



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.**

COLLECT

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. 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 Genesis.
God enters into a covenant with Abram, the man of faith.

15:5-12, 17-18

In those days: God brought Abram outside and said, 'Look towards heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your offspring be.' And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

And he said to him, 'I am the LORD who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking firepot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying,

'To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 27(26).

The LORD is my light and my salvation.

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
whom should I dread? **R.**

O LORD, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer me.
Of you my heart has spoken,
'Seek his face.' **R.**

It is your face, O LORD, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.
Dismiss not your servant in anger;
you have been my help. **R.**
I believe I shall see the LORD's goodness
in the land of the living.
Wait for the LORD; be strong;
be stout-hearted, and wait for the LORD! **R.**

SECOND READING

(Shorter form between asterisks)

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians.
Christ will configure us to his glorious body. 3:17-4:1
Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. But *our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.*

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.
From a bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard:
'This is my beloved Son, listen to him'.
Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.**

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

'As Jesus was praying, the appearance of his face was altered.'

9:28b-36

At that time: Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah' — not knowing what he said. As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, 'This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!' And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray,
cleanse us of our faults
and sanctify your faithful in body and mind
for the celebration of the paschal festivities.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As we receive these glorious mysteries,
we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord,
for allowing us while still on earth
to be partakers even now of the things of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**



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MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sat 15 th	4.00 pm	Kevin Lynch RIP	16th March 2025: 2nd Sunday of Lent FEASTS : Monday St Patrick Wednesday St Joseph, Husband of Mary Sunday 3 rd Sunday of Lent Adoration & Confession: Tuesday & Thursday 9.30 am – 10.20 am Altar Lamp – People of the Parish Our Lady's Lamp – People of the Parish
Sun 16 th	10.30 am	James Kelly (Anniversary)	
Mon 17 th	10.00 am	People of the Parish	
Tues 18 th	10.30 am	Danny O'Shea RIP	
	12.00 pm	Thomas Kelly (Requiem)	
Wed 19 th	10.30 am	John Walsh RIP	
Thurs 20 th	10.30 am	Bridget Sweeney RIP	
Fri 21 st	10.30 am	Frankie O'Donnell Bosco RIP	
Sat 22 nd	4.00 pm	John Corcoran (Anniversary)	
Sun 23 rd	10.30 am	Michael Joe Madden RIP	
OFFERTORY COLLECTION: £369.21 SECOND COLLECTION: £153.86 (Church Maintenance)			

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

ANNIVERSARIES: James Kelly, Kathleen Helpin, Elizabeth Gilligan, Claire Allie, Kathleen Smyth, Kirsty Wright, Ceolan McGuire, Anthony Couchman, Kevin Lynch, John Barry, Michael Foley, Rosaline Grieve, Bridie Flanagan, Peter McAleese, Johanna McGrath, Carol Carter, Daniel Sorohan, Todd Heffernan, James McGinley, Joseph & Mary Catherine McGuigan, Joseph Macken, Carl Pinkcombu, Tyrone McDaid, Peter Hunt, Elma Murfin, Noel McCarthy, Thomas McGrath, George Lawton, Joseph Tegue, Bridget Glynn, Bridget Walsh.

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 Lent CAFOD.

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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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