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus
 Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father
 and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God
 for you all, and constantly remember before God our
 Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked
 for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus
 Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you
 have been chosen, because when we brought the Good
 News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as
 power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

Gospel Acclamation**Jn 17:17**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word is truth, O Lord:

consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

Gospel**Matthew 22:15-21**

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how
 to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples
 to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we
 know that you are an honest man and teach the way of
 God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of
 anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell
 us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to
 Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and
 replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for
 me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They
 handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this?
 Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to
 them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to
 Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant us, Lord, we pray,
 a sincere respect for your gifts,
 that, through the purifying action of your grace,
 we may be cleansed by the very mysteries we serve.
 Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 32: 18-19

Behold, the eyes of the Lord
 are on those who fear him,
 who hope in his merciful love,
 to rescue their souls from death,
 to keep them alive in famine.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, O Lord, we pray,
 that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things,
 we may be helped by what you give in this present age
 and prepared for the gifts that are eternal.
 Through Christ our Lord.



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22nd October 2023

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Sundays:

St Barnabas' Mass 9am

St Agatha's Mass at 11am

Today is the PCC meeting. As soon as possible after Mass at St Agatha's please!

A special welcome to all visitors. Please join us for tea and coffee after the service if you can.

A quotation from the treasurer:

Do remember to prioritise St Agatha's in your home budget- what is more important: worshipping God to glorious music in a beautiful building or a Netflix subscription?

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We pray for our parish, for all who live and work within our parish boundaries; holding them up for God's blessing. We pray for all pupils who attend the schools within our parish. We pray for St Agatha's Boxing Club, and St Barnabas' Nursery. We commend to you all who are sick or in any kind of need.

We pray for the Fr Michael, Fr Sergei, Church Warden Martin and the congregation of the Russian Orthodox Parish of All Saints, who meet at St Agatha's on Saturdays.

We ask your help for all in positions of responsibility in our churches. We pray for our priest Fr Thomas Singh and his wife Sandhya as they minister in our parish. We pray for Bishop Paul.

We pray for each individual member of our congregations that we may be faithful to our vocations and worthy ambassadors of our Catholic faith.

St Agatha's Prayer

Let your forgiveness be won for us by the pleading of Saint Agatha, who found favour with you by her chastity and by her courage in suffering death for the gospel.

St Barnabas's Prayer

God our Father, You filled Saint Barnabas with faith and the Holy Spirit and sent him to convert the nations; help us to proclaim the gospel by word and deed.

We pray for those who are in need or ill:

John Gregory, David Stokes, Peter Rouillard, Mike Lock, Jean Tomlinson, Elaine Stanley, Janet Gregory, Arthur Cardin, Donnette Rigg, Ava Crossley, Keith Garnor, Phil Lee.

We pray for those who have recently died..

Reminder: the clocks go back 1 hour next weekend.



The Society
under the patronage of Saint Wilfrid and Saint Hilda

