



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.**

COLLECT

Grant, almighty God,
that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy,
which we keep in honour of the risen Lord,
and that what we relive in remembrance
we may always hold to in what we do.
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 Acts of the Apostles.
*'It has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay on you no
greater burden than these requirements.'*

15:1-2, 22-29

In those days: Some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, 'Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.' And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to the Apostles and the elders about this question.

Then it seemed good to the Apostles and the elders, with the whole Church, to choose men from among them and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They sent Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leading men among the brothers and sisters, with the following letter:

'The brothers, both the Apostles and the elders, to the brothers and sisters who are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia, greetings. Since we have heard that some persons have gone from us and troubled you with words, unsettling your minds, although we gave them no instructions, it has seemed good to us, having come to one accord, to choose men and send them to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have therefore sent Judas and Silas, who themselves will tell you the same things by word of mouth. For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay on you no greater burden than these requirements: that you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what has been strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.**

or: **Alleluia.**

May God be gracious and bless us
and let his face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your salvation. **R.**

Ps.67(66)

Let the nations be glad and shout for joy,
with uprightness you rule the peoples;
you guide the nations on earth. **R.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
that all the ends of the earth may revere him. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the book of Revelation.

He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.

21:10-14,22-23

The angel carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed—on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.

**If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord,
and my Father will love him, and we will come to him.
Alleluia.**

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.*'The Holy Spirit will bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.'*

14:23-29

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.'

'These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I will come to you." If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord,
together with the sacrificial offerings,
so that, purified by your graciousness,
we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty love.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete,
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty ever-living God,
who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ,
increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament
and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sat 24 th	4.00 pm	People of the Parish	25th May 2025: 6th Sunday of Easter	
Sun 25 th	10.30 am	John C O’Sullivan (Anniversary)		
Mon 26 th		NO MASS		
Tues 27 th	9.30 am 11.15 am	Nancy Brennan (7 th Anniversary) Sandra Wale RIP (Requiem)	FEASTS :	
Wed 28 th	10.30 am	Pauline Simons RIP	Monday	St Philip Neri
Thurs 29 th	9.30 am	People of the Parish	Tuesday	St Augustine of Canterbury
Fri 30 th	10.30 am	Tierney & Honan Family RIP	Thursday	Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord
Sat 31 st	4.00 pm	Sean Morley (Anniversary)	Friday	The Solemnity of Dedication
Sun 1 st	10.30 am	Bridie Riley (10 th Anniversary)	Saturday	Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
OFFERTORY COLLECTION: £376.51			Sunday	7th Sunday of Easter
SECOND COLLECTION: £174.41			Adoration & Confession: Tuesday & Thursday 9.30 am – 10.20 am	
Altar Lamp – Margaret & Sean Fleming RIP				
Our Lady’s Lamp – Sean Fleming RIP				

RECENTLY DEAD: Sandra Wale RIP. Requiem Mass on Tuesday, 27th May at 11.15 am.
Theresa Bridget Davison RIP. Requiem Mass Wednesday 11th June, 10.45 am.

ANNIVERSARIES: Michael Walsh, Eileen Hunt, Christopher Oglesby, Mary Clancy, Lawrence Reilly, Doreen McGowan, Nancy Caffrey, Dorothy DeVreede, Annie Round, Dean Caffrey, Shaun McCaul, John McCabe, Bridget Foster, Richard Edwards, Annie Foley, Margaret Langdon, Patrick Hughes, Patrick Martin, Ellen O'Keeffe, Thomas Murphy, Stephen Shillingford, William Connolly, James McHugh, John Ferguson.

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, Fr Paul Johnson, John Leo Daly, Fr Michael White.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY 2025: For working conditions: Let us pray that, through work, each person may find fulfilment, families may be sustained in dignity and that society may be humanised.

THANK YOU to the parishioners who supported the Afternoon Tea at St Thomas More's. A total of £1,620.0 was raised for HCPT, Mary's Meals, and the Air Ambulance. Many Thanks.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: Church Maintenance

MULTICULTURAL MASS: Come and join us for our parish multicultural Mass on Pentecost Sunday, June 8th. If possible, all are invited to wear traditional dress. We will have a shared table after Mass in Holy Family School, and you are welcome to bring food that represents your country and culture. Please invite and bring your family and friends with you.

CONFIRMATION: Holy Family School pupils will be making their Confirmation on Sunday, 29th June, during the 10.30 am Mass. If any members of our Parish have not been confirmed and are interested in receiving the sacrament, please contact Fr Fretch. 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, or alternatively, the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted at safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

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