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28th 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.

Today 28th April after Mass at St Agatha's is our Annual Church Meeting. Please get your coffee quickly so we can start as quickly as possible and go home.

Please pick up a copy of the Reports and Agenda for the meeting or, even better, access your copy online!
There is a puzzle for you in the booklet! A vital piece of information is waiting for you to complete! St Agatha;s now has 56 members on the electoral roll and St Barnabas 3. Welcome to our new members and hope you enjoy the meeting!

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 28 April 2024

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 97: 1-2

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us,
that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism
may, under your protective care, bear much fruit
and come to the joys of life eternal.
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 9:26-31

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples,
but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he
was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him,
introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord
had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and
how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of
Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem,
preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he
had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they
became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew,
they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to
Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria
were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the
fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy
Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 21(22):26-28,30-32

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.
May their hearts live for ever and ever!

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations worship before him;
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust.

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:
‘These things the Lord has done.’

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

Second reading

I John 3:18-24

My children,
our love is not to be just words or mere talk,
but something real and active;
only by this can we be certain
that we are children of the truth
and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence,
whatever accusations it may raise against us,
because God is greater than our conscience and he knows
everything.

My dear people,
if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience,
we need not be afraid in God's presence,
and whatever we ask him, we shall receive,
because we keep his commandments
and live the kind of life that he wants.
His commandments are these:
that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ
and that we love one another as he told us to.
Whoever keeps his commandments
lives in God and God lives in him.
We know that he lives in us
by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 15:4,5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.
Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia!
Gospel John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.
Every branch in me that bears no fruit
he cuts away,
and every branch that does bear fruit
he prunes to make it bear even more.
You are pruned already,
by means of the word that I have spoken to you.
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.
As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,
but must remain part of the vine,
neither can you unless you remain in me.
I am the vine, you are the branches.
Whoever remains in me, with me in him,
bears fruit in plenty;
for cut off from me you can do nothing.
Anyone who does not remain in me
is like a branch that has been thrown away – he
withers;
these branches are collected and thrown on the fire,
and they are burnt.
If you remain in me and my words remain in you,
you may ask what you will and you shall get it.
It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear
much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.’

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who by the wonderful exchange effected in
this sacrifice have made us partakers of the one
supreme Godhead, grant, we pray,
that, as we have come to know your truth,
we may make it ours by a worthy way of life.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Jn 15: 1, 5

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the
Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit
in plenty, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O
Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly
mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of
life. Through Christ our Lord.