

Entrance Antiphon

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Cf. Is 48: 20

suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Collect

Grant, almighty God,
that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy,
which we keep in honour of the risen Lord,
and that what we relive in remembrance
we may always hold to in what we do.
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**Acts 8:5-8,14-17**

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm**Psalm 65(66):1-7,16,20**

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,

O sing to the glory of his name.

O render him glorious praise.

Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!'

Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men.

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.

Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might.

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

Come and hear, all who fear God.

I will tell what he did for my soul:

Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me.

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

Second reading**1 Peter 3:15-18**

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to

Gospel Acclamation**Jn14:23**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.'

Gospel**John 14:15-21**

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father,

and he will give you another Advocate

to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth

whom the world can never receive

since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him,

because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see me;

but you will see me, because I live and you will live.

On that day you will understand that I am in my Father

and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps

them will be one who loves me;

and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father,

and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

Prayer over the Offerings

May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord,

together with the sacrificial offerings,

so that, purified by your graciousness,

we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty

love. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon**Jn 14: 15-16**

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another

Paraclete,

to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Almighty ever-living God,

who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ,

increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal

Sacrament and pour into our hearts the strength of this

saving food. Through Christ our Lord.

Solemn Blessing

May God, who by the Resurrection of his Only Begotten Son

was pleased to confer on you

the gift of redemption and of adoption,

give you gladness by his blessing.

Amen.

May he, by whose redeeming work

you have received the gift of everlasting freedom,

make you heirs to an eternal inheritance.

Amen.

And may you, who have already risen with Christ

in Baptism through faith,

by living in a right manner on this earth

be united with him in the homeland of heaven.

Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,

the Father, and the Son, ☩ and the Holy Spirit,

come down on you and remain with you for ever.

Amen.

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10th May 2026 6th Sunday of Easter

Mass at St Agatha's 11am every Sunday
Services at Barnabas 9am on Sundays

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

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.*

Oswestry Regional Festival

Feast of St Anthony of Padua

Saturday 13th June at St Agatha's

12.00 Votive Mass of the Virgin Mary, Mother of
Reconciliation, followed by lunch
14.15 Catechesis
15.00 Act of Devotion to St Anthony of Padua

Saturday 27th June 11am

St Alban's Patronal Festival

with celebrant and
preacher Archbishop
Rowan Williams
Followed by lunch.
At St Alban's Church B12 0YH

Also on Saturday 27th

June, at 3pm, St Agatha's

is to host an ACHS book
launch : 'Bishop Barnes'
by Michael Yelton
Books will be available for
signing by the author.

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 especially Fr John Richards, and for those with anniversaries at this time of year.

St Barnabas Patronal Festival

Sunday 14th June, 11am at St Agatha's .
Celebrant and preacher: Fr Andrew Lenox Coyningham

