

Entrance Antiphon**Cf. Est 4: 17**

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.

For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;
you are the Lord of all.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your
kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who
entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what
conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to
ask. 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**Genesis 2:18-24**

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be
alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord
God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven.
These he brought to the man to see what he would call them;
each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The
man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and
all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was
found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep
sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed
it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the
man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man
exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh!
This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins
himself to his wife, and they become one body.

Responsorial Psalm**Psalm 127(128)**

May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!

By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper.

May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table.

May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.

May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life!

May you see your children's children.
On Israel, peace!

May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

Second reading**Hebrews 2:9-11**

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower
than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour
because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to
experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into
glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything
exists and through whom everything exists, should make
perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them

to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the
ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is
why he openly calls them brothers.

Gospel Acclamation**Jn 17:17**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word is truth, O Lord:
consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

Gospel**Mark 10:2-16**

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against
the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing
him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command
you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of
dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It
was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this
commandment for you. But from the beginning of
creation God made them male and female. This is why a
man must leave father and mother, and the two become
one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one
body. So then, what God has united, man must not
divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him
again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who
divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of
adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her
husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery
too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to
touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when
Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the
little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to
such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you
solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom
of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put
his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave
them his blessing.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, we pray,
the sacrifices instituted by your commands
and, through the sacred mysteries,
which we celebrate with dutiful service,
graciously complete the sanctifying work
by which you are pleased to redeem us.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon**Lam 3: 25**

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him.

Prayer after Communion

Grant us, almighty God,
that we may be refreshed and nourished
by the Sacrament which we have received,
so as to be transformed into what we consume.
Through Christ our Lord.

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6th October 2024 News/prayers

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass times on Sundays:

St Barnabas' at 9.00am

& St Agatha's at 11am

Today is our Harvest festival

Please join us for a bring and share lunch after Mass at St Agatha's. Donations of tins of food suitable to be given to people in need in our parish welcome. Please make sure all tins are in date. Tins that do not require a tin-opener preferred.

Dates for 2025:

St Agatha's Patronal Festival:

Saturday 8th February 11am

The next Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham:

30th May-1st June

The funeral of Arthur Cardin is on Friday 25th October at 12 noon at St Agatha's. Arthur was a very faithful member of St Agatha's for decades. Please come and support if you are able to. He is greatly missed by those of us who remember him.

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, Keith Garnor, Phil Lee, Roger McDonald, Fr Balwant Singh, Esther Micklewright, Robert Smith and Fr. John Luff.

We pray for those who have died recently.

The next meeting of our PCC is on Sunday 20th October, after Mass at St Agatha's. Agendas have been sent. Please get your reports sent to Priscilla this week.

