

Entrance Antiphon**Cf. Ps 97: 1-2**

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us,
that those you were pleased to make new in Holy
Baptism may, under your protective care, bear much
fruit and come to the joys of life eternal.
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**Acts 14:21-27**

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and
Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the
disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith.
‘We all have to experience many hardships’ they said
‘before we enter the kingdom of God.’ In each of these
churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and
fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom
they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia.
Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went
down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch,
where they had originally been commended to the
grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave
an account of all that God had done with them, and
how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 144(145):8-13a

I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.

I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.

They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God,
to make known to men your mighty deeds
and the glorious splendour of your reign.

I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

Yours is an everlasting kingdom;
your rule lasts from age to age.

I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

Second reading**Apocalypse 21:1-5**

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first
heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and
there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the
new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven,
as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then
I heard a loud voice call from the throne, ‘You see this
city? Here God lives among men. He will make his

home among them; they shall be his people, and he
will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will
wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no
more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The
world of the past has gone.’

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: ‘Now I
am making the whole of creation new.’

Gospel Acclamation**Jn 13:34**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another just as I have loved you,
says the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel**John 13:31-33,34-35**

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

‘Now has the Son of Man been glorified,
and in him God has been glorified.
If God has been glorified in him,
God will in turn glorify him in himself,
and will glorify him very soon.

‘My little children,
I shall not be with you much longer.
I give you a new commandment:
love one another;
just as I have loved you,
you also must love one another.
By this love you have for one another,
everyone will know that you are my disciples.’

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who by the wonderful exchange effected in
this sacrifice have made us partakers of the one
supreme Godhead, grant, we pray,
that, as we have come to know your truth,
we may make it ours by a worthy way of life.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon**Cf. Jn 15: 1, 5**

‘I am the true vine and you are the branches,’ says
the Lord.

Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in
plenty, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O
Lord,
and lead those you have imbued with heavenly
mysteries
to pass from former ways to newness of life.
Through Christ our Lord.

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18th May 2025 News/prayers 5th Sunday of Easter

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

Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven. Alleluia!
 He whom Thou wast meet to bear. Alleluia!
 As He promised hath arisen. Alleluia!
 Pour for us to God thy prayer. Alleluia!
 V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
 R. For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia

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
 We pray for those who have died recently,

*May is Mary's month:
 We will say the rosary at 10.40am at St Agatha's
 on Sundays during May in the Lady Chapel.*

Everyone is invited to :
St Barnabas'
Patronal Festival Mass
 11am on Saturday 14th June.
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Monday 16th June, 7.30pm at St Agatha's.

This year we are privileged to host the **Archdeacon's Visitation** for our deanery. Please come along, if you can, to support the (re)commissioning our church wardens.

