



**ANTIPHON AT THE ENTRY**

**To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;  
turn your ear to me; hear my words.  
Guard me as the apple of your eye;  
in the shadow of your wings protect me.**

**COLLECT**

Almighty ever-living God,  
grant that we may always conform our will to yours  
and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart.  
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 Exodus.

*Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed.* 17:8-13  
In those days: Amalek came and fought with Israel at Rephidim.  
So Moses said to Joshua, 'Choose for us men, and go out and fight  
with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the  
staff of God in my hand.' So Joshua did as Moses told him, and  
fought with Amalek, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the  
top of the hill. Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed,  
and whenever he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses'  
hands grew weary, so they took a stone and put it under him, and  
he sat on it, while Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one  
side, and the other on the other side. So his hands were steady until  
the going down of the sun. And Joshua overwhelmed Amalek and  
his people with the sword.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Ps. 121(120)*

**Our help is in the name of the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.**

I lift up my eyes to the mountains;  
from where shall come my help?  
My help shall come from the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth. **R.**

He will keep your foot from stumbling.  
Your guard will never slumber.  
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,  
Israel's guard. **R.**

The LORD your guard, the LORD your shade  
at your right hand.  
By day the sun shall not smite you,  
nor the moon in the night. **R.**

The LORD will guard you from evil;  
he will guard your soul.  
The LORD will guard your going and coming,  
both now and for ever. **R.**

**SECOND READING**

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

*'That the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.'* 3:14-4:2

Beloved: Continue in what you have learned and have firmly  
believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from  
childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings,  
which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in  
Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable  
for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in  
righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for  
every good work. I charge you in the presence of God and of  
Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his  
appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season  
and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete  
patience and teaching.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**The word of God is living and active,  
discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.  
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.**

*'God will give justice to his elect, who cry to him.'* 18:1-8.

At that time: Jesus told his disciples a parable to the effect that  
they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, 'In a  
certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor  
respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept  
coming to him and saying, "Give me justice against my  
adversary." For a while he refused, but afterwards he said to  
himself, "Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because  
this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she  
will not beat me down by her continual coming." And the Lord  
said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God  
give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he  
delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them  
speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find  
faith on earth?"

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Grant us, Lord, we pray,  
a sincere respect for your gifts,  
that, through the purifying action of your grace,  
we may be cleansed by the very mysteries we serve.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**ANTIPHON AT COMMUNION**

**Behold, the eyes of the Lord  
are on those who fear him,  
who hope in his merciful love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Grant, O Lord, we pray,  
that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things,  
we may be helped by what you give in this present age  
and prepared for the gifts that are eternal.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**





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**MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	4.00 pm	Mary & John Lyons RIP (Anniversary)	<b>19<sup>th</sup> October 2025: 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>  <b><u>FEASTS :</u></b> Wednesday      St John Paul 11, Pope Thursday        St John Capistrano, Priest Friday            St Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop Sunday            30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  <b>Adoration &amp; Confession:</b> Tuesday & Thursday 
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**RECENTLY DEAD:** Geraldine Walsh RIP. Requiem Mass on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025, 12.00 noon.  
William Dominick Walsh RIP. Reception Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October, 7.00 pm. Requiem Mass Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October, 12.00 noon.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Anthony Hearty, Joe Reilly, Ellen Hateley, Martin Corcoran, Peter Stokes, Margaret Wells, Catherine Gilmore, Teresa Millward, Christopher Hegarty, Patrick Moane, Agnes Dowd, Bernard McNamee, Bridget Henebury, Margaret Timmons, Alfred Hanrahan, Lilian Whittingslow, Agnes Foley, Frances Flood, Bert Sneyd, Mary Snee, Martin Murphy, Patrick McEvilly, Cyril McGrady.

**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 OCTOBER 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:** APF – World Mission Sunday.

**SDV MISSION APPEAL:** Next weekend, October 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup>, we have our Annual Mission Appeal on behalf of the Society of Divine Vocations. This will help raise funds to support our vocationist missionaries around the world in their pastoral works and ministries, especially in assisting and encouraging vocations to the priesthood through their studies and religious formations.

**RCIA PROGRAMME:** We commence this programme this Tuesday, the 21<sup>st</sup> of October, at 5.00 pm. If you are enquiring about the Catholic faith or know someone interested in this programme, please see Father Fretch. Thank you.

**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)

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

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

**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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