

**Entrance Antiphon**

**Dn 3: 31, 29, 30, 43, 42**

All that you have done to us, O Lord,  
you have done with true judgement,  
for we have sinned against you  
and not obeyed your commandments.  
But give glory to your name  
and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

**Collect**

O God, who manifest your almighty power  
above all by pardoning and showing mercy,  
bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us  
and make those hastening to attain your promises  
heirs to the treasures of heaven.  
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                      Amos 6:1a, 4-7**

Thus says the LORD, the God of hosts: ‘Woe to those who are  
at ease in Sion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of  
Samaria.

‘Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves  
out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves  
from the midst of the stall, who sing idle songs to the sound of  
the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of  
music, who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the  
finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore  
they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the  
revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.’

**Responsorial Psalm      Ps 146(145): 7. 8-9a. 9b-10. R5a**

*My soul, give praise to the LORD.*  
or: Alleluia.

It is the LORD who does justice to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the LORD who sets prisoners free.

*My soul, give praise to the LORD.*  
or: Alleluia.

It is the LORD who opens the eyes of the blind,  
the LORD who raises up those who are bowed down.  
It is the LORD who loves the just,  
the LORD who protects the stranger.

*My soul, give praise to the LORD.*  
or: Alleluia.

The LORD upholds the orphan and the widow,  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The LORD will reign for ever,  
your God, O Sion, from age to age.

*My soul, give praise to the LORD.*  
or: Alleluia.

**Second reading                      1 Timothy 6:11-16**

O man of God, pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love,  
steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take  
hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about  
which you made the good confession in the presence of many  
witnesses. I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to  
all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before  
Pontius Pilate made the good confession, to keep the  
commandment unstained and free from reproach until the  
appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will display at the  
proper time — he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the  
King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality,

who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever  
seen or can see. To him be honour and eternal dominion.  
Amen.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**2 Corinthians 8:9**

Alleluia, alleluia.  
Jesus Christ, though he was rich,  
yet for your sake he became poor,  
so that you by his poverty might become rich.  
Alleluia.

**Gospel**

**Luke 16:19-31**

At that time: Jesus said to the Pharisees, ‘There was a rich  
man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted  
sumptuously every day. And at his gate was laid a poor man  
named Lazarus, covered with sores, who desired to be fed  
with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the  
dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was  
carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also  
died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted  
up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side.  
And he called out, “Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and  
send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my  
tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.” But Abraham said,  
“Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your  
good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now  
he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all  
this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in  
order that those who would pass from here to you may not do  
so, and none may cross from there to us.” And he said, “Then  
I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house — for I  
have five brothers — so that he may warn them, lest they also  
come into this place of torment.” But Abraham said, “They  
have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.” And he  
said, “No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from  
the dead, they will repent.” He said to him, “If they do not  
hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if  
someone should rise from the dead.” ’

**Prayer over the Offerings**

Grant us, O merciful God,  
that this our offering may find acceptance with you  
and that through it the wellspring of all blessing  
may be laid open before us.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Communion Antiphon**

**Cf. Ps 118: 49-50**

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,  
by which you have given me hope.  
This is my comfort when I am brought low.

**Prayer after Communion**

May this heavenly mystery, O Lord,  
restore us in mind and body,  
that we may be coheirs in glory with Christ,  
to whose suffering we are united  
whenever we proclaim his Death.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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**28<sup>th</sup> September 2025 News/  
prayers**

**26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Service times on Sundays:

**St Barnabas at 9am**

(Communion from the reserved sacrament,

no service today 28<sup>th</sup> Sept)

**St Agatha at 11am**

**5<sup>th</sup> October Harvest  
Festival**

A big thank you to everyone who helped make  
our Heritage Open Days possible.

Please pray for Fr Thomas Singh and his family as he is licensed  
in his new parish in Banbury, at 7.30pm. on Monday 30<sup>th</sup>  
September. Also pray for those from our congregation who are  
travelling to be with him for the occasion. If you would like to  
join them, please look for the information at the back of church  
and speak with others who have signed the lists.

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 and for priests who visit  
and minister to us. We pray for Fr Thomas Singh and his  
family as they settle in to their new 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:  
Janet Gregory, John Gregory, David Stokes, Peter  
Rouillard, Mike Lock, Elaine Stanley, Donnette Rigg,  
Phil Lee, Roger McDonald, Fr Balwant Singh, Esther  
Micklewright, Robert Smith, Fr. John Luff, Carole Luff,  
Ben Whitehouse, Irene Priestly, Audrey Downey.  
We pray for those who have died recently.

