



## ANTIPHON AT THE ENTRY

**Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;  
turn to the Lord and his strength;  
constantly seek his face.**

## COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,  
increase our faith, hope and charity,  
and make us love what you command,  
so that we may merit what you promise.  
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 Sirach.

*'The prayer of the humble pierces the clouds.'* 35:12-14, 16-19  
The Lord is the judge, and with him is no partiality. He will not show partiality in the case of a poor man; and he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged. He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan or the widow when she pours out her story. He whose service is pleasing to the Lord will be accepted, and his prayer will reach to the clouds. The prayer of the humble pierces the clouds, and he will not be consoled until it reaches the Lord; he will not desist until the Most High visits him and does justice for the righteous and executes judgement. And the Lord will not delay.

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

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**The lowly one called, and the LORD heard him.**

I will bless the LORD at all times,  
praise of him is always in my mouth.  
In the LORD my soul shall make its boast;  
the humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

The LORD turns his face against the wicked  
to cut off their remembrance from the earth.  
When the just one cries out, the LORD hears,  
and rescues him in all his distress. **R.**

The LORD is close to the broken-hearted;  
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.  
The LORD ransoms the souls of his servants.  
All who trust in him shall not be condemned. **R.**

## SECOND READING

A reading from the Second Letter of St Paul to Timothy.

*'There is laid up for me the crown of righteousness.'*

4:6-8, 16-18

Beloved: I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but also to all who have loved his appearing.

At my first defence no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself,  
and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.  
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.**

*'The tax collector went down to his house justified, rather than the Pharisee.'*

18:9-14

At that time: Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: 'Two men went up into the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: "God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get." But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Look, we pray, O Lord,  
on the offerings we make to your majesty,  
that whatever is done by us in your service  
may be directed above all to your glory.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## ANTIPHON AT COMMUNION

**We will ring out our joy at your saving help  
and exult in the name of our God.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray,  
perfect in us what lies within them,  
that what we now celebrate in signs  
we may one day possess in truth.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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**MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>	4.00 pm	Maureen Myles RIP	<b>26<sup>th</sup> October 2025: 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>  <b>FEASTS :</b>  Tuesday SS Simon and Jude, Apostles Sunday Solemnity of All Saints Monday (3 <sup>rd</sup> November) - All Souls  <b>Adoration &amp; Confession:</b> Tuesday & Thursday (9.30 am – 10.20 am)  <b>Altar Lamp</b> – Brigid & Hughie Reel RIP <b>Our Lady's Lamp</b> – Brigid & Hughie Reel RIP
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Denis & Mary O'Sullivan (Anniversary)	
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>		NO MASS	
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am 12.00 pm	Thakkamma (Anna) George RIP William Walsh RIP ( <b>Requiem</b> )	
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Pauline Houghton (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)	
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Aidan Lawless RIP	
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup>	10.30 am	Lucila R Vistan (Birthday Thanksgiving)	
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup>	4.00 pm	Myles Family Deceased	
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30 am	Pete McManamon, Mary McNally	
<b>OFFERTORY COLLECTION: £332.56</b> <b>SECOND COLLECTION: £154.92 (APF)</b>			

**RECENTLY DEAD:** William Dominick Walsh RIP. Reception Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October, 7.00 pm. Requiem Mass Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>, 12.00 pm. Anne Weir RIP. Requiem Mass on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November, 1.00 pm.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Veronica Hunter, Michael Farrell, Maureen O'Reilly, Cynthia Conway, Reginald McVicker, Lazerian Amond, Denis Ryan, Martin Furey, Mary Collins, John Memory, Angela Amor, Maureen Myles, Thomas Darby, Mary Crampsie, John Churchill, Jean Howe, Frank Bero, Kevin Mayer, Brian Donoghue, Karen O'Reilly, Andrew Kennedy, Catherine Wale, Michael Fox, Ann Allen, James Madden, Margaret Richards, Thomas Dignan, Julia Rooney, Angela Ryan, Rudi Flix, Anne Phillips, Martin Gordon, George McFarlane, Noreen Brosnahan, Denise Jeavons, Philip Dale.

**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.

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND:** Society of Divine Vocations. **NEXT WEEKEND:** Johnson Association.

**PACT:** The Catholic Women's League wishes to thank the Parish for the very generous donations made in last week's collection for PACT. These will be added to other donations we have received throughout the year, making a grand total of £737.23.

**RCIA PROGRAMME:** If you are enquiring about the Catholic faith or know someone interested in this programme, please see Father Fretch. Thank you.

**PARISH MEETING:** Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November, 11.00 am in Church.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:** Annual Bazaar, on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> December 2025, 12.00 – 2.00 pm. Bottles, New or nearly New items, and unwanted gifts are greatly appreciated.

**VOLUNTEERS** needed to help out with refreshments after Sunday morning Mass. If you are able to help, please see May.

**BLESSING OF THE GRAVES:** Oscott Cemetery 1<sup>st</sup> November, 3.00 pm; Erdington Abbey, Sutton New Hall & Woodlands, at 2pm; Witton 9<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm; Yardley Cemetery 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2 pm; Robin Hood 30<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm.

**HOLY SOULS:** Please find slips at the back of the Church where you may write the names of your departed loved ones to be remembered in Masses during the month of November. Please, return the slips on the basket provided. Thank you.

**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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