



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.**

COLLECT

May your people exult for ever, O God,
in renewed youthfulness of spirit,
so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption,
we may look forward in confident hope
to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection.
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 Acts of the Apostles.

'It was not possible for him to be held by death.' 2:14, 22-33
On the day of Pentecost Peter, standing with the Eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst—as you yourselves know—this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence."
'Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this which you yourselves are seeing and hearing.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 16(15)

O Lord, you will show me the path of life.
or: **Alleluia.**

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
I say to the LORD, 'You are my Lord.'
O LORD, it is you who are my portion and cup;
you yourself who secure my lot. **R.**

I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the LORD before me always;
with him at my right hand, I shall not be moved. **R.**

And so, my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my flesh shall rest in hope.
For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
nor let your holy one see corruption. **R.**

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand, bliss for ever. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Peter.

'You were ransomed with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish.' 1:17-21

Beloved: if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia.
Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us;
make our hearts burn within us when you speak to us.
Alleluia.**

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

'He was known to them in the breaking of the bread.' 24:13-35

On the first day of the week, two of the disciples of Jesus were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognising him. And he said to them, 'What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?' And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?' And he said to them, 'What things?' And they said to him, 'Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.' And he said to them, 'O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?' And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, but they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, for it is towards evening and the day is now far spent.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognised him. And he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?' And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the Eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive, O Lord, we pray,
these offerings of your exultant Church,
and, as you have given her cause for such great gladness,
grant also that the gifts we bring
may bear fruit in perpetual happiness.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

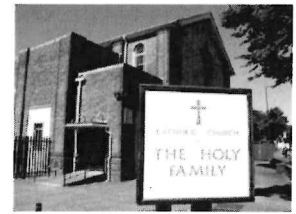
**The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus
In the breaking of the bread, alleluia.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look with kindness upon your people, O Lord,
and grant, we pray,
that those you were pleased to renew by eternal mysteries
may attain in their flesh
the incorruptible glory of the resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord. and by these Easter mysteries
bring us to the glory of the resurrection.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. **Amen.**



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MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sat 18 th	4.00 pm	Bill Corcoran (Anniversary)	19th April 2026: 3rd Sunday of Easter FEASTS: Tuesday St Anselm Thursday Solemnity of St George, Martyr Saturday St Mark, Evangelist Sunday 4 th Sunday of Easter Adoration & Confession: Tuesday & Thursday (9.30 am – 10.20 am) Altar Lamp – Farrell Family Our Lady's Lamp – People of the Parish
Sun 19 th	10.30 am	Conchita Pabustan Dela Cruz RIP	
Mon 20 th		No Mass	
Tues 21 st	10.30 am	Peggy Regan RIP	
Wed 22 nd	10.30 am	Bridget Sharkey (26 th Anniversary)	
Thurs 23 rd	10.00 am	Josie & Jack Lee RIP	
Fri 24 th	10.30 am	Sharon Enright RIP (Birthday) John Enright Junior & Senior RIP	
	12.00 pm	Thomas Dale (Requiem)	
Sat 25 th	4.00 pm	Bridget Conneely (Anniversary)	
Sun 26 th	10.30 am	Rebecca Lines Wells-Richardson (Birthday Remembrance)	
OFFERTORY COLLECTION: £443.63			
SECOND COLLECTION: £202.25 (Church Maintenance)			

RECENTLY DEAD: Thomas Dale RIP. Requiem Mass Friday 24th April 2026, 12.00 pm
Michael Thomas Raughter RIP. Reception into Church Tuesday, 5th May 2026, 6.00 pm. Requiem Mass Wednesday 6th May, 11.00 am. Followed by a burial at Kings Norton Cemetery.

ANNIVERSARIES: Michael Barrett, Bridget Barron, Christopher Kavanagh, Margaret Jones, Lucy Smith, James McGonagle, Patrick Phillips, Bridget Brown, Greta Daly, Patricia Murphy, Theresa Conboy, Francis Macken, Michael O'Sullivan, Martin Merry, Mary Heaney, John Power, Lee McGahan, Bridget Kelly, Michael Glynn.

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, Peter McCann.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL: For priests in crisis. Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

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

MULTICULTURAL MASS: Come and join us for our parish multicultural Mass on Pentecost Sunday, **May 24th**. 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 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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