



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.**

COLLECT

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness,
who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving
have shown us a remedy for sin,
look graciously on this confession of our lowliness,
that we, who are bowed down by our conscience,
may always be lifted up by your mercy.
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.

“I Am” has sent me to you.

3:1-8a, 13-15

In those days: Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. And Moses said, ‘I will turn aside to see this great sight why the bush is not burned.’ When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, ‘Moses, Moses!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’ Then he said, ‘Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.’ And he said, ‘I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’ And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, ‘I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey.’

Then Moses said to God, ‘If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, “The God of your fathers has sent me to you”, and they ask me, “What is his name?” what shall I say to them?’ God said to Moses, ‘I AM WHO I AM.’ And he said, ‘Say this to the people of Israel: “I AM has sent me to you.”’ God also said to Moses, ‘Say this to the people of Israel: “The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.” This is my name for ever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.’

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 103(102)

The LORD is compassionate and gracious.

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits. **R.**

It is the Lord who forgives all your sins,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with mercy and compassion. **R.**

The LORD does deeds of justice,
gives full justice to all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses,
and his deeds to the children of Israel. **R.**

The LORD is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so strong his mercy for those who fear him. **R.**

SECOND READING

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

The way of life of the people with Moses in the desert was written down for our instruction.

10:1-6, 10-12

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptised into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did, nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God,

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God.
Repent, says the Lord,
for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God.**

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit,

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

‘Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.’

13:1-9

There were some present at that very time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And he answered them, ‘Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered in this way? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.’

And he told this parable: ‘A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. And he said to the vine dresser, “Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?”’ And he answered him, “Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig round it and put on manure. Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.”’

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Be pleased, O Lord, with these sacrificial offerings,
and grant that we who beseech pardon for our own sins,
may take care to forgive our neighbour.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As we receive the pledge
of things yet hidden in heaven
and are nourished while still on earth
with the Bread that comes from on high,
we humbly entreat you, O Lord,
that what is being brought about in us in mystery
may come to true completion.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sat 22 nd	4.00 pm	John Corcoran (Anniversary)	23rd March 2025: 3rd Sunday of Lent <u>FEASTS :</u> Tuesday Annunciation of the Lord Sunday 4 th Sunday of Lent Adoration & Confession: Tuesday & Thursday 9.30 am – 10.20 am Altar Lamp – Special Intention Our Lady’s Lamp – Special Intention
Sun 23 rd	10.30 am	Michael Joe Madden RIP	
Mon 24 th	9.30 am	Tony McLoughlin RIP	
Tues 25 th	10.30 am	Mary Dillon (1 st Anniversary) (with Holy Family School)	
Wed 26 th	9.15 am	People of the Parish	
Thurs 27 th		NO MASS	
Fri 28 th	10.30 am	Seamus Kelly (Birthday Thanksgiving)	
Sat 29 th	4.00 pm	John Harkin (1 st Anniversary)	
Sun 30 th	10.30 am	Eddie Dunne (Birthday Thanksgiving)	
OFFERTORY COLLECTION: £510.66 SECOND COLLECTION: £170.00 (CAFOD)			

RECENTLY DEAD: John Hunter RIP. Crematorium Service on Friday 28th March at 1.00 pm.
John O'Brien RIP Reception Tuesday 1st April, 6.00 pm. Requiem Mass Wednesday 2nd at 11.15 am
Christopher James Norton RIP. Crematorium Service on Wednesday 9th April at 11.30 am
Tony McLoughlin RIP. Reception and Requiem Mass, 11.00 am, Friday 11th April 2025
Maureen Carton RIP. Details to follow.

ANNIVERSARIES: James McCabe, Annie Evans, Frederick Carey, Philip Meehan, Veronica Wright, Kathleen O'Connor, Joseph Casey, Agnes Fegan, Patrick O'Neill, Patricia O'Brien, Mary Delaney, Mary Healy, Patrick Moss, Cherrie Barrett, Michael Wright, Maureen Apted, Patrick Thornton, Eleanor Simmonds, Patrick Walsh, Emily Thompson, Daniel O'Donovan, Margaret Houghton, Sean O'Reilly, Shannon Conboy, Annie McLoughlin, Sandra Harris, Julia Meyer, Anna Hawkes, Anne Marie Hawkins, Caroline Southerton, Aubrey Smith, Elizabeth Thompson, Mary Hughes.

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 MARCH 2025: For families in crisis: Let us pray that broken families may discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, and rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025: The 2025 Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope' is now underway. The Jubilee Year began with the opening of the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica in Rome, on Tuesday 24 December 2024 and runs to the Feast of Epiphany 2026. To find out more about how your parish, family or school can celebrate the Jubilee Year in our Archdiocese, and how you can participate in events nationally and internationally, visit our Diocesan website: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jubilee-year.

FOR THOSE DISCERNING GOD'S CALL – visit the National Office for Vocation at www.ukvocation.org or www.ukreligiouslife.org or www.ukpriest.org

SECOND COLLECTION this weekend is for the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham.

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

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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