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28th July 2024 News/prayers

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass times on Sundays:

St Barnabas' at 9.00am

& St Agatha's at 11am



St Agatha's are hosting Heritage Open Days

Saturday 7th September 11am-3pm

Sunday 8th September 12.30-3pm

Tuesday 10th September 4-6pm

Saturday 14th September 11am-3pm

Sunday 12th September 12.30-3pm

Thanks to those who signed up in the church WhatsApp group. For more information ask Priscilla or Catherine Goodier.

It is our annual opportunity to show our building 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, Fr John Luff

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 with our buildings, but we must do what we can. One way is to bring your own re-usable cup for coffee.



Entrance Antiphon

God is in his holy place,
 God who unites those who dwell in his house;
 he himself gives might and strength to his people.

Cf. Ps 67: 6-7, 36**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!
 Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life;
 you have the message of eternal life.
 Alleluia!

cf. Jn 6:63,68**Collect**

O God, protector of those who hope in you,
 without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy,
 bestow in abundance your mercy upon us
 and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide,
 we may use the good things that pass
 in such a way as to hold fast even now
 to those that ever endure.
 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.

Gospel**John 6:1-15**

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee –
 or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him,
 impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus
 climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his
 disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of
 Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and
 said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these
 people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself
 knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered,
 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give
 them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew,
 Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here
 with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that
 between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people
 sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many
 as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the
 loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were
 sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving
 out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten
 enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left
 over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them
 up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from
 the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this
 sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet
 who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see
 they were about to come and take him by force and
 make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

First reading**2 Kings 4:42-44**

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of
 God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and
 fresh grain in the ear: 'Give it to the people to eat', Elisha
 said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a
 hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for
 the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He
 served them; they ate and had some left over, as the Lord
 had said.

Responsorial Psalm 144(145):10-11,15-18

You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
 and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
 They shall speak of the glory of your reign
 and declare your might, O God.

You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires.

The eyes of all creatures look to you
 and you give them their food in due time.
 You open wide your hand,
 grant the desires of all who live.

You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires.

The Lord is just in all his ways
 and loving in all his deeds.
 He is close to all who call him,
 who call on him from their hearts.

You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the offerings
 which we bring from the abundance of your gifts,
 that through the powerful working of your grace
 these most sacred mysteries may sanctify our present
 way of life
 and lead us to eternal gladness.
 Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon**Ps 102: 2**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
 and never forget all his benefits.

Prayer after Communion

We have consumed, O Lord, this divine Sacrament,
 the perpetual memorial of the Passion of your Son;
 grant, we pray, that this gift,
 which he himself gave us with love beyond all telling,
 may profit us for salvation.
 Through Christ our Lord.

Second reading**Ephesians 4:1-6**

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy
 of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in
 complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you
 can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that
 binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you
 were all called into one and the same hope when you were
 called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one
 God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all.

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