

Entrance Antiphon

Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength.

Cf. Ps 42: 1-2**Collect**

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God,
may we walk eagerly in that same charity
with which, out of love for the world,
your Son handed himself over to death.
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**Isaiah 43:16-21**

Thus says the Lord,
who made a way through the sea,
a path in the great waters;
who put chariots and horse in the field
and a powerful army
which lay there never to rise again,
snuffed out, put out like a wick:

No need to recall the past,
no need to think about what was done before.
See, I am doing a new deed,
even now it comes to light; can you not see it?
Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness,
paths in the wilds.

The wild beasts will honour me,
jackals and ostriches,
because I am putting water in the wilderness
(rivers in the wild)
to give my chosen people drink.
The people I have formed for myself
will sing my praises.

Responsorial Psalm**Psalm 125(126)**

*What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were
glad.*

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs.

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.

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Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap.

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves.

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

Second reading**Philippians 3:8-14**

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the
supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.
For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I
look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have

Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for
perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes
from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes
through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith.
All I want is to know Christ and the power of his
resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the
pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my
place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become
perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying
to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can
assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have
already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain
ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for
the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ
Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation**Joel 2:12-13**

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Now, now – it is the Lord who speaks –
come back to me with all your heart,
for I am all tenderness and compassion.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Gospel**John 8:1-11**

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared
in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat
down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had
been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there
in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this
woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery,
and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women
like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They
asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against
him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground
with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he
looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned,
let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent
down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this
they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until
Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing
there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has
no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir' she replied. 'Neither
do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and do not sin any
more.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Hear us, almighty God,
and, having instilled in your servants
the teachings of the Christian faith,
graciously purify them
by the working of this sacrifice.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord.
Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.

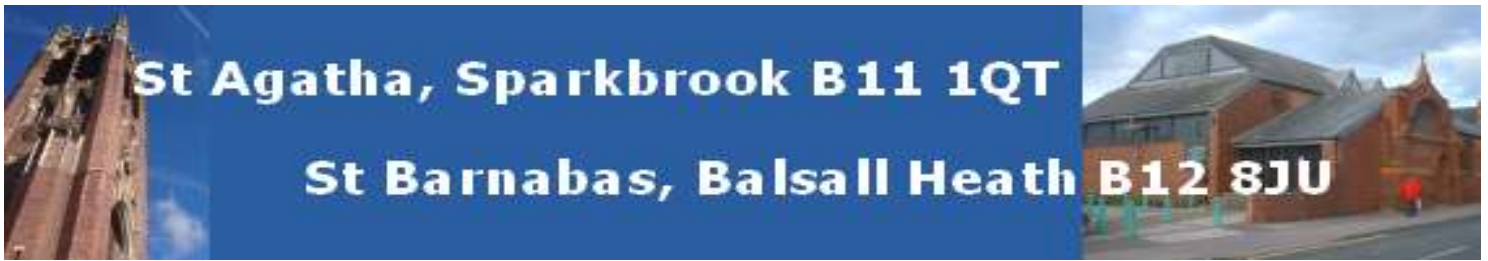
Prayer after Communion

We pray, almighty God,
that we may always be counted among the members of
Christ, in whose Body and Blood we have communion.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Prayer over the People

Bless, O Lord, your people,
who long for the gift of your mercy,
and grant that what, at your prompting, they desire
they may receive by your generous gift.
Through Christ our Lord.

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6th March News/prayers
5th Sunday in Lent
Passion Sunday

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

Asperges me, Domine, hyssopo et mundabor,
 Lavabis me, et super nivem dealabor.
 Miserere mei, Deus, secundum magnam misericordiam tuam.
 Thou wilt sprinkle me, O Lord, with hyssop and I shall be cleansed
 Thou wilt wash me, and I shall be washed whiter than snow.
 Pity me, O God, according to Thy great mercy
 Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto
 Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum.
 Amen
 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end

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

PCC meeting after Mass at St Agatha today.

The **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** is on Sunday 27th April - please plan to attend.
 The Good Friday Walk of Witness (local ecumenical event) starts at Ladypool Congregational Church at 11am. Their 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.

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.

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, John Luff, Carole Luff, Ben Whitehouse, Christopher Preman.
We pray for those who have died recently.

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

