



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Lord, your mercy is my hope, my heart rejoices in your saving power. I will sing to the Lord for his goodness to me.

## COLLECT

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, always pondering spiritual things, we may carry out in both word and deed that which is pleasing to you. 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 First Book of Samuel.  
*'The Lord gave you into my hand today, and I would not put out my hand against the Lord's anointed.'* 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23  
In those days: Saul arose and went down to the wilderness of Ziph with three thousand chosen men of Israel to seek David in the wilderness of Ziph.

David and Abishai went to the army by night. And there lay Saul sleeping within the encampment, with his spear stuck in the ground at his head, and Abner and the army lay round him. Then Abishai said to David, 'God has given your enemy into your hand this day. Now please let me pin him to the earth with one stroke of the spear, and I will not strike him twice.' But David said to Abishai, 'Do not destroy him, for who can put out his hand against the LORD's anointed and be guiltless?' So David took the spear and the jar of water from Saul's head, and they went away. No man saw it or knew it, nor did any awake, for they were all asleep, because a deep sleep from the LORD had fallen upon them.

Then David went over to the other side and stood far off on the top of the hill, with a great space between them. David said, 'Here is the spear, O king! Let one of the young men come over and take it. The LORD rewards every man for his righteousness and his faithfulness, for the LORD gave you into my hand today, and I would not put out my hand against the LORD's anointed.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The LORD is compassionate and gracious.

Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all within me, his holy name.  
Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and never forget all his benefits. R.

It is the Lord who forgives all your sins,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with mercy and compassion. R.

The LORD is compassionate and gracious,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
He does not treat us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our faults. R.

As far as the east is from the west,  
so far from us does he remove our transgressions.  
As a father has compassion on his children,  
the LORD's compassion is on those who fear him. R.

## SECOND READING

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.  
*'Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.'* 15:45-49  
Brothers and Sisters: 'The first man Adam became a living being'; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.  
A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord,  
that you love one another, just as I have loved you.  
Alleluia.

## GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.  
And with your Spirit.  
A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.  
Glory to you, O Lord.

*'Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.'* 6:27-38  
At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who begs from you; and from one who takes away your goods, do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

'If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount.

But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil.

'Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

As we celebrate your mysteries, O Lord,  
with the observance that is your due,  
we humbly ask you,  
that what we offer to the honour of your majesty  
may profit us for salvation.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I will recount all your wonders,  
I will rejoice in you and be glad,  
and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that we may experience the effects of the salvation  
which is pledged to us by these mysteries.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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**MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup>	4.00 pm	Pierce Kevin Wall RIP	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025: 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>  <b>FEASTS :</b> Saturday St David, Patron of Wales Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  <b>Adoration &amp; Confession: Tuesday &amp; Thursday</b> 9.30 am – 10.20 am  <b>Altar Lamp</b> – Michael Kimberley RIP <b>Our Lady's Lamp</b> – Ann O'Brien RIP
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30 am	Baxter, McCalmont, McCooley & Corey Families (Intentions)	
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>		NO MASS	
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	T McNamee RIP & A Beynon RIP	
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Hugh McGarvey RIP	
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am 12.00 pm	Eddie Dunne (Intentions) Daniel O'Shea RIP ( <b>Requiems</b> )	
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Des Keenahan RIP	
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup>	4.00 pm	Paul Turley RIP	
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30 am	Michael Kimberley RIP	
<b>OFFERTORY COLLECTION: £462.25</b>			
<b>SECOND COLLECTION: £167.06</b> (Racial Justice)			

**RECENTLY DEAD:** Daniel O'Shea RIP. Reception Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February, 4.30 pm. Requiem Mass Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>, 12.00 noon.  
Ann O'Brien RIP. Reception Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March, 6.00 pm. Requiem Mass Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> at 11.00 am  
Thomas Joseph Henry Kelly RIP. Reception Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March, 6.00 pm. Requiem Mass Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> at 12.00 noon.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Thomas Fox, Denis O'Dwyer, Margaret Jones, Michael Simons, James Toohey, Maureen Doyle, Patrick Hoey, Aiden Byrne, William Smith, Mary Reilly, Peter Duggan, Francisca Francisco, John McNally, Marie Mulligan, Anthony O'Neill, Michael King, Betty O'Keefe, Bridie Timmins, Maurice Parsons, Michael Ryan, Daniel Bergin, John Dineen, Maureen Turley, John Finlay, Lilian Moulton, Nicholas Molloy, Mary Murtagh.

**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](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jubilee-year).

**PALM CROSSES:** If you have blessed palm crosses from last year please bring them to Church and give them to Fr Fretch. They will be burnt to provide ashes for Ash Wednesday (5 March 2025). Thank you.

**PARISH MEETING:** A parish meeting will be held on Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> of March at 11.00 am. All are welcome. Thank you.

**SECOND COLLECTION this weekend is for Church Maintenance.**

**ALTAR LAMPS:** Spaces are now available. Please see May. Thank you.

**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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**The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Barbara Conneely. She can be contacted at [sg.holyfamily.bham@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.holyfamily.bham@rcaob.org.uk), or alternatively, the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted at [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns.**

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