



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

COLLECT

O God, who willed that your Only Begotten Son should undergo the Cross to save the human race, grant, we pray, that we, who have known his mystery on earth, may merit the grace of his redemption in heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

'If anyone were bitten by a serpent, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.' 21:4b-9

In those days: The people became impatient on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.' Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, 'Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.' So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 78(77)

Never forget the deeds of the Lord!

Give ear, my people, to my teaching;
incline your ear to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable
and utter hidden lessons of the past. **R.**

When he slew them, then they sought him,
repented and earnestly sought God.
They would remember that God was their rock,
God the Most High their redeemer. **R.**

Yet they deceived him with their mouths;
they lied to him with their tongues.
For their hearts were not steadfast towards him;
they were not faithful to his covenant. **R.**

Yet he who is full of compassion
forgave them their sin and spared them.
So often he held back his anger,
and did not stir up all his rage. **R.**

SECOND READING

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

'He humbled himself, therefore God has highly exalted him.'

2:6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.

**We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
because by your Cross you have redeemed the world.
Alleluia.**

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord,

'The Son of Man must be lifted up.' 3:13-17

At that time: Jesus said to Nicodemus, 'No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May this oblation, O Lord,
which on the altar of the Cross
cancelled the offence of the whole world,
cleanse us, we pray, of all our sins.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ANTIPHON AT COMMUNION

**When I am lifted up from the earth,
I will draw everyone to myself, says the Lord.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having been nourished by your holy banquet,
we beseech you, Lord Jesus Christ,
to bring those you have redeemed
by the wood of your life-giving Cross
to the glory of the resurrection.
Who live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**



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MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sat 13 th	4.00 pm	Aidan Dillon (Anniversary)	14th September 2025: Exaltation of the Holy Cross FEASTS : Monday Our Lady of Sorrows Tuesday St Cornelius, Pope & St Cyprian Saturday St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs Sunday 25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun 14 th	10.30 am	Pete McManamon (Get Well)	
Mon 15 th	9.30 am	Society of Divine Vocations	
Tues 16 th	10.30 am	Fr Paul Johnson RIP	
Wed 17 th	10.30 am	Michelle Corcoran (Get Well)	
Thurs 18 th	9.15 am	People of the Parish	
Fri 19 th	10.30 am	Frankie Boyle (10 th Anniversary)	
Sat 20 th	4.00 pm	Nora F & Vincent Smith (Anniversary)	
Sun 21 st	10.30 am	Tony Sheehan (5 th Anniversary)	

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: £350.02

SECOND COLLECTION: £154.01 (Church Maintenance)

Adoration & Confession: Tuesday & Thursday
(9.30 am – 10.20 am)

Altar Lamp – Winifred Fleming RIP

Our Lady's Lamp – Paul Byrne RIP

RECENTLY DEAD:

ANNIVERSARIES: Anne Burke, Theresa Kelly, Patrick Creegan, Bernadette McKernan, Joyce Brockhouse, Victor Baptiste, Mary Skeffington, Lee Holder, Patrick McDonagh, Douglas Checkett, Mickey Gannon, Anthony McBrearty, Theodora Dickson, Nora Tabb, William French, Kathyne Evans, Eugene Allen, Roman Bujnik, Ellen Gardiner, Mary Finningan, James McDonagh, Frankie Boyle, Meg Price, Kathleen Carville, Michael Molloy, Margaret Pigott, Monica O'Dwyer, Thomas Armstrong, John Clabby.

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 SEPTEMBER 2025: For our relationship with all of creation: Let us pray that, inspired by St Francis, we may experience our interdependence with all creatures, which are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: Catholic Education Service. **NEXT WEEKEND:** Catholic Evangelisation

WARM HUB: The Warm Hub begins again in Corpus Christi Parish Room on Thursday 25th September, 11.45 am – 1.30 pm. Holy Family parishioners are welcome to attend.

FOR THOSE DISCERNING GOD'S CALL – Visit the National Office for Vocations at www.ukvocation.org or www.religiouslife.org or www.ukpriest.org

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK: Monday 10th November – Friday 14th November 2025. £799.00 pp sharing. For further details contact Patricia on 07740 175557 or 01268 762278.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: Annual Bazaar, Saturday 6th December 2025, 12.00 – 2.00 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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