

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

**Give me justice, O God,  
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.  
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,  
for you, O God, are my strength.**

**COLLECT**

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God,  
may we walk eagerly in that same charity  
with which, out of love for the world,  
your Son handed himself over to death.  
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 Ezekiel.  
*'I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live.'* 37:12-14  
Thus says the LORD God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD  
The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**With the LORD there is mercy,  
in him is plentiful redemption.**  
Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;  
Lord, hear my voice!  
O let your ears be attentive  
to the sound of my pleadings. **R.**

Ps.130(129)

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?  
But with you is found forgiveness,  
that you may be revered. **R.**

I long for you, O LORD,  
my soul longs for his word.  
My soul awaits the Lord  
more than watchmen for daybreak. **R.**

More than watchmen for daybreak,  
let Israel hope for the LORD.  
For with the LORD there is mercy,  
in him is plentiful redemption.  
It is he who will redeem Israel  
from all its iniquities. **R.**

**SECOND READING**

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.  
*'The Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you.'* 8:8-11  
Brothers and sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.  
The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God.  
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord.  
Everyone who believes in me shall never die.  
Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God.**

**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.**

*'I am the resurrection and the life.'* 11:1-45  
\*At that time:\* A certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. It was Mary, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill.  
\*The sisters of Lazarus sent to Jesus, saying, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.'  
But when Jesus heard it he said, 'This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.'\*

The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?'  
Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.' After saying these things, he said to them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.' Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus has died, and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

\*Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days.\* Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother.

\*So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.'\*

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping,

\*Jesus was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. And he said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, by this time there will be a smell, for he has been dead four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, 'Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out.' The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'\*

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him.

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

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Hear us, almighty God,  
and, having instilled in your servants  
the teachings of the Christian faith,  
graciously purify them  
by the working of this sacrifice.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

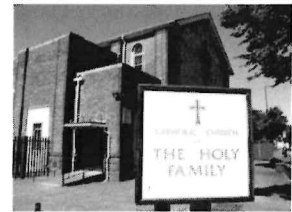
**Everyone who lives and believes in me  
Will not die for ever, says the Lord.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We pray, almighty God,  
that we may always be counted among the members of Christ,  
in whose Body and Blood we have communion.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**



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**MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>	4.00 pm	John Corcoran (Anniversary)	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> <b>FEASTS :</b> Wednesday Annunciation of the Lord (Solemnity) Sunday Palm Sunday <b>Adoration &amp; Confession:</b> Tuesday & Thursday (9.30 am – 10.20 am) <b>Altar Lamp</b> – Society of Divine Vocations <b>Our Lady's Lamp</b> – Elizabeth McCaffrey RIP (Birthday)
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30 am	Aileen Daly (nee Yallop-Month's Mind)	
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>		<b>NO MASS</b>	
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Xavier & Paul Gomes (Special Intention)	
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Paddy & Maureen Carton (RIP) (with St Bernadette's School)	
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Matt Morley (Get Well)	
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Nora Abbott RIP	
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	4.00 pm	Seamus Kelly (Birthday Thanksgiving)	
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Aloysius Raughter RIP	
<b>OFFERTORY COLLECTION:</b> £443.59 <b>SECOND COLLECTION:</b> £207.90 (Church Maintenance)			

**RECENTLY DEAD:** Agnes Ray RIP. Requiem Mass Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2026, 12.00 noon.  
Christopher Peter Howell RIP. Reception Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> April 6.00 pm. Requiem Mass Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026, 10.15 am.  
John McKay RIP. Requiem Mass Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026, 1.00 pm.  
Thomas Dale RIP. Requiem Mass Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026, 12.00 pm

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Bridget Glynn, Bridget (Bridie) Walsh, Frederick Carey, Philip Meehan, Veronica Wright, Kathleen O'Connor, Joseph Casey, Agnes Fegan, Patrick O'Neill, Patricia O'Brien, Mary Delaney, Mary Healy, Patrick Moss, Cherril Barrett, Michael Wright, Maureen Apted, Eleanor Simmonds, Patrick Walsh, Daniel O'Donovan, Margaret Houghton, Sean O'Reilly, Shannon Conboy, Annie McLoughlin, Sandra Harris, Julia Meyer, Anna Hawkes, Anne-Marie Hawkins.

**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:** Easter Flowers. **NEXT WEEKEND:** Church Maintenance.

**ALTAR SERVERS' MEETING:** Meeting and practice next Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> March 2026, at 11.00 am.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE** Meeting on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2026, 12.00 noon, in the Presbytery. All women welcome.

**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.

**AFTERNOON TEA:** St Thomas More's Church on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026, 2.00 pm. Tickets £12.00 each from Edel on 07836 704178.

**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 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](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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