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### 14<sup>th</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 on 21<sup>st</sup> April** after mass at St Agatha's.

The **Annual Parochial Church Meeting is on 28<sup>th</sup> April** after Mass at St Agatha's- everyone should attend this.

We are planning a parish pilgrimage to Walsingham from 30<sup>th</sup> August to 1<sup>st</sup> September. There will a short meeting after mass at St Agatha's today to explain more. Please let Catherine Goodier have your names as soon as possible (and pay a deposit) if you are interested so she can reserve you a place.

#### 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.



**Entrance Antiphon** Cf. Ps 65: 1-2

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

**Collect**

May your people exult for ever, O God,  
in renewed youthfulness of spirit,  
so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our  
adoption,  
we may look forward in confident hope  
to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection.  
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 3:13-15,17-19

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

**Responsorial Psalm** Psalm 4:2,4,7,9

*Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.*

When I call, answer me, O God of justice;  
from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me!

*Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.*

It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves;  
the Lord hears me whenever I call him.

*Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.*

'What can bring us happiness?' many say.  
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

*Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.*

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once  
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

*Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.*

**Second reading** I John 2:1-5

I am writing this, my children,  
to stop you sinning;  
but if anyone should sin,  
we have our advocate with the Father,  
Jesus Christ, who is just;  
he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away,  
and not only ours,  
but the whole world's.

We can be sure that we know God  
only by keeping his commandments.

Anyone who says, 'I know him',  
and does not keep his commandments, is a liar,  
refusing to admit the truth.  
But when anyone does obey what he has said,  
God's love comes to perfection in him.

**Gospel Acclamation** cf. Lk 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us.  
Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel** Luke 24:35-48

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they still could not believe it, and they stood there dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

**Prayer over the Offerings**

Receive, O Lord, we pray,  
these offerings of your exultant Church,  
and, as you have given her cause for such great  
gladness, grant also that the gifts we bring  
may bear fruit in perpetual happiness.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Communion Antiphon** Lk 24: 35

The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus  
in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

**Prayer after Communion**

Look with kindness upon your people, O Lord,  
and grant, we pray,  
that those you were pleased to renew by eternal  
mysteries may attain in their flesh  
the incorruptible glory of the resurrection.  
Through Christ our Lord.