



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.**

COLLECT

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. 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.

David is anointed king of Israel.

16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

In those days: The LORD said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.'

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the LORD's anointed is before him.' But the LORD said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.' And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, 'The LORD has not chosen these.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here.' And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the LORD said, 'Arise, anoint him, for this is he.' Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David from that day forward.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 23(22)

The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me;
he revives my soul. **R.**

He guides me along the right path,
for the sake of his name.
Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death,
no evil would I fear, for you are with me.
Your crook and your staff will give me comfort. **R.**

You have prepared a table before me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the LORD's own house shall I dwell
for length of days unending. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians.

'Arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.'

5:8-14

Brothers and sisters: At one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light, for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true, and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, 'Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.'

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Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.**

GOSPEL
(Shorter form)

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

'He went and washed and received his sight.'

9:1-41

At that time: As Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. And his disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' Jesus answered, 'It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work.'

As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.' Having said these things, *he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud and said to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'It is he.' Others said, 'No, but he is like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.' *

So they said to him, 'Then how were your eyes opened?' He answered, 'The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash." So I went and washed and received my sight.' They said to him, 'Where is he?' He said, 'I do not know.'

*They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.' Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?' And there was a division among them. So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?' He said, 'He is a prophet.' The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, 'Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?' His parents answered, 'We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.' His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, 'He is of age; ask him.' So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, 'Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner.' He answered, 'Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.' They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' He answered them, 'I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?' And they reviled him, saying, 'You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.' The man answered, 'Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshipper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.'

They answered him, 'You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?' And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' He answered, 'And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?' Jesus said to him, 'You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.' He said, 'Lord, I believe', and he worshipped him.

Jesus said, 'For judgement I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.' Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, 'Are we also blind?' Jesus said to them, 'If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, "We see", your guilt remains.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

We place before you with joy these offerings,
which bring eternal remedy, O Lord,
praying that we may both faithfully revere them
and present them to you, as is fitting,
for the salvation of all the world.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed,
I saw and I believed in God.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, who enlighten everyone who comes into this world,
illuminate our hearts, we pray,
with the splendour of your grace,
that we may always ponder
what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty
and love you in all sincerity.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sat 14 th	4.00 pm	Kevin Lynch RIP (Anniversary)	15th March 2026: 4th Sunday in Lent (<i>Laetare</i> Sunday) FEASTS : Tuesday St.Patrick Wednesday St Cyril of Jerusalem Thursday St Joseph, Husband of Mary Sunday 5 th Sunday in Lent Adoration & Confession: Tuesday & Thursday (9.30 am – 10.20 am) Altar Lamp – Kevin Lynch RIP Our Lady's Lamp – People of the Parish
Sun 15 th	10.30 am	Theresa McCreesh RIP	
Mon 16 th		NO MASS	
Tues 17 th	10.30 am	People of the Parish	
Wed 18 th	10.30 am	Fiona McGettigan RIP	
Thurs 19 th	10.30 am	Peter Costello RIP	
Fri 20 th	10.30 am	Maria Flis (Get Well)	
Sat 21 st	10:00 am 4.00 pm	Parish Ministers John Corcoran (Anniversary)	
Sun 22 nd	10.30 am	Aileen Daly (nee Yallop) (Months Mind)	
OFFERTORY COLLECTION: £475.64 SECOND COLLECTION: £148.57 (Cathedral Maintenance)			

RECENTLY DEAD: Agnes Ray RIP. Requiem Mass Tuesday 7th April 2026, 12.00 noon.
 Christopher Peter Howell RIP. Reception Thursday, 9th April 6.00 pm. Requiem Mass Friday 10th April 2026, 10.15 am.
 Thomas Dale RIP. Details to follow.

ANNIVERSARIES: Abby Martin, Catherine Byrne, Kerry Batting, Margaret Mulvey, Kathleen Halpin, Elizabeth Gilligan, Claire Allie, Kathleen Smyth, Kirsty Wright, Ceolan McGuire, Anthony Couchman, Kevin Lynch, John Barry, Michael Foley, Bridie Flanagan, Peter McAleese, Johanna McGrath, Carol Carter, Daniel Sorahan, Todd Heffernan, Joseph Macken, Cari Pinkcoba, Tyrone McDaid, Peter Hunt, Elma Murfin, Noel McCarthy, Thomas McGrath, George Lawton, Joseph Teague.

SICK LIST: Anselm John Baptiste, Fr Morty O'Shea, John Garvey, Cath McGrath, Amie Faulkner, Clare Bergin, John Leo Daly, Fr Michael White, Everly Arnold, Eileen Carter.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH: For disarmament and peace. Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: Church Maintenance. **NEXT WEEKEND:** Easter Flowers

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: During Lent, we pray the **Stations of the Cross** every Wednesday and Friday after the morning Mass.

LENTEN RECOLLECTION FOR MINISTERS: Next Saturday, 21st March 2026, 10.00 am – 12.00 noon. Open to all parishioners.

ALTAR SERVERS' MEETING: Meeting and practice on Saturday, 28th March 2026 at 11.00 am.

PARISH CLEANING: On Monday of Holy Week, 30 March, from 10:00 am to 11:30 am. Please come along. Thank you.

PLEASE PRAY for **Katie-Louise Canning, Lori Walker** and **Hemma-Louise Webber**, who are to be baptised, confirmed, and received into the Catholic Church at this coming Easter Vigil.

FOR THOSE DISCERNING GOD'S CALL – Visit the National Office for Vocations at www.ukvocation.org or www.religiouslife.org or www.ukpriest.org

Happy Mother's Day to all the amazing mothers!!!

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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