

Entrance Antiphon**Cf. Ps 24: 15-16**

My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.

Collect

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness,
who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving
have shown us a remedy for sin,
look graciously on this confession of our lowliness,
that we, who are bowed down by our conscience,
may always be lifted up by your mercy.
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**Exodus 17:3-7**

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against
Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said.
'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and
my cattle?'

Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this
people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' the
Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders
of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take
in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and
go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at
Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from
it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the
sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah
and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of
Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying,
'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 94(95):1-2,6-9

**O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts.'**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord.

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us:
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

Second reading**Romans 5:1-2,5-8**

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are
judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is
by faith and through Jesus that we have entered
this state of grace in which we can boast about
looking forward to God's glory. And this hope is
not deceptive, because the love of God has been
poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which
has been given us. We were still helpless when at
his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men.
It is not easy to die even for a good man – though
of course for someone really worthy, a man might
be prepared to die – but what proves that God
loves us is that Christ died for us while we were
still sinners.

Gospel Acclamation**Jn4:42,15****Praise and honour to you
Lord Jesus Christ.**

Lord, you are really the saviour of the world:
give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty.

Gospel**John 4:5-16,19-26,39-42****Prayer over the Offerings**

Be pleased, O Lord, with these sacrificial
offerings, and grant that we who beseech pardon
for our own sins, may take care to forgive our
neighbour. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord,
the water I shall give will become in him
a spring welling up to eternal life.

Prayer after Communion

As we receive the pledge
of things yet hidden in heaven
and are nourished while still on earth
with the Bread that comes from on high,
we humbly entreat you, O Lord,
that what is being brought about in us in mystery
may come to true completion.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

Direct, O Lord, we pray, the hearts of your faithful,
and in your kindness grant your servants this grace:
that, abiding in the love of you and their neighbour,
they may fulfil the whole of your commands.
Through Christ our Lord.

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8th March 2026 3rd Sunday of Lent News/prayers

Service times :

St Agatha Sundays at 11am

St Barnabas at 9am on Sundays
8th & 22nd March - Mass

Stations of the Cross- at St Barnabas on 13th March at 10.30am
(No other services planned soon)

Asperges me, Domine, hyssopo et mundabor,
Lavabis me, et super nivem dealbabor.
Miserere mei, Deus, secundum magnam misericordiam tuam.
Thou wilt sprinkle me, O Lord, with hyssop and I shall be cleansed
Thou wilt wash me, and I shall be washed whiter than snow.
Pity me, O God, according to Thy great mercy
Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum.
Amen
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without
end Amen

Oswestry Chrim Mass at Lichfield Cathedral Monday 30th March

11am Chrim Mass followed by a hearty buffet

2.15pm Catechesis

3pm Benediction

St Patrick's Day Mass is to be celebrated at St Albans Highgate,
B12 OYH on Saturday March 21st at 11am.

DONATIONS TO ST AGATHA'S

There are several ways in which you can contribute:

By BACS to: ST AGATHAS P C C, TSB Bank 30-97-97 00367409

In person, in cash into the collecting box at the back of church.
Envelopes are available if you wish to give regularly.
If you pay income tax then please Gift Aid your donations. Gareth is
pleased to answer any questions. Contactless payments are possible.

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, Azra Parveen.

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

