

**Entrance Antiphon****Cf. Ps 17: 19-20**

The Lord became my protector.  
He brought me out to a place of freedom;  
he saved me because he delighted in me.

**Collect**

Grant us, O Lord, we pray,  
that the course of our world  
may be directed by your peaceful rule  
and that your Church may rejoice,  
untroubled in her devotion.  
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****Ecclesiasticus 27:5-8**

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,  
so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.  
The kiln tests the work of the potter,  
the test of a man is in his conversation.  
The orchard where a tree grows is judged on the quality  
of its fruit,  
similarly a man's words betray what he feels.  
Do not praise a man before he has spoken,  
since this is the test of men.

**Responsorial Psalm****Psalm 91(92):2-3,13-16**

*It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.*

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
to make music to your name, O Most High,  
to proclaim your love in the morning  
and your truth in the watches of the night.

*It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.*

The just will flourish like the palm tree  
and grow like a Lebanon cedar.

*It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.*

Planted in the house of the Lord  
they will flourish in the courts of our God,  
still bearing fruit when they are old,  
still full of sap, still green,  
to proclaim that the Lord is just.  
In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

*It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.*

**Second reading****I Corinthians 15:54-58**

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and  
when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the  
words of scripture will come true: *Death is swallowed up in  
victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting?*  
Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from  
the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory  
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat;  
keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in  
the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

**Gospel Acclamation****cf.Ac 16:14**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Open our heart, O Lord,  
to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

**Gospel****Luke 6:39-45**

Jesus told a parable to his disciples: 'Can one blind man  
guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The  
disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained  
disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you  
observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never  
notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your  
brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in  
your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own?  
Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and  
then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter  
that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit,  
nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For  
every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not  
pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles.  
A good man draws what is good from the store of  
goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from  
the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of  
what fills his heart.'

**Prayer over the Offerings**

O God, who provide gifts to be offered to your name  
and count our oblations as signs  
of our desire to serve you with devotion,  
we ask of your mercy  
that what you grant as the source of merit  
may also help us to attain merit's reward.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Communion Antiphon****Cf. Ps 12: 6**

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me,  
sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

**Prayer after Communion**

Nourished by your saving gifts,  
we beseech your mercy, Lord,  
that by this same Sacrament  
with which you feed us in the present age,  
you may make us partakers of life eternal.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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## **24<sup>th</sup> February News/prayers** **8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Mass times on Sundays:

St Barnabas' at 9.00am

& St Agatha's at 11am

**Ash Wednesday 5th March**

**7.30pm at St Agatha's**

**Mass with imposition of ashes**

### **Lent group 2025 will meet at St. Agatha's 6pm**

13th March: Prayer and spiritual renewal. Matthew 4: 1-11

20th March: Repentance and forgiveness. Luke 15

27th March: Serving others and charity. Matthew 25: 31-46

3rd April: The Passion of Christ & our own crosses.  
Mark 8: 34-38

More information from Fr Thomas

**Jean Tomlinson's Funeral** is to be held at St Agatha's

Thursday 13th March 6pm reception of the coffin into church

Friday 14th March 11am funeral followed by the committal at Robin Hood Crem at 1pm.

Jean is a very longstanding member of St Agatha's and a valued friend to many, so we are all encouraged to attend whatever parts of the proceedings we are able to. If you would like to attend a meal afterwards (2pm onwards), please let Priscilla know after Mass **today** so that the Hotel can be informed.

We are currently revising our electoral roll. If

you are over 16, baptised and usually worship at St Barnabas or St Agatha's, please make sure you have completed an application form and returned it to Colin Goodier. It only takes a few minutes. There is a printed notice with more information at the back of church.

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  
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.

