

Entrance Antiphon

O people of Zion, behold,
the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard
in the joy of your heart.

Collect

Almighty and merciful God,
may no earthly undertaking hinder those
who set out in haste to meet your Son,
but may our learning of heavenly wisdom
gain us admittance to his company.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

First reading**Baruch 5:1-9**

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress,
put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever,
wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you,
put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head:
since God means to show your splendour to every nation
under heaven,
since the name God gives you for ever will be,
'Peace through integrity, and honour through
devotedness.' Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights
and turn your eyes to the east:
see your sons reassembled from west and east
at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has
remembered them.
Though they left you on foot,
with enemies for an escort,
now God brings them back to you
like royal princes carried back in glory.
For God has decreed the flattening
of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills,
the filling of the valleys to make the ground level
so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God.
And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade
for Israel at the command of God;
for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory
with his mercy and integrity for escort.

Responsorial Psalm**Psalm 125(126)**

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs.

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!
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Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap.

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing;
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves.

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

Cf. Is 30: 19, 30**Second reading****Philippians 1:4-6,8-11**

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy,
remembering how you have helped to spread the Good
News from the day you first heard it right up to the
present. I am quite certain that the One who began this
good work in you will see that it is finished when the
Day of Christ Jesus comes; and God knows how much I
miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My
prayer is that your love for each other may increase
more and more and never stop improving your
knowledge and deepening your perception so that you
can always recognise what is best. This will help you to
become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the
Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness
which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and
praise of God.

Gospel Acclamation**Lk3:4,6**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight,
and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Gospel**Luke 3:1-6**

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when
Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of
Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea
and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the
pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas the word of God
came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He
went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a
baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is
written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.

Every valley will be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
winding ways will be straightened
and rough roads made smooth.

And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

Prayer over the Offerings

Be pleased, O Lord, with our humble prayers and
offerings, and, since we have no merits to plead our
cause, come, we pray, to our rescue
with the protection of your mercy.
Through Christ our Lord.

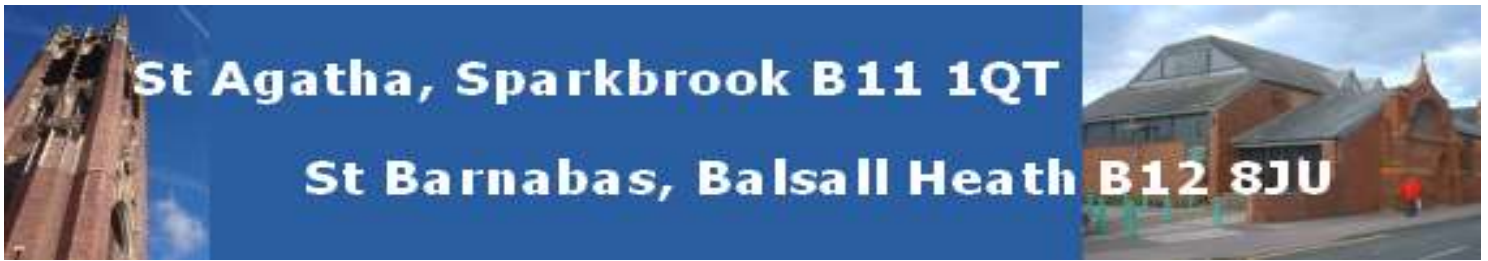
Communion Antiphon**Bar 5: 5; 4: 36**

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

Prayer after Communion

Replenished by the food of spiritual nourishment,
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,
that, through our partaking in this mystery,
you may teach us to judge wisely the things of earth
and hold firm to the things of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

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8th December 2024 News/prayers 2nd 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

Advent 2

Lord Jesus, light of the world,
the prophets said you would bring peace
and save your people in trouble.
Give peace in our hearts at Christmas
and show all the world God's love.

Asperges me, Domine, hyssopo et mundabor,
Lavabis me, et super nivem dealabor.
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

Cleaning and preparation for Christmas.

If you can, please stay behind after
Mass on 15th to clean, and, on 22nd,
to prepare St Agatha's for Christmas.

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.

Carol singing

Saturday 21st December 1pm
Join with other local Christians on the
corner of Ladypool Road and St Paul's Road.



St Agatha's Patronal Festival:

Saturday 8th February 2025 at 12 noon.