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7th July 2024 News/prayers

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass times on Sundays:

St Barnabas' at 9.00am

& St Agatha's at 11am

Ladypool School Summer fair

Friday 12th July 1-3pm

Please feel welcome to come along to this event- it is a major fundraiser for the school fund. Former pupils particularly welcome! Ask Priscilla if you'd like to know more. Or see the leaflet at the back of church



heritage open days

St Agatha's hope to be hosting
 Heritage Open Days

7th to 15th September 2024.

We need people to help keep the building open, particularly on Saturdays. Look out in the church WhatsApp group for more information or ask Catherine Goodier. It is our annual opportunity to show off our building by opening to the public.

Are you interested in being confirmed?

If so, please ask Fr Thomas for more information.

(Baptisms, weddings and funerals also available on request.)

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, Arthur Cardin, Donnette Rigg, Ava Crossley, Keith Garnor, Phil Lee, Roger McDonald, Fr Balwant Singh, Esther Micklewright, Robert Smith and Shaunagh McSweeney

We pray for those who have recently died.

We have been asked to find ways to make our churches more environmentally friendly and move towards 'Net zero carbon'. This is a big challenge given what our buildings are like, but we must do what we can. One way is to bring your own re-usable cup for coffee.



Entrance Antiphon

Your merciful love, O God,
we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Cf. Ps 47: 10-11**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word was made flesh and lived among us:
to all who did accept him
he gave power to become children of God.
Alleluia!

Jn1:14,12**Collect**

O God, who in the abasement of your Son
have raised up a fallen world,
fill your faithful with holy joy,
for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin
you bestow eternal gladness.
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**Ezekiel 2:2-5**

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

Responsorial Psalm**Psalm 122(123)**

Our eyes are on the Lord till he show us his mercy.

To you have I lifted up my eyes,
you who dwell in the heavens;
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves
on the hand of their lords.

Our eyes are on the Lord till he show us his mercy.

Like the eyes of a servant
on the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes are on the Lord our God
till he show us his mercy.

Our eyes are on the Lord till he show us his mercy.

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
We are filled with contempt.

Indeed all too full is our soul
with the scorn of the rich,
with the proud man's disdain.

Our eyes are on the Lord till he show us his mercy.

Second reading**2 Corinthians 12:7-10**

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

Gospel**Mark 6:1-6**

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Prayer over the Offerings

May this oblation dedicated to your name
purify us, O Lord,
and day by day bring our conduct
closer to the life of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon**Ps 33: 9**

Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, O Lord,
that, having been replenished by such great gifts,
we may gain the prize of salvation
and never cease to praise you.
Through Christ our Lord.

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