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## 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024 News/prayers

Mass times on Sundays:

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

*May is Mary's month:*

*We will say the rosary at 10.40am at St Agatha's on Sundays during May in the Lady Chapel.*

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

**St Barnabas Patronal Festival is on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June and 11am. The celebrant and preacher is Fr Thomas Singh. There will light refreshments after the Mass.**

We are hoping to have a church coach outing on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July. Would you prefer to go to Symonds Yat or Weston-Super-Mare? Please let Janet know your preference and reserve the date in your diary!

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 5 May 2024**

**Entrance Antiphon**

**Cf. Is 48: 20**

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;  
proclaim to the ends of the earth:  
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

**Collect**

Grant, almighty God,  
that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days  
of joy, which we keep in honour of the risen Lord,  
and that what we relive in remembrance  
we may always hold to in what we do.  
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 10:25-26,34-35,44-48**

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 97(98):1-4**

*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.*

**Second reading**

**I John 4:7-10**

My dear people,  
let us love one another  
since love comes from God  
and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows  
God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God,  
because God is love.  
God's love for us was revealed  
when God sent into the world his only Son  
so that we could have life through him;

this is the love I mean: not our love for God,  
but God's love for us when he sent his Son  
to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Jn 14:23**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him,  
and we shall come to him.' Alleluia!

**Gospel**

**John 15:9-17**

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you.  
Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments  
you will remain in my love,  
just as I have kept my Father's commandments  
and remain in his love.

I have told you this  
so that my own joy may be in you  
and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment:  
love one another, as I have loved you.

A man can have no greater love  
than to lay down his life for his friends.  
You are my friends, if you do what I command you.  
I shall not call you servants any more,  
because a servant does not know his master's  
business;

I call you friends,  
because I have made known to you  
everything I have learnt from my Father.  
You did not choose me:

no, I chose you;  
and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit,  
fruit that will last;  
and then the Father will give you  
anything you ask him in my name.  
What I command you is to love one another.'

**Prayer over the Offerings**

May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord,  
together with the sacrificial offerings,  
so that, purified by your graciousness,  
we may be conformed to the mysteries of your  
mighty love. Through Christ our Lord.

**Communion Antiphon**

**Jn 14: 15-16**

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the  
Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you  
another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever; alleluia.

**Prayer after Communion**

Almighty ever-living God,  
who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of  
Christ, increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal  
Sacrament and pour into our hearts the strength of  
this saving food. Through Christ our Lord.

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