

Entrance Antiphon **Cf. Ps 104: 3-4**

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
increase our faith, hope and charity,
and make us love what you command,
so that we may merit what you promise.
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 **Sirach 35:15b-17, 20-22b**

The Lord is the judge, and with him is no partiality. He will not show partiality in the case of a poor man; and he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged. He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan or the widow when she pours out her story. He whose service is pleasing to the Lord will be accepted, and his prayer will reach to the clouds. The prayer of the humble pierces the clouds, and he will not be consoled until it reaches the Lord; he will not desist until the Most High visits him and does justice for the righteous and executes judgement. And the Lord will not delay.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 34(33):2-3. 17-18. 19, 23. R 7a**

The lowly one called, and the LORD heard him.

I will bless the LORD at all times,
praise of him is always in my mouth.
In the LORD my soul shall make its boast;
the humble shall hear and be glad.

The lowly one called, and the LORD heard him.

The LORD turns his face against the wicked
to cut off their remembrance from the earth.
When the just one cries out, the LORD hears,
and rescues him in all his distress.

The lowly one called, and the LORD heard him.

The LORD is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The LORD ransoms the souls of his servants.
All who trust in him shall not be condemned.

The lowly one called, and the LORD heard him.

Second reading **2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18**

Beloved: I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but also to all who have loved his appearing.

At my first defence no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation **2 Corinthians 5:19**

Alleluia, alleluia.

God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself,
and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 18:9-14

At that time: Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: 'Two men went up into the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: "God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get." But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Look, we pray, O Lord,
on the offerings we make to your majesty,
that whatever is done by us in your service
may be directed above all to your glory.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 19: 6

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

Prayer after Communion

May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray,
perfect in us what lies within them,
that what we now celebrate in signs
we may one day possess in truth.
Through Christ our Lord.

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25th October 2025 News/prayers

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Service times on Sundays:

St Barnabas at 9am

Communion from the reserved sacrament

9th November

(Please check website or this notice sheet for
the next services)

St Agatha every Sunday at 11am

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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 pray for our parish in interregnum. We ask your
help for all in positions of responsibility in our churches
and for priests who visit and minister to us. 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:
Janet Gregory, John Gregory, David Stokes, Elaine
Stanley, Donnette Rigg, Phil Lee, Roger McDonald,
Esther Micklewright, Robert Smith, Fr. John Luff, Carole
Luff, Irene Priestly, Audrey Downey. Becky Morton
We pray for those who have died recently and for
those with anniversaries at this time of year.

St Agatha's Advent Course 2025

This year we are going to use a book called:

Making Room for Christ. For more information and
to order your copy of the book (£10) please see

Priscilla

