

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 2:14,36-41**

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

Responsorial Psalm**Psalm 22(23)***The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.*

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.

The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I
fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

*The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.***Second reading****1 Peter 2:20-25**

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment
patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because
Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to
follow the way he took. He had not done anything
wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He
was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he
was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in
the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his
own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults
and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been
healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you
have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your
souls.

Gospel Acclamation**Jn10:14**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my own sheep and my own know me.

Gospel**John 10:1-10**

Jesus said:

'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter
the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other
way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through
the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets
him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his
own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out
his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow
because they know his voice. They never follow a
stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise
the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to
understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the
sheepfold.

All others who have come are thieves and brigands;
but the sheep took no notice of them.

I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be
safe: he will go freely in and out
and be sure of finding pasture.

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.

I have come so that they may have life and have it to
the full.'

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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26th April 2026 4th Sunday of Easter

Mass at St Agatha's 11am every Sunday

Services at Barnabas 9am on Sundays

26th April Mass
10th May Mass
17th May Extended Communion
24th May Mass

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

Today

Our Annual Parochial Church

Meeting is after Mass. All church members should attend if possible.

Agendas, accounts and reports available at the back of church.

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.

Next week is the **Great Birmingham Run** with a rolling programme of road closures. There is a printout at the back of church to aid you in planning your journey to church, or check online.

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,, Esther Micklewright, Robert Smith, Fr. John Luff, Carole Luff, Becky Morton, Fr Michael Cogoleff.

We pray for those who have died recently and for those with anniversaries at this time of year.

A date for your diaries:

Oswestry Festival on Saturday 13th June at St Agatha's

