

**Entrance Antiphon****Cf. Ps 24: 1-3**

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.  
 In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.  
 Nor let my enemies exult over me;  
 and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

**Collect**

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God,  
 the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ  
 with righteous deeds at his coming,  
 so that, gathered at his right hand,  
 they may be worthy to possess the heavenly kingdom.  
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
 who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy  
 Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

**First reading****Jeremiah 33:14-16**

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks –  
 when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the  
 House of Israel and the House of Judah:

‘In those days and at that time,  
 I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David,  
 who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.  
 In those days Judah shall be saved  
 and Israel shall dwell in confidence.  
 And this is the name the city will be called:  
 The-Lord-our-integrity.’

**Responsorial Psalm 24(25):4-5,8-9,10,14***To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.*

Lord, make me know your ways.  
 Lord, teach me your paths.  
 Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
 for you are God my saviour.

*To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.*

The Lord is good and upright.  
 He shows the path to those who stray,  
 He guides the humble in the right path,  
 He teaches his way to the poor.

*To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.*

His ways are faithfulness and love  
 for those who keep his covenant and law.  
 The Lord’s friendship is for those who revere him;  
 to them he reveals his covenant.

*To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.***Second reading I Thessalonians 3:12-4:2**

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and  
 make you love one another and the whole human race  
 as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your  
 hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the  
 sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus  
 Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in  
 the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in  
 the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that  
 God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are  
 already living it. You have not forgotten the  
 instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord  
 Jesus.

**Gospel Acclamation****Ps84:8**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Let us see, O Lord, your mercy  
 and give us your saving help.  
 Alleluia!

**Gospel****Luke 21:25-28,34-36**

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun and  
 moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the  
 clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they  
 await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will  
 be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a  
 cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to  
 take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your  
 liberation is near at hand.

‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with  
 debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that  
 day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come  
 down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay  
 awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that  
 is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the  
 Son of Man.’

**Prayer over the Offerings**

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make,  
 gathered from among your gifts to us,  
 and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here  
 below  
 gain for us the prize of eternal redemption.  
 Through Christ our Lord.

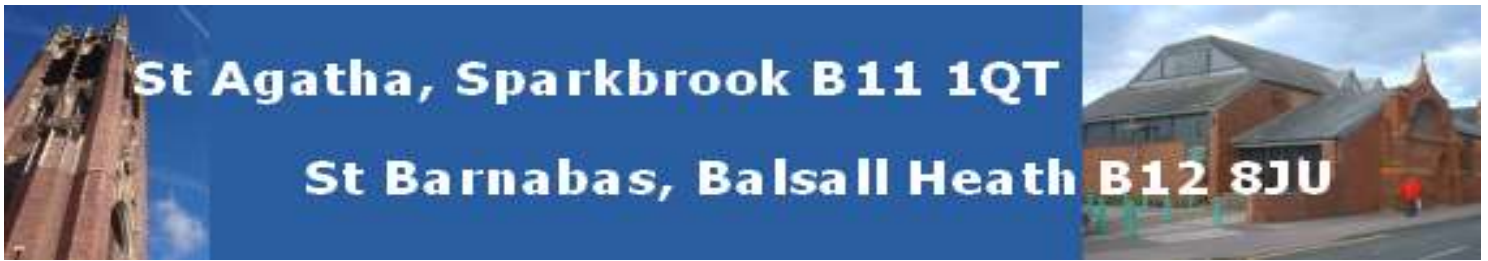
**Communion Antiphon****Ps 84: 13**

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its  
 increase.

**Prayer after Communion**

May these mysteries, O Lord,  
 in which we have participated  
 profit us, we pray,  
 for even now, as we walk amid passing things,  
 you teach us by them to love the things of heaven  
 and hold fast to what endures.  
 Through Christ our Lord.

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**1<sup>st</sup> December 2024 News/prayers**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Mass times on Sundays:

St Barnabas' at 9.00am

& St Agatha's at 11am

# Christmas 2024

**24th December 6.30pm Mass**

**at St Agatha's B11 1QT**

**25th December 10am Mass**

**at St Barnabas B12 8JU**

Lord Jesus, light of the world,  
 born in David's city of Bethlehem,  
 born like him to be a king:  
 be born in our hearts at Christmas,  
 be King of our lives today. Amen

However much we heat our buildings they are difficult to make warm. Please feel free to dress warmly and bring a blanket if you need to!

Asperges me, Domine, hyssopo et mundabor,  
 Lavabis me, et super nivem dealbabor.  
 Miserere mei, Deus, secundum magnam misericordiam tuam.  
 Thou wilt sprinkle me, O Lord, with hyssop and I shall be cleansed  
 Thou wilt wash me, and I shall be washed whiter than snow.  
 Pity me, O God, according to Thy great mercy  
 Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto  
 Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen  
 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost  
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

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:  
 HM The King, HRH The Princess of Wales, John Gregory, David Stokes, Peter Rouillard, Mike Lock, Jean Tomlinson, Elaine Stanley, Janet Gregory, Donnette Rigg, Ava Crossley, Phil Lee, Roger McDonald, Fr Balwant Singh, Esther Micklewright, Robert Smith, Fr. John Luff, Carole Luff  
 We pray for those who have died recently.



**St Agatha's Patronal Festival:**

Saturday 8th February 2025 at  
**12 noon.**