



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

COLLECT

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God,
the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ
with righteous deeds at his coming,
so that, gathered at his right hand,
they may be worthy to possess the heavenly kingdom.
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 Isaiah.
The Lord gathers all nations together into the eternal peace of the Kingdom of God. 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, and many peoples shall come, and say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Sion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 122(121)

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the LORD.

I rejoiced when they said to me,
'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R.**

It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD
as it is decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.
There were set the thrones for judgement,
the thrones of the house of David. **R.**

For the peace of Jerusalem pray,
'May they prosper, those who love you.'
May peace abide in your walls,
and security be in your towers. **R.**

For the sake of my family and friends,
let me say, 'Peace upon you.'
For the sake of the house of the LORD, our God,
I will seek good things for you. **R.**

SECOND READING

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

'Salvation is nearer to us now.' 13:11-14a

Brothers and sisters: You know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarrelling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.

**Show us, O LORD, your mercy,
and grant us your salvation.**

Alleluia.

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Stay awake so that you may be ready. 24:37-44

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples: 'For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make,
gathered from among your gifts to us,
and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below
gain for us the prize of eternal redemption.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**The Lord will bestow his bounty,
And our earth shall yield its increase.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May these mysteries, O Lord,
in which we have participated,
profit us, we pray,
for even now, as we walk amid passing things,
you teach us by them to love the things of heaven
and hold fast to what endures.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sat 29 th	4.00 pm	Richard Graham (Anniversary)	30th November 2025: 1st Sunday of Advent <u>FEASTS :</u> Monday St Edmund Campion Wednesday St Francis Xavier Thursday St John of Damascus Saturday St Nicholas Sunday 2 nd Sunday of Advent Adoration & Confession: Tuesday & Thursday
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RECENTLY DEAD:

ANNIVERSARIES: Daniel Daly, Henry Carse, Leonard Matthews, Mary Monaghan, Stanley Hoare, Mary Mulligan, Kim Wilkins, James Daly, Christina Fox, Mark Higgins, Thomas O'Connor, Sarah Ledwith, Bridget Byrne, Kenneth Claffery, Charles Kelly, Vince Reilly, John Daly, John Kelly, Julie Hunter, Kathleen Quinn, John Connolly, Sean McErlean, Austin Moore, Kenneth Sharkey, Kathleen Dalton, Linda Miller, Kathleen Croke.

SICK LIST: Anselm John Baptiste, Jim Deards, Fr Morty O'Shea, John Garvey, Cath McGrath, Amie Faulkner, Clare Bergin, Mary Bergin, Tommy Flynn, John Leo Daly, Fr Michael White, Everly Arnold, Pete McManamon, Mary McManamon.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER: For Christians in areas of conflict. Let us pray that Christian living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, may be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: Church Maintenance. **NEXT WEEKEND:** Poor Parishes.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS Year 6 pupils from St Bernadette's School who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this Thursday 4th December here at Holy Family.

SINCERE THANKS to Holy Family & Corpus Christi parishioners who raised an amazing final total of £700.00 for the ANAWIM Centre in this Jubilee Year of Hope. Your purchases and donations will make a real difference to vulnerable women this Christmas and Winter. Sister Maura.

WALK WITH ME Booklets and Advent Calendars are available at the back of the Church. These are free, but any donations are greatly appreciated.

ANNUAL BAZAAR next Saturday, 6th December 2025, 12.00 – 2.00 pm. Bottles, New or nearly New items, and unwanted gifts are greatly appreciated. Raffle tickets will be on sale this weekend.

CHURCH CLEANING: In preparation for our Christmas celebrations, we will have a parish general cleaning on Saturday, the 13th of December, from 11.00 am – 1.00 pm. All are welcome to help. Thank you.

PARISH CAROL SERVICE: Sunday, 14th December at 6.30 pm.

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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