

Entrance Antiphon **4 Esdras 2: 36-37**
Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God,
who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.

Collect
God of everlasting mercy,
who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast
kindle the faith of the people you have made your own,
increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed,
that all may grasp and rightly understand
in what font they have been washed,
by whose Spirit they have been reborn,
by whose Blood they have been redeemed.
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 **Acts 5:12-16**
The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the
Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join
them, but the people were loud in their praise and the
numbers of men and women who came to believe in the
Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were
worked among the people at the hands of the apostles
that the sick were even taken out into the streets and
laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least
the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as
he went past. People even came crowding in from the
towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their
sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of
them were cured.

Responsorial Psalm 117(118):2-4,22-27
*Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.*

Let the sons of Israel say:
‘His love has no end.’
Let the sons of Aaron say:
‘His love has no end.’
Let those who fear the Lord say:
‘His love has no end.’
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

○ Lord, grant us salvation;
○ Lord, grant success.
Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
the Lord God is our light.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Second reading **Apocalypse 1:9-13,17-19**
My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am
your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom,
and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for
having preached God’s word and witnessed for Jesus; it
was the Lord’s day and the Spirit possessed me, and I
heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, ‘Write
down all that you see in a book.’ I turned round to see

who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven
golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a
Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a
golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he
touched me with his right hand and said, ‘Do not be afraid;
it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One, I was dead
and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys
of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that
you see of present happenings and things that are still to
come.’

Gospel Acclamation **Jn20:29**
Jesus said: ‘You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.’
Gospel **John 20:19-31**

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the
doors were closed in the room where the disciples were,
for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He
said to them, ‘Peace be with you’, and showed them his
hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when
they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, ‘Peace be with
you.’

‘As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.’
After saying this he breathed on them and said:
‘Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.’

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not
with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, ‘We
have seen the Lord’, he answered, ‘Unless I see the holes
that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into
the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his
side, I refuse to believe.’ Eight days later the disciples were
in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors
were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them.
‘Peace be with you’ he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, ‘Put
your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your
hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.’
Thomas replied, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him:

‘You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.’

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the
disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These
are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life
through his name.

Prayer over the Offerings
Accept, O Lord, we pray,
the oblations of your people
(and of those you have brought to new birth),
that, renewed by confession of your name and by Baptism,
they may attain unending happiness.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon **Cf. Jn 20: 27**
Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,
and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion
Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that our reception of this paschal Sacrament
may have a continuing effect
in our minds and hearts.

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27th April 2025 News/prayers 2nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday

Mass times on Sundays:
 St Barnabas' at 9am
 & St Agatha's at 11am

Sequence: Victimae Paschali Laudes

Christians, to the Paschal Victim
 offer sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
 and Christ, the undefiled,
 hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!

Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary:

say what thou didst see upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose;
 I saw Christ's glory as he rose!

The angels there attesting;
 shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen:
 he goes before you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.
 Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven. Alleluia!

He whom Thou wast meet to bear. Alleluia!

As He promised hath arisen. Alleluia!

Pour for us to God thy prayer. Alleluia!

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia

Today is our Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Please stay
 behind for the meeting if you possibly can.

A huge thank you to
 everyone who played a
 part to make our Easter
 celebrations so special.

May is Mary's month:

*We will say the rosary at 10.40am at St Agatha's on
 Sundays during May in the Lady Chapel.*

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,
 Janet Gregory, John Gregory, David Stokes, Peter
 Rouillard, Mike Lock, Elaine Stanley, Donnette Rigg,
 Ava Crossley, Phil Lee, Roger McDonald,
 r Balwant Singh, Esther Micklewright, Robert Smith,
 r. John Luff, Carole Luff, Ben Whitehouse.
 We pray for those who have died recently,
 specially His Holiness Pope Francis.

