

Entrance Antiphon**Cf. Acts 11: 24**

Blessed is this holy man,
 who was worthy to be numbered among the Apostles,
 for he was a good man,
 filled with the Holy Spirit and with faith.

Collect

O God, who decreed that Saint Barnabas,
 a man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit,
 should be set apart to convert the nations,
 grant that the Gospel of Christ,
 which he strenuously preached,
 may be faithfully proclaimed by word and by deed.
 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 11:21-26,13:1-3**

A great number believed and were converted to the Lord.
 The church in Jerusalem heard about this and they sent Barnabas
 to Antioch. There he could see for himself that God had given grace,
 and this pleased him, and he urged them all to remain faithful to the
 Lord with heartfelt devotion; for he was a good man, filled with the
 Holy Spirit and with faith. And a large number of people were won
 over to the Lord.

Barnabas then left for Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he found
 him he brought him to Antioch. As things turned out they were to live
 together in that church a whole year, instructing a large number of
 people. It was at Antioch that the disciples were first called
 'Christians.'

In the church at Antioch the following were prophets and
 teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene,
 Manaen, who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.
 One day while they were offering worship to the Lord and keeping a
 fast, the Holy Spirit said, 'I want Barnabas and Saul set apart for the
 work to which I have called them.' So it was that after fasting and
 prayer they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

Responsorial Psalm**Psalm 97(98):1-6**

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Sing a new song to the Lord
 for he has worked wonders.
 His right hand and his holy arm
 have brought salvation.

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

The Lord has made known his salvation;
 has shown his justice to the nations.
 He has remembered his truth and love
 for the house of Israel.

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

All the ends of the earth have seen
 the salvation of our God.
 Shout to the Lord, all the earth,
 ring out your joy.

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp
 with the sound of music.
 With trumpets and the sound of the horn
 acclaim the King, the Lord.

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Second reading**Romans 5:6-11**

Now we have been reconciled by the death of his Son, surely we may
 count on being saved by the life of his Son
 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. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that
 he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were
 reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies;
 now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count on being
 saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been
 reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through
 our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our
 reconciliation.

Gospel Acclamation**cf. 1Th2:13**

Alleluia, alleluia!
 Accept God's message for what it really is:
 God's message, and not some human thinking.
 Alleluia!

Gospel**Matthew 5:20-26**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your virtue goes no deeper than that of
 the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of
 heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not
 kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court.
 But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will
 answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he
 will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him
 "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are
 bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your
 brother has something against you, leave your offering there before
 the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then
 come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your
 opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court
 with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the
 officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you
 will not get out till you have paid the last penny.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Sanctify with your blessing, we pray, O Lord,
 the offerings presented here,
 so that by your grace they may set us on fire
 with the flame of your love,
 by which Saint Barnabas
 brought the light of the Gospel to the nations.
 Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon**Cf. Jn 15: 15**

I no longer call you slaves,
 because a slave does not know what his master is doing.
 But I have called you friends,
 because I have told you
 everything I have heard from my Father.

Prayer after Communion

As we receive the pledge of eternal life,
 we humbly implore you, Lord,
 that what we celebrate in sacramental signs
 on the Memorial of the blessed Apostle Barnabas
 we may one day behold unveiled.
 Through Christ our Lord.

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News/prayers

St Barnabas (Transferred) (Year A)

Service times :

St Barnabas at 9am on Sundays

21st June Extended Communion

28th June Mass

5th July Mass

12th July Extended Communion

19th July Mass

St Agatha Sundays at 11am

Saturday 27th June 11am

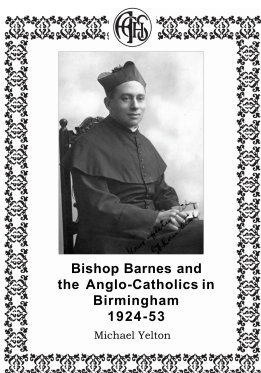
St Alban's Patronal Festival with celebrant and preacher Archbishop Rowan Williams

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

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

