

**Entrance Antiphon****Cf. Mal 3: 1; 1 Chr 29: 12**

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come;  
and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

**Collect**

O God, who on this day  
revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations  
by the guidance of a star,  
grant in your mercy, that we, who know you already by faith,  
may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory.  
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 60:1-6**

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come,  
the glory of the Lord is rising on you,  
though night still covers the earth  
and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises  
and above you his glory appears.  
The nations come to your light  
and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round:  
all are assembling and coming towards you,  
your sons from far away  
and your daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant,  
your heart throbbing and full;  
since the riches of the sea will flow to you,  
the wealth of the nations come to you;

camels in throngs will cover you,  
and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;  
everyone in Sheba will come,  
bringing gold and incense  
and singing the praise of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm 71(72):1-2,7-8,10-13**

*All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.*

O God, give your judgement to the king,  
to a king's son your justice,  
that he may judge your people in justice  
and your poor in right judgement.

*All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.*

In his days justice shall flourish  
and peace till the moon fails.  
He shall rule from sea to sea,  
from the Great River to earth's bounds.

*All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.*

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts  
shall pay him tribute.  
The kings of Sheba and Seba  
shall bring him gifts.

Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,  
all nations shall serve him.

*All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.*

For he shall save the poor when they cry  
and the needy who are helpless.  
He will have pity on the weak  
and save the lives of the poor.

*All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.*

**Second reading****Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6**

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by  
God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by  
a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the  
mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed  
through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was  
unknown to any men in past generations; it means that  
pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are  
parts of the same body, and that the same promise has  
been made to them, in Jesus Christ, through the gospel.

**Gospel Acclamation****Mt2:2**

We saw his star as it rose  
and have come to do the Lord homage. Alleluia!

**Gospel****Matthew 2:1-12**

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during  
the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to  
Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the  
Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have  
come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this  
he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem.  
He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of  
the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was  
to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for  
this is what the prophet wrote:

*And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah,  
for out of you will come a leader  
who will shepherd my people Israel.'*

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him  
privately. He asked them the exact date on which the  
star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go  
and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you  
have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and  
do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to  
say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star  
they had seen rising; it went forward, and halted over the  
place where the child was. The sight of the star filled  
them with delight, and going into the house they saw the  
child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees  
they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they  
offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But  
they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod,  
and returned to their own country by a different way.

**Prayer over the Offerings**

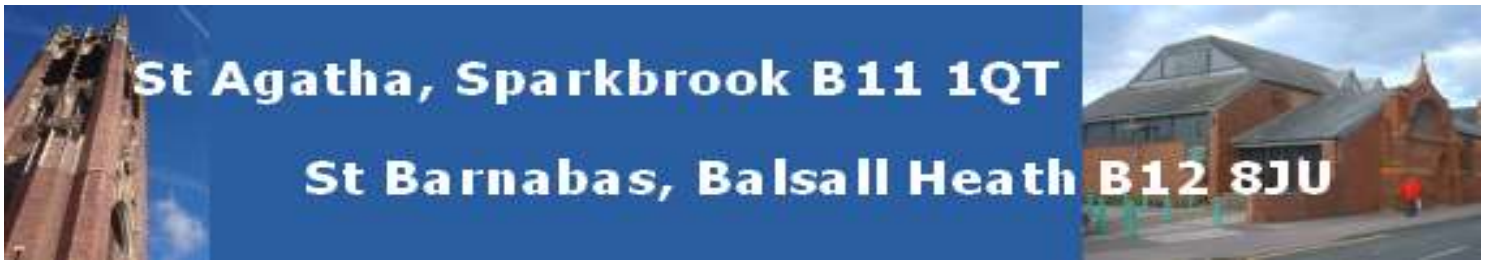
Look with favour, Lord, we pray,  
on these gifts of your Church,  
in which are offered now not gold or frankincense or myrrh,  
but he who by them is proclaimed,  
sacrificed and received, Jesus Christ.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**Communion Antiphon****Cf. Mt 2: 2**

We have seen his star in the East,  
and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

**Prayer after Communion**

Go before us with heavenly light, O Lord,  
always and everywhere,  
that we may perceive with clear sight  
and revere with true affection  
the mystery in which you have willed us to participate.  
Through Christ our Lord.



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## 5<sup>th</sup> January News/prayers The feast of the Epiphany

Mass times on Sundays:

St Barnabas' at 9.00am

& St Agatha's at 11am

### St Agatha's Patronal Festival:

Saturday 8th February 2025 at **12 noon.**

**Please invite your friends.**

The next PCC meeting is due to be held on Sunday 19th January after Mass at St Agatha's. PCC members please look out for emails arriving this week and if you have any special items you wish to add to the agenda, please make them known to Priscilla ASAP.

Reports in by Monday 13th please.

#### Announcement of movable feasts:

Know, dear brothers and sisters, that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Saviour.

On the fifth day of March will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

On the twentieth day of April you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the twenty-ninth day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the eighth day of June, the feast of Pentecost.

On the twenty-second day of the same month, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

On the thirtieth day of November, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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, Donnette Rigg, Ava Crossley, Phil Lee, Roger McDonald, Fr Balwant Singh, Esther Micklewright, Robert Smith  
Fr. John Luff, Carole Luff  
We pray for those who have died recently.

#### Walsingham Pilgrimage 2025

30<sup>th</sup> May to 1<sup>st</sup> June. If you are interested in going, please see Catherine Goodier.

However much we heat our buildings they are difficult to make warm. Please feel free to dress warmly and bring a blanket if you need to!

