

Entrance Antiphon **Cf. Ps 73: 20, 19, 22, 23**

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
whom, taught by the Holy Spirit,
we dare to call our Father,
bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts
the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters,
that we may merit to enter into the inheritance
which you have promised.
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**Wisdom 18:6-9**

That night of our liberation was made known beforehand
to our fathers, so that they might rejoice in sure knowledge
of the oaths in which they trusted. The deliverance of the
righteous and the destruction of their enemies were
expected by your people. For by the same means by which
you punished our enemies you called us to yourself and
glorified us. For in secret the holy children of good people
offered sacrifices and with one accord agreed to the divine
law, that the saints would share alike the same things, both
blessings and dangers; and already they were singing the
praises of the fathers.

Responsorial Psalm 33(32):1, 12. 18-19. 20, 22. R 12b

Blessed the people the LORD has chosen as his heritage.

Ring out your joy to the LORD, O you just;
for praise is fitting from the upright.
Blessed the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people he has chosen as his heritage.

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Yes, the LORD's eyes are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their soul from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

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Our soul is waiting for the LORD.
He is our help and our shield.
May your merciful love be upon us,
as we hope in you, O LORD.

Blessed the people the LORD has chosen as his heritage.

Second reading**Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12**

Brothers and Sisters: Faith is the assurance of things hoped
for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people
of old received their commendation.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out
to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And
he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he
went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land,
living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the
same promise. For he was looking forward to the city
that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.
By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even
when she was past the age, since she considered him
faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and
him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as
the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains
of sand by the seashore.

Gospel Acclamation**Matthew 24:42a, 44**

Alleluia, alleluia.

Stay awake and be ready,
for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not
expect. Alleluia.

Gospel**Luke 12:35-40**

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'Stay dressed for
action and keep your lamps burning, and be like men who
are waiting for their master to come home from the
wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at
once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those
servants whom the master finds awake when he comes.
Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service, and
have them recline at table, and he will come and serve
them. If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and
finds them awake, blessed are those servants! But know
this, that if the master of the house had known at what
hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his
house to be broken into. You also must be ready, for the
Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Be pleased, O Lord, to accept the offerings of your
Church, for in your mercy you have given them to be
offered and by your power you transform them
into the mystery of our salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon**Ps 147: 12, 14**

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

Prayer after Communion

May the communion in your Sacrament
that we have consumed, save us, O Lord,
and confirm us in the light of your truth.
Through Christ our Lord.

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3rd August 2025 News/prayers

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sadly, next week, 17th August is going to be Fr Thomas's final Sunday with us. We intend to hold a 'bring and share' lunch so that we can say our goodbyes. Please join us if you can.

Fr Thomas is moving to St Hugh's Banbury. His licensing Service is to be held on Monday 29th September at 7.30pm. It would be good if some of us can accompany him to that event. There is more information, and a place to sign at the back of church if you would like to be with him on that day.

Fr Thomas is about to publish a book called: 'Faith, Fire and Footsteps'. Please sign at the back of church if you would be interested in buying a copy.



Once again we will be opening our doors for Heritage Open Days/ Birmingham Heritage week and we need volunteers to welcome people, serve drinks and show visitors around St Agatha's. No previous experience is needed, so please consider signing the list at the back! The times we need volunteers are:

Sunday 14th September 12-1.30pm

Saturday 20th September 11am-3pm

Sunday 21st September 12-1.30pm

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, Fr Balwant Singh, Esther Micklewright, Robert Smith, Fr. John Luff, Carole Luff, Ben Whitehouse, Phillip Wheeler, Rene Priestly, Audrey Downey.
We pray for those who have died recently.

