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## 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024 News/prayers

Mass times on Sundays:

St Barnabas' at 9.00am & St Agatha's at 11am

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.

**The next PCC meeting is today  
21<sup>st</sup> April after mass at St Agatha's.**

**Next week the Annual Parochial Church Meeting is on 28<sup>th</sup> April** after Mass at St Agatha's. This meeting is for everyone who is a regular worshipper at our churches. Please do your best to be there!  
Today is the last chance to sign up to be on the electoral roll and to be able to vote at that meeting. Please see Colin Goodier **today** if you need to have your name added. It is imperative that all regular worshippers aged 16 and over are on our electoral roll.

### How to give to St Agatha's

- By standing order- form available from the back of church
- Pay using the PayPal Donate button on the website. You do not need a Paypal account
- You can give by bank transfer to St Agathas PCC

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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. We pray for our priest Fr Thomas Singh and his wife Sandhya as they minister in our 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: HM The King, HRH The Princess of Wales, John Gregory, David Stokes, Peter Rouillard, Mike Lock, Jean Tomlinson, Elaine Stanley, Janet Gregory, Arthur Cardin, Donnette Rigg, Ava Crossley, Keith Garnor, Phil Lee, Roger McDonald, Fr Balwant Singh, Esther Micklewright, Robert Smith.

We pray for those who have recently died.

Ladypool School are collecting household items, old toys etc for an outdoor play project. If you would like to clear up your home / garage/ attic please consult the list at the back of church or see Priscilla. Your junk could benefit and make a difference to the children of Sparkbrook.



**Sunday 21 April 2024**

**Entrance Antiphon**

**Cf. Ps 32: 5-6**

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;  
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

**Collect**

Almighty ever-living God,  
lead us to a share in the joys of heaven,  
so that the humble flock may reach  
where the brave Shepherd has gone before.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy  
Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

**First reading**

**Acts 4:8-12**

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people,  
and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of  
kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then  
I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the  
whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus  
Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God  
raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this  
man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your  
presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the  
builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all  
the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by  
which we can be saved.'

**Responsorial Psalm 117(118): 1,8-9,21-23,26,28-29**

**The stone which the builders rejected has  
become the corner stone.**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.  
It is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in men;  
it is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in princes.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

I will thank you for you have answered  
and you are my saviour.  
The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

Blessed in the name of the Lord  
is he who comes.  
We bless you from the house of the Lord;  
You are my God, I thank you.  
My God, I praise you.  
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;  
for his love has no end.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

**Second reading**

**I John 3:1-2**

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,  
by letting us be called God's children;  
and that is what we are.  
Because the world refused to acknowledge him,  
therefore it does not acknowledge us.  
My dear people, we are already the children of God  
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been  
revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed  
we shall be like him  
because we shall see him as he really is.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Jn 10:14**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my own sheep and my own know me.

**Gospel**

**John 10:11-18**

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd:  
the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for  
his sheep.

The hired man, since he is not the shepherd  
and the sheep do not belong to him,  
abandons the sheep and runs away  
as soon as he sees a wolf coming,  
and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep;  
this is because he is only a hired man  
and has no concern for the sheep.

'I am the good shepherd;  
I know my own  
and my own know me,  
just as the Father knows me  
and I know the Father;  
and I lay down my life for my sheep.  
And there are other sheep I have  
that are not of this fold,  
and these I have to lead as well.  
They too will listen to my voice,  
and there will be only one flock,  
and one shepherd.

'The Father loves me,  
because I lay down my life  
in order to take it up again.  
No one takes it from me;  
I lay it down of my own free will,  
and as it is in my power to lay it down,  
so it is in my power to take it up again;  
and this is the command I have been given by my  
Father.'

**Prayer over the Offerings**

Grant, we pray, O Lord,  
that we may always find delight in these paschal  
mysteries, so that the renewal constantly at work  
within us may be the cause of our unending joy.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Communion Antiphon**

The Good Shepherd has risen,  
who laid down his life for his sheep  
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

**Prayer after Communion**

Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd,  
and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures  
the sheep you have redeemed  
by the Precious Blood of your Son.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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