

**Entrance Antiphon** ~~~~~ **Ps 118: 137, 124**

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;  
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

**Collect**

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption,  
look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters,  
that those who believe in Christ  
may receive true freedom  
and an everlasting inheritance.  
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**

**Isaiah 35:4-7**

Say to all faint hearts,  
'Courage! Do not be afraid.  
Look, your God is coming,  
vengeance is coming,  
the retribution of God;  
he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
the ears of the deaf unsealed,  
then the lame shall leap like a deer  
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;

for water gushes in the desert,  
streams in the wasteland,  
the scorched earth becomes a lake,  
the parched land springs of water.

**Responsorial Psalm**      **Psalm 145(146):7-10**

*My soul, give praise to the Lord.*

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

*My soul, give praise to the Lord.*

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down.  
It is the Lord who loves the just,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger.

*My soul, give praise to the Lord.*

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age.

*My soul, give praise to the Lord.*

**Second reading**

**James 2:1-5**

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and

to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**IS3:9,Jn6:68**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:  
you have the message of eternal life.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel**

**Mark 7:31-37**

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

**Prayer over the Offerings**

O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace,  
graciously grant that through this offering,  
we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty  
and, by partaking of the sacred mystery,  
we may be faithfully united in mind and heart.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Communion Antiphon**

**Cf. Ps 41: 2-3**

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,  
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;  
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

**Prayer after Communion**

Grant that your faithful, O Lord,  
whom you nourish and endow with life  
through the food of your Word and heavenly  
Sacrament, may so benefit from your beloved Son's  
great gifts that we may merit an eternal share in his life.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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## 8<sup>th</sup> September 2024 News/prayers

### 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 &  
 Birmingham Heritage Week

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 12.30-3pm**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 4-6pm**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 11am-3pm**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September 12.30-3pm**

Sign up to help on the list at the back of church.

Afternoon tea tickets for 10<sup>th</sup> September are on sale  
 from the back of church next weekend price £5 each.

Please let us know your dietary requirements.

Or you can book via email:

[stagathaspark@gmail.com](mailto:stagathaspark@gmail.com)

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 Fr. John Luff.

We pray for those who have recently died.

Dates for the next Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham:

30th May-1st June 2025.

If you are interested, please see the photos at the back of church or ask a member of our congregation who went there last weekend!.

Are you interested in being confirmed?

If so, please ask Fr Thomas for more information.

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



**The Society**  
 under the patronage of Saint Wilfrid and Saint Hilda

