



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.**

COLLECT

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. 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 Book of Exodus.

'Give us water to drink.'

17:3-7

In those days: The people thirsted for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried to the LORD, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' And the LORD said to Moses, 'Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.' And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarrelling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?'

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts.'**

Ps:95(94)

Come, let us ring out our joy to the LORD;
hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come into his presence, giving thanks;
let us hail him with a song of praise. **R.**

O come; let us bow and bend low.

Let us kneel before the LORD who made us,
for he is our God, and we the people,
the people of his pasture, the flock of his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice!

'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your forebears put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

SECOND READING

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

Love has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit who has been given to us.

5:1-2, 5-8

Brothers and sisters: Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die — but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God.
Lord, you are indeed the Saviour of the world;
give me living water, so that I will not be thirsty.
Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God.**

GOSPEL

*(Shorter form between *)*

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

'A spring of water welling up to eternal life.'

4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

*At that time: Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?' (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.' *

Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come here.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.' The woman said to him,

*'Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming — he who is called Christ. When he comes, he will tell us all things.' Jesus said to her, 'I who speak to you am he.' *

Just then his disciples came back. They marvelled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you seek?' or, 'Why are you talking with her?' So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, 'Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?' They went out of the town and were coming to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, 'Rabbi, eat.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Has anyone brought him something to eat?'

Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, "There are yet four months, then comes the harvest"? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest. Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.'

Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me all that I ever did.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Saviour of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Be pleased, O Lord, with these sacrificial offerings,
and grant that we who beseech pardon for our own sins,
may take care to forgive our neighbour.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

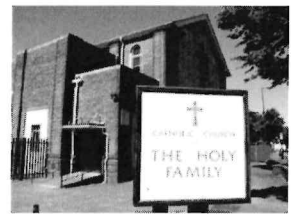
**For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord,
the water I shall give will become in him
a spring welling up to eternal life.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As we receive the pledge
of things yet hidden in heaven
and are nourished while still on earth
with the Bread that comes from on high,
we humbly entreat you, O Lord,
that what is being brought about in us in mystery
may come to true completion.
Through Christ our Lord.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sat 7 th	4.00 pm	Bridget & Donal O'Brien	8th March 2026: 3rd Sunday in Lent
Sun 8 th	10.30 am	Patrick McCarthy (Anniversary)	
Mon 9 th		NO MASS	
Tues 10 th	9.30 am	Jacquelyn Hobbs RIP	
Wed 11 th	9.00 am	People of the Parish	
Thurs 12 th	10.30 am	Peggy Regan RIP	
Fri 13 th	10.30 am	Mary Bergin RIP	
Sat 14 th	4.00 pm	Kevin Lynch RIP	
Sun 15 th	10.30 am	Theresa McCreesh RIP	
OFFERTORY COLLECTION: £491.13			
SECOND COLLECTION: £163.46 (CAFOD)			
Adoration & Confession: Tuesday & Thursday (9.30 am – 10.20 am)			Altar Lamp – Bridget & Donal O'Brien RIP Our Lady's Lamp – Alison Moyna RIP

RECENTLY DEAD: Rhianna White RIP. Service at Woodlands Crematorium on Wednesday, 11th March 2026 at 12.00 pm.
 George Conboy RIP. Requiem Mass Friday 13th March 2026, 12.00 noon.
 Agnes Ray RIP. Requiem Mass Tuesday 7th April 2026, 12.00 noon.

ANNIVERSARIES: William Spurr, Alison Moyna, Eileen Moody, Josie Dornin, Patrick Power, Danielle Cawley, Les Bellew, Damien Queenan, David Healy, Tony McLoughlin, Patrick O'Brien, Joseph Casserley, Patrick Doran, Myles Elliot, Eric Tabb, Robert Collins, Brendan McGlinchey, Frances Murphy, Molly Dillon, Eunice Ellis, Bridget Barry, Maureen Carton, John Tomas, Patrick O'Hefferan, Pat Moylan, Patrick Flood, Michael Driscoll, Catherine Lynch, Francis Ariss, Peter Doyle, Brenda Scullion, Alice Clinton, James Counihan, Margery Molloy, Theresa Dennis, Lucilda Young.

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: Cathedral Maintenance. **NEXT WEEKEND:** Church Maintenance

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: We welcome Bishop David Evans, and we pray for our children and their families from Holy Family School who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday.

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

PARISH MEETING: Next Saturday, 14th March 2026, at 11.00 am – in Church.

LENTEN RECOLLECTION FOR MINISTERS: 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

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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