



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

**Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.  
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;  
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.**

**COLLECT**

O God, who through your Word  
reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way,  
grant, we pray,  
that with prompt devotion and eager faith  
the Christian people may hasten  
toward the solemn celebrations to come.  
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 Joshua.

*The people of God entered the promised land and there kept the Passover.* 5:9a, 10-12

In those days: The LORD said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you.' While the people of Israel were encamped at Gilgal, they kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month in the evening on the plains of Jericho. And the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate of the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. And the manna ceased the day after they ate of the produce of the land. And there was no longer manna for the people of Israel, but they ate of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Ps.33*

**Taste and see that the Lord is good.**

**SECOND READING**

A reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

*'God who through Christ reconciled us to himself.'* 5:17-21

Brothers and Sisters: If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ; God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.  
I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him,  
'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you'.  
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.**

**GOSPEL**

The Lord be with you.

**And with your Spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*'Your brother was dead, and is alive.'*

*15:1-3, 11-32*

At that time: The tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, 'This man receives sinners and eats with them.'

So he told them this parable: 'There was a man who had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me." And he divided his property between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

'But when he came to himself, he said, "How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'"

And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound." But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, "Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!" And he said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

We place before you with joy these offerings,  
which bring eternal remedy, O Lord,  
praying that we may both faithfully revere them  
and present them to you, as is fitting,  
for the salvation of all the world.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

**You must rejoice, my son,  
for your brother was dead and has come to life;  
he was lost and is found.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

O God, who enlighten everyone who comes into this world,  
illuminate our hearts, we pray,  
with the splendour of your grace,  
that we may always ponder  
what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty  
and love you in all sincerity.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**





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**MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

Sat 29 <sup>th</sup>	4.00 pm	John Harkin (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary)	<b>30<sup>th</sup> March 2025: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>  <b>FEASTS :</b> Wednesday St Francis of Paola Friday St Isidore Saturday St Vincent Ferrer Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent  <b>Adoration &amp; Confession:</b> Tuesday & Thursday 9.30 am – 10.20 am  <b>Altar Lamp</b> – Aloysius Raughter <b>Our Lady's Lamp</b> – People of the Parish
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Eddie Dunne (Birthday Thanksgiving)	
Mon 31 <sup>st</sup>		NO MASS	
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup>	10.30 am	Jimmy Sheehan RIP	
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup>	11.15 am	John O'Brien ( <b>Requiem</b> )	
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30 am	Maureen Dunne (12 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)	
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Ann O'Brien RIP	
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup>	4.00 pm	Mary Conneely (Anniversary)	
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	John Regan (7 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)	
<b>OFFERTORY COLLECTION: £430.05</b> <b>SECOND COLLECTION: £156.84 (Walsingham)</b> <b>SECOND COLLECTION this weekend is for Easter Flowers.</b>			

**RECENTLY DEAD:** John O'Brien RIP Reception Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April, 6.00 pm. Requiem Mass Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11.15 am  
Christopher James Norton RIP. Crematorium Service on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> April at 11.30 am  
Tony McLoughlin RIP. Reception and Requiem Mass, 11.00 am, Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025  
Maureen Carton RIP. Requiem Mass on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 1.00 pm..

**ANNIVERSARIES:** James McGinley, Mary Upstone, Anthony Wilson, Barbara Corcoran, Margaret O'Sullivan, Bridget Doogan, Eileen Donegan, Eric Houghton, Aloysius Raughter, Norah Stokes, Michael Mullins, Michael Madden, Maura Doyle, Bernard Connolly, Margaret McAteer, Baby George Quinn, Edmund Piggott, James Vaux, Evelyn Clayton, Maureen Yeates, Lillian Johnson, Josephine Kavanagh, Maureen Dunne, James Heffernan, Sheila Clancy, Mary McCorriston, Gabriela Farrow, Philip Cartland, Patrick Goulding, Michael McGuire, James Hollywood, Martin Cotter, Josephine Kennedy, Irene O'Reilly, Christopher Walsh, Catherine Reddy.

**SICK LIST:** Anselm John Baptiste, Jim Deards, Fr Morty O'Shea, John Garvey, Cath McGrath, Amie Faulkner, Clare Bergin, Mary Bergin, Fr Tony Rohan, Tommy Flynn.

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL 2025:** For the use of the new technologies: Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

**PARISH GENERAL CLEANING:** On Saturday, 12 April from 10:00 am to 11:30 am. Please, come along. Thank you.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION, CONFESSION & HOLY MASS:** We invite all our Eucharistic Ministers and Readers for this special 1 Hour with the Lord on Saturday, 12 April, from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. All parishioners are welcome to join.

**FOR THOSE DISCERNING GOD'S CALL** – Visit the National Office for Vocation at [www.ukvocation.org](http://www.ukvocation.org) or [www.ukreligiouslife.org](http://www.ukreligiouslife.org) or [www.ukpriest.org](http://www.ukpriest.org)

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** During Lent, we will have the **Stations of the Cross** every Wednesday and Friday after Holy Mass.

**RED BOXES:** Please bring them into Church. Thank you.

**Happy Mother's Day to all the amazing mothers!!!**

**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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