



**ENTRANCE ANITPHON**

**Be my protector, O God,  
a mighty stronghold to save me.  
For you are my rock, my stronghold!  
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.**

**OPENING PRAYER**

O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling 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 Prophet Jeremiah.

*'Cursed is the man who trusts in man; blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord.'* 17:5-8

Thus says the LORD: 'Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD. He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. 'Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Ps 40(39)*

**Blessed the man who has placed his trust in the LORD.**

Blessed indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the path with sinners, nor abides in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the LORD, and who ponders his law day and night. **R.**

He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season, and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper. **R.**

Not so are the wicked, not so! For they, like winnowed chaff, shall be driven away by the wind. For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish. **R.**

**SECOND READING**

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians. *'If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile.'* 15:12, 16-20  
Brothers and Sisters: If Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia.  
Rejoice and leap for joy, says the Lord,  
for behold, your reward is great in heaven.  
Alleluia.**

**GOSPEL**

The Lord be with you.

**And with your Spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, Lord.**

*'Blessed are you who are poor. Woe to you who are rich.'*

6:17, 20-26

At that time: Jesus came down with the Twelve and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon. And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, and revile you, and spurn your name as evil on account of the Son of Man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

May this oblation, O Lord, we pray, cleanse and renew us and may it become for those who do your will the source of eternal reward. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

**They ate and had their fill,  
and what they craved the Lord gave them;  
they were not disappointed in what they craved.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Having fed upon these heavenly delights, we pray, O Lord, so that we may always long for that food by which we truly live. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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**MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

Sat 15 <sup>th</sup>	4.00 pm	John Myles RIP	<b>16<sup>th</sup> February 2025: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>FEASTS :</b> Monday The 7 Founders of the Servite Order Friday St Peter Damian Saturday Chair of St Peter (Feast) Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time <b>Adoration &amp; Confession: Tuesday &amp; Thursday</b> 9.30 am – 10.20 am <b>Altar Lamp – Patrick Flemming RIP</b> <b>Our Lady's Lamp – People of the Parish</b>
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Ann & Fiona Hannavin	
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>		NO MASS	
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Sharon Jane Enright (Anniversary)	
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Sarah & Mona (Intentions)	
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Margaret Burke RIP	
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.30 am	Kitty Brennan RIP	
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup>	4.00 pm	Pierce Kevin Wall RIP	
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30 am	Baxter, McCalmont, McCooley & Corey Families (Intentions)	
<b>OFFERTORY COLLECTION: £354.81</b> <b>SECOND COLLECTION: £137.91 (Church Maintenance)</b>			

**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:** James Kennelly, John Mulligan Jr, Michael Lavin, John Cowie, Thomas Snee, Sharon Jane Enright, Winifred Aris, Murty Piggott, Peter Manifold, Patrick Hunt, Francis Baird, James Piggott, Winnie McHugh, Kathleen Byrne, Christopher Benton, Mary Burke, Emily Taylor, Eileen Martin, Bridie Munce, Patricia Conboy, John Mills, Martin Devine, Nora King, John Fitzgerald, Elizabeth Hawthorn, Thomas Mitton, Kevin Hyland.

**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).

**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 Racial Justice.**

**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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