



**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**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.  
*‘God has made him both Lord and Christ.’*  
2:14a, 36-41  
On the day of Pentecost Peter, standing with the Eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: ‘Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.’

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the Apostles, ‘Brothers, what shall we do?’ And Peter said to them, ‘Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.’ And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, ‘Save yourselves from this crooked generation.’ So those who received his word were baptised, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God,**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

**or: Alleluia.**

The Lord is my shepherd;  
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 First Letter of Saint Peter.

*2:20b-25*

*‘You have returned to the Shepherd of your souls.’*  
Beloved: If when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

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 am the door of the sheep.’*

*10:1-10*

At that time: Jesus said, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.’ This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So Jesus again said to them, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.’

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**

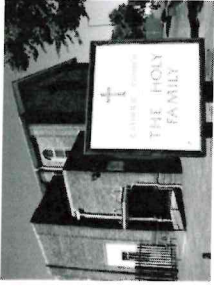
Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd,  
and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures  
the sheep you have redeemed  
by the Precious Blood of your Son.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**



# Archdiocese of Birmingham

## Holy Family RC Parish

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MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK	
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>	4.00 pm Bridget Conneely (Anniversary)
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am Rebecca Lewis Wells-Richardson (Birthday Remembrance)
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am Kevin Hynes RIP
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am Dot McEvoy RIP
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am Bella Warr RIP
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	10.30 am Eddie Dunne (Intentions)
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup>	4.00 pm Xavier & Joseph Gomes (Sp Intention)
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30 am Eileen O'Sullivan RIP
<b>OFFERTORY COLLECTION: £366.05</b>	
<b>SECOND COLLECTION: £133.23 (Church Maintenance)</b>	

### 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

#### World Day of Prayer for Vocations

##### FEASTS:

Tuesday	St Louis de Monfort, Priest
Wednesday	St Catherine of Siena, Patron of Europe
Thursday	St Pius V, Pope
Friday	St Joseph the Worker
Saturday	St Athanasius
Sunday	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>

**Adoration & Confession:** Tuesday & Thursday  
(9.30 am – 10.20 am)

**Altar Lamp** – Delia Ryan (Get Well)

**Our Lady's Lamp** – Maureen Myles RIP

**RECENTLY DEAD:** Michael Thomas Raughter RIP. Reception into Church Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026, 6.00 pm. Requiem Mass Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May, 11.00 am. Followed by a burial at Kings Norton Cemetery.  
Nora Patricia Madden RIP. Requiem Mass Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May, 11.30 am.  
Peter McCann RIP. Reception into Church Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026, 6.00 pm. Requiem Mass Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 11.30 am.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Winifred Meehan, Catherine Carmody, Michael Dunne, Joseph McBride, Michael Power, William Tone, Bridget Brady, Rose Byrne, Albert Tibbins, Hilda Shillingford, Elizabeth Elliott, Harold Fowler, Joyce Galvin, John Fitzgibbon, Mary Gunning, Christina Anderson, Jane Bryant.

**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 MAY: That everyone might have food.** Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND:** Clergy Training Fund. **NEXT WEEKEND:** Church Maintenance.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE** meeting Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2026 at 12.00 noon in the Presbytery. All women are welcome  
**CORPUS CHRISTI AFTERNOON TEA** Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2.00 pm. Contact Mary on 0780 701 8909.

**THANK YOU** to parishioners who supported the recent Afternoon Tea at St Thomas More's. It raised a total of £1366.00.

**MULTICULTURAL MASS:** Come and join us for our parish multicultural Mass on Pentecost Sunday, **May 24<sup>th</sup>**. 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 your family and friends and bring them with you. Thank you.

**FOR THOSE DISCERNING GOD'S CALL** – Visit the National Office for Vocations at [www.ukvocation.org](http://www.ukvocation.org) or [www.religiouslife.org](http://www.religiouslife.org) or [www.ukpriest.org](http://www.ukpriest.org)

#### 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 Russoillo, SDV)

**Fr Fretch Ballesteros 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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