Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 16:15

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

Collect

O God, who show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honour. 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

Deuteronomy 30:10-14 'The word is very near you, so that you can do it.'

Moses spoke to the people: 'Obey the voice of the LORD your God, keep his commandments and his statutes that are written in this Book of the Law, turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

'For this commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far off. It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will ascend to heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?" Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?" But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 69(68):14, 17. 30-31. 33-34. 36ab, 37. R cf. 33

Seek God, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.

I pray to you, O LORD, at an acceptable time. In your great mercy, answer me, O God, with your faithful salvation. LORD, answer, for your mercy is kind; in your great compassion, turn toward me.

Seek God, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.

As for me in my poverty and pain, let your salvation, O God, raise me up. Then I will praise God's name with a song; I will glorify him with thanksgiving.

Seek God, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.

The poor when they see it will be glad, and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the LORD attends to the needy, and does not spurn his own in their chains.

Seek God, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.

For God will bring salvation to Sion, and rebuild the cities of Judah.

The children of his servants shall inherit it; those who love his name shall dwell there.

Seek God, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.

Second reading

Colossians 1:15-20

'All things were created through him and for him.'

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold

together. And he is the head of the body, the Church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Gospel Acclamation

Cf. John 6:63c, 68c

Alleluia, alleluia. Your words, O Lord, are Spirit and life; you have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 10:25-37

'Who is my neighbour?'

At that time: Behold, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, 'Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? How do you read it?' And he answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.'

But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, "Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back." Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbour to the man who fell among the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' And Jesus said to him, 'You go, and do likewise.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Look upon the offerings of the Church, O Lord, as she makes her prayer to you, and grant that, when consumed by those who believe, they may bring ever greater holiness. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 83: 4-5

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

Prayer after Communion

Having consumed these gifts, we pray, O Lord, that, by our participation in this mystery, its saving effects upon us may grow. Through Christ our Lord.

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13th July 2025 News/prayers

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

For those of you who enjoy attending patronal festivals: There is to be a Festival Mass at St Benedict's, 55 Hobmoor Road. B10 9AY **today** Sunday 13th July at 3pm.

For more information ask Kevin.

Sunday 20th July PCC meeting

If you have reports for the PCC please get them to Priscilla ASAP and PCC members, please prepare to stay behind after Mass next week for the Meeting

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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.

\$t 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.

\$t 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.

The clock has a worn gravity escapement leg so it has stopped. Smith of Derby will be attending on Tuesday to investigate.







