

## Reading for

### the blessing of the palms:

## Gospel

Luke 19:28-40

### Collect

Almighty ever-living God,  
who as an example of humility for the human race to  
follow  
caused our Saviour to take flesh and submit to the  
Cross,  
graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient  
suffering  
and so merit a share in his Resurrection.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy  
Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

### First reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord has given me  
a disciple's tongue.  
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied  
he provides me with speech.  
Each morning he wakes me to hear,  
to listen like a disciple.  
The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance,  
neither did I turn away.  
I offered my back to those who struck me,  
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;  
I did not cover my face  
against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help,  
so that I am untouched by the insults.  
So, too, I set my face like flint;  
I know I shall not be shamed.

### Responsorial Psalm Psalm 21(22):8-9, 17-20, 23-24

*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*

All who see me deride me.  
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.  
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;  
let him release him if this is his friend.'

*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*

Many dogs have surrounded me,  
a band of the wicked beset me.  
They tear holes in my hands and my feet  
I can count every one of my bones.

*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*

They divide my clothing among them.  
They cast lots for my robe.  
O Lord, do not leave me alone,  
my strength, make haste to help me!

*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*

I will tell of your name to my brethren  
and praise you where they are assembled.  
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;  
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.  
Revere him, Israel's sons.

*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*

### Second reading

Philippians 2:6-11

His state was divine,  
yet Christ Jesus did not cling  
to his equality with God but emptied himself  
to assume the condition of a slave and became as men are;  
and being as all men are, he was humbler yet,  
even to accepting death, death on a cross.  
But God raised him high and gave him the name  
which is above all other names so that all beings  
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,  
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus  
and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

### Gospel Acclamation

Phil2:8-9

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!  
Christ was humbler yet,  
even to accepting death, death on a cross.  
But God raised him high  
and gave him the name which is above all names.  
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

### Gospel

Luke 23:1-49

## The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ

### Prayer over the Offerings

Through the Passion of your Only Begotten Son, O Lord,  
may our reconciliation with you be near at hand,  
so that, though we do not merit it by our own deeds,  
yet by this sacrifice made once for all,  
we may feel already the effects of your mercy.  
Through Christ our Lord.

### Communion Antiphon

Mt 26: 42

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it,  
your will be done.

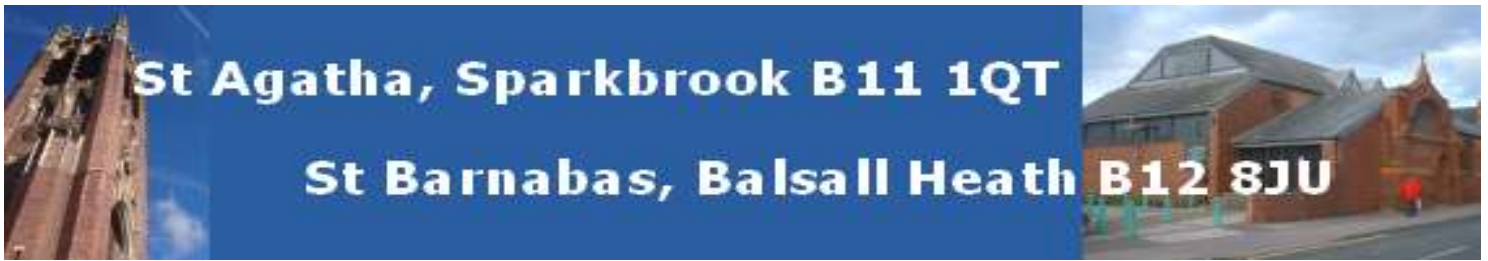
### Prayer after Communion

Nourished with these sacred gifts,  
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,  
that, just as through the death of your Son  
you have brought us to hope for what we believe,  
so by his Resurrection  
you may lead us to where you call.  
Through Christ our Lord.

### Prayer over the People

Look, we pray, O Lord, on this your family,  
for whom our Lord Jesus Christ  
did not hesitate to be delivered into the hands of the  
wicked and submit to the agony of the Cross.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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**13<sup>th</sup> April 2025 News/prayers**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
**Palm Sunday**

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

**Easter Masses 2025**

Maundy Thursday	7.30pm	St Agatha
Good Friday	2pm	St Barnabas
Holy Saturday	6.30pm	St Agatha
Easter Day	USUAL Sunday Masses as above	

**Good Friday**

The Walk of Witness (local ecumenical event) starts at Ladypool Congregational Church at 11am. The first stop is outside St Agatha's this year, so it would be lovely if you can join for all or part of the journey, or be at St Agatha's to join with us there.

For anyone arriving at St Barnabas by car, free parking is available in the Council car park across Ladypool Road, because of the bank holiday.

The **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** is on Sunday 27th April - please plan to attend.

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, 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. We pray for those who have died recently, especially Christopher Foreman.

**Walsingham Pilgrimage 2025**  
 30<sup>th</sup> May to 1<sup>st</sup> June. If you are interested in going, please see Catherine Goodier.

If anyone would like to contribute to the Easter flowers please give your donations to Sandhya or Priscilla. If anyone would like to help build the Easter garden please let us know.

