

Entrance Antiphon

Your merciful love, O God,
we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
we humbly implore your majesty
that, just as your Only Begotten Son
was presented on this day in the Temple
in the substance of our flesh, so, by your grace,
we may be presented to you with minds made pure.
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

The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my
messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you
are seeking will suddenly enter his Temple; and the angel of
the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming,
says the Lord of Hosts. Who will be able to resist the day
of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears?
For he is like the refiner's fire and the fullers' alkali. He will
take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons
of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they
will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The
offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by
the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.

Responsorial Psalm

O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord.

Who is the king of glory?
The Lord, the mighty, the valiant,
the Lord, the valiant in war.

Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord.

O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord.

Who is he, the king of glory?
He, the Lord of armies,
he is the king of glory.

Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord.

Cf. Ps 47: 10-11

Second reading

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh,
Christ too shared equally in it, so that by his death he
could take away all the power of the devil, who had
power over death, and set free all those who had been
held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it
was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to
himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he
should in this way become completely like his brothers
so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy
high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human
sins. That is, because he has himself been through
temptation he is able to help others who are tempted

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
The light to enlighten the Gentiles
and give glory to Israel, your people. Alleluia!

Gospel

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by
the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to
Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, – observing what stands
written in the Law of the Lord: *Every first-born male must be
consecrated to the Lord* – and also to offer in sacrifice, in
accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of
turtledoves or two young pigeons.
Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was
an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's
comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been
revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death
until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by
the Spirit he came to the Temple and when the parents
brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required,
he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said:
'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace,
just as you promised;
because my eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared for all the nations to see,
a light to enlighten the pagans
and the glory of your people Israel.'
As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the
things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them
and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined
for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a
sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul
too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'
There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel,
of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of
girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before
becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and
never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting
and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to
praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked
forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.
When they had done everything the Law of the Lord
required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of
Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was
filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

Prayer over the Offerings

May the offering made with exultation by your Church
be pleasing to you, O Lord, we pray,
for you willed that your Only Begotten Son
be offered to you for the life of the world
as the Lamb without blemish.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Communion Antiphon

My eyes have seen your salvation,
which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

Prayer after Communion

By these holy gifts which we have received, O Lord,
bring your grace to perfection within us,
and, as you fulfilled Simeon's expectation
that he would not see death
until he had been privileged to welcome the Christ,
so may we, going forth to meet the Lord,
obtain the gift of eternal life.
Through Christ our Lord.

Lk2:32

Luke 2:22-40

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1st February 2026

The Presentation of the Lord News/prayers

Service times :

St Barnabas at 9am on Sundays

Today - Communion from the reserved sacrament
(Please check website or notice sheet for the next
services at St Barnabas)

St Agatha Mass at 11am on Sundays

St Agatha's Patronal Festival

Saturday 7th February 2026 at 11am

Celebrant and preacher:

Fr Darren Smith

Followed by a bring & share lunch-
please prepare something to bring & share!

Parish Meal in celebration of St Agatha's Day

*This year we are going to The Flume of Feathers on
Stratford Road, Shirley on Thursday 5th February-
please sign the list at the back of church if interested.*

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, Peter Kershaw.

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

If you would like to know more about Moseley Organ Festival 27th Feb-1st March, please consult the poster at the back of church or ask Kevin.

