

Entrance Antiphon**Cf. Ps 85: 1-3**

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
 save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
 Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day
 long.

Collect

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful
 to unite in a single purpose,
 grant your people to love what you command
 and to desire what you promise,
 that, amid the uncertainties of this world,
 our hearts may be fixed on that place
 where true gladness is found.
 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**Isaiah 66:18-21**

Thus says the LORD: 'For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem,' says the LORD, 'just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites,' says the LORD.

Responsorial Psalm**Ps 117(116):1. 2. R Mark 16:15**

Go into all the world and proclaim the good news.

O praise the LORD, all you nations;
 acclaim him, all you peoples!

Go into all the world and proclaim the good news.

For his mercy has prevailed over us;
 and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for ever.

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Second reading**Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13**

Brothers and Sisters: Have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? 'My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.' It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed.

Gospel Acclamation**John 14:6**

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says the Lord.

No one comes to the Father except through me.

Alleluia.

Gospel**Luke 13:22-30**

At that time: Jesus went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying towards Jerusalem. And someone said to him, 'Lord, will those who are saved be few?' And he said to them, 'Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, "Lord, open to us", then he will answer you, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will begin to say, "We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets." But he will say, "I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!" In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.'

Prayer over the Offerings

O Lord, who gained for yourself a people by adoption through the one sacrifice offered once for all, bestow graciously on us, we pray, the gifts of unity and peace in your Church. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon**Cf. Ps 103: 13-15**

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord;

you bring forth bread from the earth
 and wine to cheer the heart.

Prayer after Communion

Complete within us, O Lord, we pray,
 the healing work of your mercy
 and graciously perfect and sustain us,
 so that in all things we may please you.
 Through Christ our Lord.

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24th August 2025 News/prayers

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass times on Sundays:
St Barnabas' at 9am
& St Agatha's at 11am



Once again we will be opening our doors for Heritage Open Days/ Birmingham Heritage week and we need volunteers to welcome people, serve drinks and show visitors around St Agatha's. No previous experience is needed, so please consider signing the list at the back! The times we need volunteers are:

Sunday 14th September 12-1.30pm

Saturday 20th September 11am-3pm

Sunday 21st September 12-1.30pm

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 ask your help for all in positions of responsibility in our churches and for priests who visit and minister to us. We pray for Fr Thomas Singh and his family as they move away to their new parish. 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, Peter Rouillard, Mike Lock, Elaine Stanley, Donnette Rigg, Ava Crossley, Phil Lee, Roger McDonald, Fr Balwant Singh, Esther Micklewright, Robert Smith, Fr. John Luff, Carole Luff, Ben Whitehouse, Phillip Wheeler, Rene Priestly, Audrey Downey, Irene Priestly.

We pray for those who have died recently.

