

Entrance Antiphon **Cf. Ps 32: 5-6**

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
alleluia.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
lead us to a share in the joys of heaven,
so that the humble flock may reach
where the brave Shepherd has gone before.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

First reading **Acts 13:14,43-52**

Paul and his friends carried on from Perga till they
reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to
synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up many Jews and
devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in
their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them
to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town
assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw
the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used
blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said.
Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to
proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you
have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves
worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans.
For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when
he said:

I have made you a light for the nations,
so that my salvation may reach the ends of the
earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they
thanked the Lord for his message; all who were
destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the
word of the Lord spread through the whole
countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout
women of the upper classes and the leading men of
the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and
Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So
they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and
went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled
with joy and the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 99(100):1-3,5**

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come before him, singing for joy.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Know that he, the Lord, is God.

He made us, we belong to him,

we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

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Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.

He is faithful from age to age.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Second reading **Apocalypse 7:9,14-17**

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of
people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they
were standing in front of the throne and in front of the
Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their
hands. One of the elders said, 'These are the people
who have been through the great persecution, and
because they have washed their robes white again in
the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's
throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and
the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent
over them. They will never hunger or thirst again;
neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague
them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be
their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living
water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

Gospel Acclamation **Jn 10:14**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

Gospel **John 10:27-30**

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;
I know them and they follow me.

I give them eternal life;

they will never be lost

and no one will ever steal them from me.

The Father who gave them to me is greater than
anyone, and no one can steal from the Father.

The Father and I are one.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant, we pray, O Lord,

that we may always find delight in these paschal
mysteries,

so that the renewal constantly at work within us
may be the cause of our unending joy.

Through Christ our Lord.

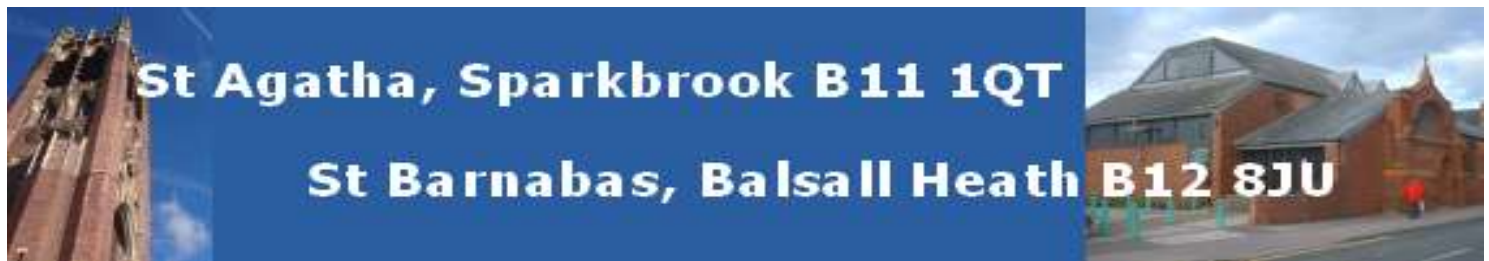
Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd,
and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures
the sheep you have redeemed
by the Precious Blood of your Son.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.



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11th May 2025 News/prayers 4th 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

*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.*

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.

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.
 We pray for those who have died recently,

