



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.**

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
lead us to a share in the joys of heaven,
so that the humble flock may reach
where the brave Shepherd has gone before.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
'Behold, we are turning to the Gentiles.'

13:14, 43-52

In those days: Paul and Barnabas went on from Perga and came to Antioch in Pisidia. And on the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. Many Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who, as they spoke with them, urged them to continue in the grace of God. The next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began to contradict what was spoken by Paul, reviling him. And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, 'It was necessary that the word of God be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it aside and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, "I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth."' And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed. And the word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region. But the Jews incited the devout women of high standing and the leading men of the city, stirred up persecution against Saint Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district. But they shook off the dust from their feet against them and went to Iconium. And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God,

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

or: Alleluia.

Cry out with joy to the LORD, all the earth.
Serve the LORD with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. **R.**

Know that he, the LORD, is God.
He made us; we belong to him.
We are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R.**

Indeed, how good is the LORD,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the book of Revelation..

*'The Lamb will be their shepherd and will guide them to
springs of living water.'* 7:9. 14-17
I, John, looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could
number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and
languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb,
clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands.

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'These are the
ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed
their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day
and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will
shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more,
neither thirst any more; the sun shall not strike them, nor any
scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be
their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living
water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord.
I know my sheep and my own know me.
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.

I give eternal life to my sheep. 10:27-30
At that time: Jesus said, ' My sheep hear my voice, and I know
them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will
never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My
Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no
one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the
Father are one.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant, we pray, O Lord,
that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries,
so that the renewal constantly at work within us
may be the cause of our unending joy.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd,
and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures
the sheep you have redeemed
by the Precious Blood of your Son.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**



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MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sat 10 th	4.00 pm	Tony McLoughlin (Month's Mind)	11th May 2025: 4th Sunday of Easter (Vocations Sunday) FEASTS : Tuesday Our Lady of Fatima Wednesday St Matthias, Apostle Sunday 5th Sunday of Easter Adoration & Confession: Tuesday & Thursday 9.30 am – 10.20 am Altar Lamp – Fr Tony Our Lady's Lamp – People of the Parish
Sun 11 th	10.30 am	Bridget Reel RIP (Anniversary)	
Mon 12 th		NO MASS	
Tues 13 th	9.30 am	Sister Maura & Sister Maureen	
Wed 14 th	10.30 am	David Lee RIP	
Thurs 15 th	10.30 am	Tony McLoughlin RIP	
Fri 16 th	10.30 am	Etta McCarthy	
Sat 17 th	4.00 pm	Nora & John McDonagh (Anniversary)	
Sun 18 th	10.30 am	Ann Smith (Anniversary)	
OFFERTORY COLLECTION: £447.86 SECOND COLLECTION: £180.00 (Flowers) SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: Clergy Training Fund.			

RECENTLY DEAD: Pauline Simons RIP. Reception Wednesday 21st May, 6.00 pm. Requiem Mass Thursday 22nd May, 10.00 am.
Sandra Wale RIP. Requiem Mass on Tuesday, 27th May at 11.15 am.

ANNIVERSARIES: John Reel, Richard Hannigan, William Geraghty, Thomas O'Malley, Sheila Funnell, Ethel Whitmore, Michael Mulcahy, Mary McGuire, Bridget Reel, Kerri Wilson, Ann Reynolds, Neil Harvey, Christine Squires, Willam McCarthy, Michael Baird, Margaraet Cooke, Sean Guinan, Frederick O'Brien, Owen Walsh, Marc Broadhurst, Michael Keogh, Lawrence Scott, Deceased of Connihan Family, Michael Lee, Ann Smith, Tony Finlay.

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.

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.

VOCATION SUNDAY This weekend is Vocation Sunday - also known as Good Shepherd Sunday, when the Church around the world prays for an increase in vocations. The Gospel reminds us that Jesus, the Good Shepherd, calls each of us by name and leads us to a life of meaning and service. We are invited to reflect: How is God calling me to live my vocation more fully? Am I supporting vocations in my family, parish, or school community? Who might I encourage to consider priesthood, religious life, or lay ministry?

AFTERNOON TEA next Sunday, 18th May, at St Thomas More's, 3.00 pm. All proceeds to HCPT, Mary's Meals and the Air Ambulance. Tickets £10.00 each from Edel on 07836 704178. Many Thanks.

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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