



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.**

COLLECT

Grant, almighty God,
through the yearly observances of holy Lent,
that we may grow in understanding
of the riches hidden in Christ
and by worthy conduct pursue their effects.
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. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.
The confession of faith of the chosen people. 26:4-10
Moses spoke to the people: ‘The priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God. And you shall make response before the LORD your God, “A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labour. Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. 1And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.” And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God.’

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 91(90)

Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High,
and abides in the shade of the Almighty,
says to the LORD, ‘My refuge,
my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!’ **R.**

Upon you no evil shall fall,
no plague approach your tent.
For you has he commanded his angels
to keep you in all your ways. **R.**

They shall bear you upon their hands,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.
On the lion and the viper you will tread,
and trample the young lion and the serpent. **R.**

Since he clings to me in love, I will free him,
protect him, for he knows my name.
When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will be with him in distress;
I will deliver him, and give him glory. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.
The confession of faith of believers in Christ. 10:8-13

Brothers and Sisters: What does Scripture say? ‘The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart’ (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, ‘Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.’ For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For, ‘everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Glory and praise to you, O Christ.
One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.
Glory and praise to you, O Christ.**

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.
And with your Spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

‘Jesus was led by the Spirit in the wilderness and tempted by the devil’ 4:1-13

At that time: Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were over, he was hungry.

The devil said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.’ And Jesus answered him, ‘It is written, “Man shall not live by bread alone.”’

And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, and said to him, ‘To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.’ And Jesus answered him, ‘It is written, “You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.”’

And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, “He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you”, and “On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.”’ 1And Jesus answered him, ‘It is said, “You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.”’ 1And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time. and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.’ But Jesus answered him, ‘It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.’ Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Give us the right dispositions, O Lord, we pray,
to make these offerings,
for with them we celebrate the beginning
of this venerable and sacred time.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Renewed now with heavenly bread,
by which faith is nourished, hope increased,
and charity strengthened,
we pray, O Lord,
that we may learn to hunger for Christ,
the true and living Bread,
and strive to live by every word
which proceeds from your mouth.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sat 8 th	4.00 pm	John Royce (Special Intention)	9th March 2025: 1st Sunday of Lent FEASTS : Sunday 2 nd Sunday of Lent Adoration & Confession: Tuesday & Thursday 9.30 am – 10.20 am Altar Lamp – Ann Tierney (Special Intention) Our Lady's Lamp – People of the Parish
Sun 9 th	10.30 am	Pat McCarthy (Anniversary)	
Mon 10 th	9.30 am	People of the Parish	
Tues 11 th	10.30 am	John Gallagher RIP	
Wed 12 th	11.00 am	Ann O'Brien RIP (Requiem)	
Thurs 13 th	10.30 am	James Mulvihill RIP	
Fri 14 th	10.30 am	Daniel O'Shea RIP	
Sat 15 th	4.00 pm	Kevin Lynch RIP	
Sun 16 th	10.30 am	James Kelly (Anniversary)	
OFFERTORY COLLECTION: £381.40 SECOND COLLECTION: £172.76 (Cathedral Maintenance)			

RECENTLY DEAD: Ann O'Brien RIP. Reception Tuesday 11th March, 6.00 pm. Requiem Mass Wednesday 12th at 11.00 am
Thomas Joseph Henry Kelly RIP. Reception Monday 17th March, 6.00 pm. Requiem Mass Tuesday 18th at 12.00 noon.
John O'Brien RIP Reception Tuesday 1st April, 6.00 pm. Requiem Mass Wednesday 2nd at 11.15 am

ANNIVERSARIES: Kevin Smith, Les Bellew, Damien Queenan, David Healy, Patrick O'Brien, Joseph Casserley, Patrick Doran, Myles Elliot, Eric Tabb, Robert Collins, Brendan McGlinchey, Frances Murphy, Molly Dillon, Thomas Redican, Eunice Ellis, Bridget Barry, Janet Felton, John Thomas, Patrick O'Heferan, Pat Moylan, Patrick Flood, Michael Driscoll, Catherine Lynch, Francis Ariss, Peter Doyle, Agnes Freeman, Brenda Scullion, Alice Clinton, James Counihan, Margery Molloy, Theresa Dennis, Lucilda Young, Abby Martin, Catherine Byrne, Kerry Batting, Margaret Mulvey.

SICK LIST: Anselm John Baptiste, Jim Deards, Fr Morty O'Shea, John Garvey, Cath McGrath, Amie Faulkner, Clare Bergin, Mary Bergin, Fr Tony Rohan, Tommy Flynn, Maureen Carton, Tony McLoughlin.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH 2025: For families in crisis: Let us pray that broken families may discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, and rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025: The 2025 Jubilee Year '*Pilgrims of Hope*' is now underway. The Jubilee Year began with the opening of the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica in Rome, on Tuesday 24 December 2024 and runs to the Feast of Epiphany 2026. To find out more about how your parish, family or school can celebrate the Jubilee Year in our Archdiocese, and how you can participate in events nationally and internationally, visit our Diocesan website: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jubilee-year.

FOR THOSE DISCERNING GOD'S CALL – visit the National Office for Vocation at www.ukvocation.org or www.ukreligiouslife.org or www.ukpriest.org

SECOND COLLECTION this weekend is for Church Maintenance.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: During Lent we will have the Stations of the Cross every Wednesday and Friday after Holy Mass.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Divine Jesus, Son of the eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant us and all the faithful true generosity in following your call and bestow on us the grace of your Holy Spirit to persevere in overcoming all obstacles to our vocations. Give the Church in this Diocese and throughout the world many holy priests, fervent religious and committed lay people. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, Saint Justin, and all Saints, we humbly ask you to hear our prayers and multiply the ministries by which we may serve You and one another in faith and love. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

“O my God and my all, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, may your will be done, your love reign, your glory shine always more in me and everyone as in yourself, O my God and my all.” (Saint Justin Russolillo, SDV)

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