

Entrance Antiphon**1 Pt 2: 2**

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

Collect

God of everlasting mercy,
 who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast
 kindle the faith of the people you have made your own,
 increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed,
 that all may grasp and rightly understand
 in what font they have been washed,
 by whose Spirit they have been reborn,
 by whose Blood they have been redeemed.
 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 2:42-47**

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 117(118):2-4,13-15,22-24

*Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
 for his love has no end.*

Let the sons of Israel say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let the sons of Aaron say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let those who fear the Lord say:

‘His love has no end.’

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

I was thrust down, thrust down and falling,
 but the Lord was my helper.

The Lord is my strength and my song;
 he was my saviour.

There are shouts of joy and victory
 in the tents of the just.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

The stone which the builders rejected
 has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,
 a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;
 we rejoice and are glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Second reading**1 Peter 1:3-9**

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God’s power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may

for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation**Jn20:29**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: ‘You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.’

Gospel**John 20:19-31**

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, ‘Peace be with you’, and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, ‘Peace be with you.

‘As the Father sent me,
 so am I sending you.’

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

‘Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,

they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain,

they are retained.’

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, ‘We have seen the Lord’, he answered, ‘Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.’ Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. ‘Peace be with you’ he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.’ Thomas replied, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him:

‘You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.’

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, we pray,
 the oblations of your people

(and of those you have brought to new birth),
 that, renewed by confession of your name and by

Baptism,

they may attain unending happiness.

Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon**Cf. Jn 20: 27**

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,
 and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, almighty God,

that our reception of this paschal Sacrament
 may have a continuing effect
 in our minds and hearts.

Through Christ our Lord.

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12th April 2026
2nd Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy

Mass at St Agatha's 11am every Sunday

Services at Barnabas 9am on Sundays

12th April Extended Communion
26th April Mass
10th May Mass
17th May Extended Communion
24th May Mass

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

DONATIONS TO ST AGATHA'S

There are several ways in which you can contribute:

By BACS to: ST AGATHAS P C C, TSB Bank 30-97-97
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In person, in cash into the collecting box at the back of church.
Envelopes are available if you wish to give regularly.
If you pay income tax then please Gift Aid your donations.
Gareth is pleased to answer any questions. Contactless
payments are possible.

Sunday 19th April PCC meeting

Our **Annual Parochial Church Meeting is**
on Sunday 26th April after Mass. All church
members should attend if possible.
Last chance to join the electoral roll if you
haven't yet. Please see Colin Goodier today.

A date for your diaries:

Oswestry Festival

on Saturday 13th June at
St Agatha's

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 pray for our parish in interregnum. We ask your help for all in positions of responsibility in our churches and for priests who visit and minister to us. 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:
Janet Gregory, John Gregory, David Stokes, Elaine Stanley, Donnette Rigg, Phil Lee,, Esther Micklewright, Robert Smith, Fr. John Luff, Carole Luff, Becky Morton, Fr Michael Cogoleff.

We pray for those who have died recently and for those with anniversaries at this time of year.

