

**Entrance Antiphon****Cf. Sir 36: 18**

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,  
that your prophets be found true.  
Hear the prayers of your servant,  
and of your people Israel.

**Collect**

Look upon us, O God,  
Creator and ruler of all things,  
and, that we may feel the working of your mercy,  
grant that we may serve you with all our heart.  
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 50:5-9**

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance,  
neither did I turn away.  
I offered my back to those who struck me,  
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;  
I did not cover my face  
against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help,  
so that I am untouched by the insults.  
So, too, I set my face like flint;  
I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start  
proceedings against me?

Then let us go to court together.  
Who thinks he has a case against me?  
Let him approach me.

The Lord is coming to my help,  
who will dare to condemn me?

**Responsorial Psalm Psalm 114(116):1-6,8-9**

*I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.*

I love the Lord for he has heard  
the cry of my appeal;  
for he turned his ear to me  
in the day when I called him.

*I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.*

They surrounded me, the snares of death,  
with the anguish of the tomb;  
they caught me, sorrow and distress.  
I called on the Lord's name.

O Lord, my God, deliver me!

*I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.*

How gracious is the Lord, and just;  
our God has compassion.  
The Lord protects the simple hearts;  
I was helpless so he saved me.

*I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.*

He has kept my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears  
and my feet from stumbling.  
I will walk in the presence of the Lord  
in the land of the living.

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**Second reading****James 2:14-18**

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty', without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

**Gospel Acclamation****Jn 14:6**

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;  
No one can come to the Father except through me.

**Gospel****Mark 8:27-35**

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

**Prayer over the Offerings**

Look with favour on our supplications, O Lord,  
and in your kindness accept these, your servants'  
offerings, that what each has offered to the honour of  
your name may serve the salvation of all.  
Through Christ our Lord.

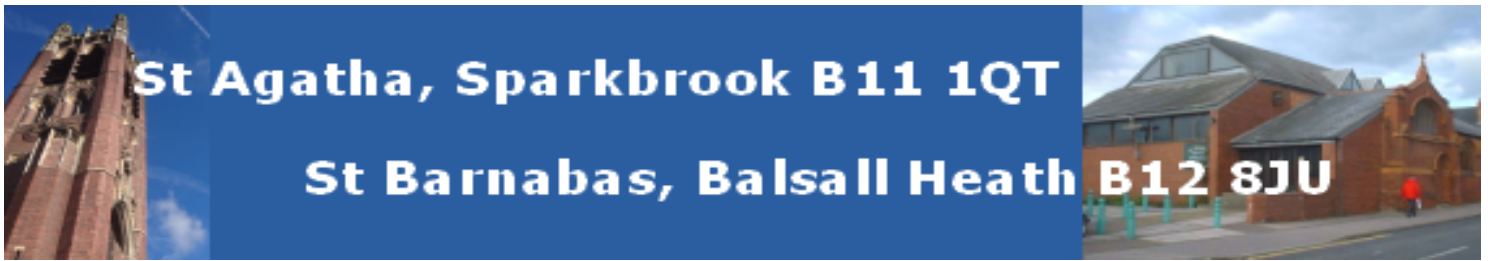
**Communion Antiphon****Cf. Ps 35: 8**

How precious is your mercy, O God!  
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of  
your wings.

**Prayer after Communion**

May the working of this heavenly gift, O Lord, we pray,  
take possession of our minds and bodies,  
so that its effects, and not our own desires,  
may always prevail in us.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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**15<sup>th</sup> September 2024 News/prayers**

**24th 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**

Today is our last Open Day this year!  
 Do stay behind to support it if you would like to;  
 the more the merrier!

**12.30-3pm**

A big thank you to all who have helped,  
 particularly to Catherine for organising and  
 Janet for the superb catering!

**Dates for 2025:**

St Agatha's Patronal Festival: Saturday 8th February 11am

The next Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham: 30th May-1st June

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.

