

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Your merciful love, O God,  
we have received in the midst of your temple.  
Your praise, O God, like your name,  
reaches the ends of the earth;  
your right hand is filled with saving justice.

**COLLECT**

Almighty ever-living God,  
we humbly implore your majesty  
that, just as your Only Begotten Son  
was presented on this day in the Temple  
in the substance of our flesh,  
so, by your grace,  
we may be presented to you with minds made pure.  
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 Prophet Malachi.

*'The Lord whom you seek will come to his Temple.'* 3:1-4

Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his Temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

The LORD of hosts, he is the king of glory!

Ps 24(23)

O gates, lift high your heads;  
grow higher, ancient doors.  
Let him enter, the king of glory! R.

Who is this king of glory?  
The LORD, the mighty, the valiant;  
the LORD, the valiant in war. R.

O gates, lift high your heads;  
grow higher, ancient doors.  
Let him enter, the king of glory! R.

Who is this king of glory?  
He, the LORD of hosts,  
he is the king of glory. R.

**SECOND READING**

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

*'He had to be made like his brothers in every respect.'* 2:14-18  
Since the children share in flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to life long slavery. For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL**

Alleluia, alleluia.

A light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
and for glory to your people Israel.  
Alleluia.

**GOSPEL**

(Shorter form)

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glorify to you, O Lord.

*'My eyes have seen your salvation.'*

2:22-32

When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, 'Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord') and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves, or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the Temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

'Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

May the offering made with exultation by your Church be pleasing to you, O Lord, we pray, for you willed that your Only Begotten Son be offered to you for the life of the world as the Lamb without blemish. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

My eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

By these holy gifts which we have received, O Lord, bring your grace to perfection within us, and, as you fulfilled Simeon's expectation that he would not see death until he had been privileged to welcome the Christ, so may we, going forth to meet the Lord, obtain the gift of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen



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**MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

Sat 1 <sup>st</sup>	4.00 pm	Richard Graham RIP	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025: Presentation of the Lord (Feast)</b> <b>FEASTS :</b> Wednesday St Agatha Thursday St Paul Miki & Companion Saturday St Josephine Bakhita Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  <b>Adoration &amp; Confession:</b> Tuesday & Thursday 9.30 am – 10.20 am  <b>Altar Lamp</b> – Pierce Kevin Wall RIP <b>Our Lady's Lamp</b> – Mary McGlacken RIP
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30 am	Michael Cruise (Anniversary)	
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00 am	People of the Parish	
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am 10.45 am	Society of Divine Vocations Jerry Daly RIP ( <b>Requiem</b> )	
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Fiona Fadian	
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Peter Connelly (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary) with Holy Family School	
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Johnny Garvey (Intentions)	
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup>	4.00 pm	Kevin Williams RIP (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)	
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Sylvia Curran RIP	
<b>OFFERTORY COLLECTION: £489.39</b> <b>SECOND COLLECTION: £185.29 (Church Maintenance)</b>			

**RECENTLY DEAD:** Jerry Daly RIP. Requiem Mass Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February, 10.45 am.  
Daniel O'Shea RIP. Reception Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February, 4.30 pm. Requiem Mass Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>, 12.00 noon.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Annie Murray, Michael Cuzick, Margaret Timothy, Thomas Connolly, Mavis Squires, William Breen, Michael Cruise, Catherine Kearns, Kevin Foley, Catherine O'Callaghan, Margaret Bullock, Joseph Connolly, Winifred Griffiths, James Reenan, Patrick Burke, Sharon Turner, Kathleen Molloy, James Ward, Baby Pierce Wall, Patrick Moogan, Batholomew Clancey, Doreen Latimer, Elizabeth Knight, Katherine Nolan, John Whelan, Patrick McAndrew, Michael Kimberley, Gerrard McKeown, Ann Ashmore, Charles McBride.

**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 FEBRUARY 2025:** For vocations to the priesthood and religious life: Let us pray that the ecclesial community may welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

**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).

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

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:** Meeting on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 12.00 noon in the Presbytery. All women are welcome.

**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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