

**Entrance Antiphon**

God is in his holy place,  
 God who unites those who dwell in his house;  
 he himself gives might and strength to his people.

**Collect**

O God, protector of those who hope in you,  
 without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy,  
 bestow in abundance your mercy upon us  
 and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide,  
 we may use the good things that pass  
 in such a way as to hold fast even now  
 to those that ever endure.

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****Genesis 18:20-32**

In those days: The LORD said, 'Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.' So the men turned from there and went towards Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD.

Then Abraham drew near and said, 'Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?' And the LORD said, 'If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.' Abraham answered and said, 'Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?' And he said, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.' Again he spoke to him and said, 'Suppose forty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of forty I will not do it.' Then he said, 'Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there.' He answered, 'I will not do it, if I find thirty there.' He said, 'Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.' Then he said, 'Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.'

**Responsorial Ps 138(137):1-2a. 2b-3. 4-5. 7c-8. R3a**

*On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.*

I thank you, LORD, with all my heart;  
 you have heard the words of my mouth.  
 In the presence of the angels I praise you.  
 I bow down towards your holy Temple.

*On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.*

I give thanks to your name  
 for your merciful love and your faithfulness.  
 For you have exalted over all  
 your name and your promise.  
 On the day I called, you answered me;  
 you increased the strength of my soul.

*On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.*

The LORD is high, yet he looks on the lowly,  
 and the haughty he knows from afar.  
 You give me life though I walk amid affliction;  
 you stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes.

*On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.*

**Cf. Ps 67: 6-7, 36**

With your right hand you save me;  
 the LORD will accomplish this for me.  
 O LORD, your merciful love is eternal;  
 discard not the work of your hands.

*On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.*

**Second reading****Colossians 2:12-14**

Brothers and Sisters: You have been buried with Christ in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God who raised him from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by cancelling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

**Gospel Acclamation****Romans 8:15bc**

Alleluia, alleluia.

You have received the Spirit of adoption as sons,  
 by whom we cry, 'Abba! Father!'

Alleluia.

**Gospel****Luke 11:1-13**

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' And he said to them, 'When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation."

And he said to them, 'Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey and I have nothing to set before him"; and he will answer from within, "Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything"? I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

**Communion Antiphon****Ps 102:2**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
 and never forget all his benefits.

**Prayer after Communion**

We have consumed, O Lord, this divine Sacrament,  
 the perpetual memorial of the Passion of your Son;  
 grant, we pray, that this gift,  
 which he himself gave us with love beyond all telling,  
 may profit us for salvation.  
 Through Christ our Lord



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## 27<sup>th</sup> July 2025 News/ prayers

## 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



12th to 24th September:

### Heritage Open Days and Birmingham Heritage Week.

We usually open St Agatha's to the public. If you are able to help welcome our guests, please contact Priscilla as soon as possible. We need some new volunteers this year and it is a very rewarding event to be part of.

Sadly, Fr Thomas is leaving us and moving to St Hugh's Banbury in the Diocese of Oxford. His licensing is on 29th September. Fr Thomas's last Sunday with us is on 17th August, so we would like to have a 'bring and share lunch' on that day, so we can say our goodbyes to him and Sandhya. Please plan to be there if you can.

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.

