



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.**

COLLECT

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. 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.

'My thoughts are not your thoughts.'

55:6-9

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 145(144)

The LORD is close to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day,
and praise your name for ever and ever.
The LORD is great and highly to be praised;
his greatness cannot be measured. **R.**

The LORD is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in mercy.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

The LORD is just in all his ways,
and holy in all his deeds.
The Lord is close to all who call him,
who call on him in truth. **R.**

SECOND READING

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

'For to me to live is Christ.'

1:20c-24, 27a

Brothers and sisters: Christ will be honoured in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.

**Open our hearts, O Lord,
that we may pay attention to the words of your Son.
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.

'Do you begrudge my generosity?'

20:1-16

At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market-place, and to them he said, "You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you." So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, "Why do you stand here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You go into the vineyard too."

'And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, "Call the labourers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first." And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?" So the last will be first, and the first last.' be first and the first, last.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive with favour, O Lord, we pray,
the offerings of your people,
that what they profess with devotion and faith
may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

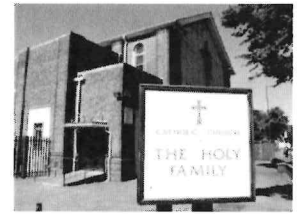
**You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously raise up, O Lord,
those you renew with this Sacrament,
that we may come to possess your redemption
both in mystery and in the manner of our life.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sat 19 th	4.00 pm	Frnkie Boyle (11 th Anniversary)	20th September 2026: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time FEASTS: Monday St Matthew, Apostle Wednesday St Pius of Pietrelcina Thursday Our Lady of Walsingham Sunday 26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Adoration & Confession: Tuesday & Thursday
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RECENTLY DEAD: Laurence Patrick Connolly RIP. Reception into Church on Monday 21st September 2026, 6.00 pm. Requiem Mass on Tuesday 22nd September at 11.30 am.

Julia Mary Williams RIP. Reception into Church Thursday 8th October at 6.00 pm; Requiem Mass Friday 9th at 11.00 am. Dennis Moloney RIP. Fr Christopher Fitzpatrick RIP. Catherine Ferguson RIP. Details to follow.

ANNIVERSARIES: Kathleen Carville, Michael Molloy, Margaret Pigott, Monica O'Dwyer, Thomas Armstrong, John Clabby, John Kelly, Margaret Edwards, Paul Byrne, Anthony McManahan, John Kirby, Kate Kiernan, Elizabeth McCaffrey, Mary Thomas, Lawrence Hughes, Timothy Murphy, Michael Brennan, William Gillespie, David Loughlin, Pat Goodridge, Baby Connor O'Dowd, Matthew Dolan, Clare Moane, James O'Neill, Patricia O'Neill, Thomas Murphy, Joan Onyett, Ellen Delaney, Chris Murray.

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, Dennis Moloney, Josephine Mary Doyle, Eddie Dunne.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER: For the care of water. Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

SECOND COLLECTION: Catholic Evangelisation (CASE). **NEXT WEEKEND:** Father Hudson's Society.

ALTAR LAMPS: Spaces available – please see May.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: Our annual Bazaar will take place on Saturday 5th December 2026 in Holy Family School Hall.

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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