



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

**O sing a new song to the Lord;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
In his presence are majesty and splendour,  
strength and honour in his holy place.**

**COLLECT**

Almighty ever-living God,  
direct our actions according to your good pleasure,  
that in the name of your beloved Son  
we may abound in good works.  
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 Nehemiah.  
*'They read from the book of the Law, and gave the meaning.'*  
8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

In those days: Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly,  
both men and women and all who could understand what they heard,  
on the first day of the seventh month. And he read from it facing the  
square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the  
presence of the men and the women and those who could understand.  
And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law.

And Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that they had  
made for the purpose. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all  
the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it, all  
the people stood. And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all  
the people answered, 'Amen, Amen,' lifting up their hands. And they  
bowed their heads and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the  
ground. Ezra and the Levites read from the book, from the Law of  
God, clearly, and they gave the meaning, so that the people  
understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe,  
and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people,  
'This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.'  
For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. Then he  
said to them, 'Go on your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and  
send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to  
our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your  
strength.'

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.** *Ps.19(18)*

The law of the LORD is perfect;  
it revives the soul.  
The decrees of the LORD are steadfast;  
they give wisdom to the simple. **R.**

The precepts of the Lord are right;  
they gladden the heart.  
The command of the Lord is clear;  
it gives light to the eyes. **R.**

The fear of the LORD is pure,  
abiding for ever.  
The judgements of the LORD are true;  
they are, all of them, just. **R.**

May the spoken words of my mouth,  
the thoughts of my heart,  
win favour in your sight, O LORD,  
my rock and my redeemer! **R.**

**SECOND READING**

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

*(Shorter form)*

*'You are the body of Christ and individually members of it.'*

12:12-14, 27

Brothers and Sisters: Just as the body is one and has many members,  
and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is  
with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptised into one body —  
Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and all were made to drink of one  
Spirit. For the body does not consist of one member but of many.  
Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**  
**The Lord has sent me to proclaim good news to the poor;  
to proclaim liberty to the captives.**  
**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.**

*'Today this Scripture has been fulfilled.'* 1:1-4; 4:14-17

Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the  
things that have been accomplished among us, just as those who from  
the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have  
delivered them to us, it seemed good to me also, having followed all  
things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you,  
most excellent Theophilus, that you may have certainty concerning  
the things you have been taught.

At that time: Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and  
a report about him went out through all the surrounding country. And  
he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.

And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was  
his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he  
stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to  
him. He unrolled the scroll, and found the place where it was written,  
'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to  
proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to  
the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those  
who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

And he rolled up the scroll, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat  
down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And  
he began to say to them, 'Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in  
your hearing.'

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Accept our offerings, O Lord, we pray,  
and in sanctifying them  
grant that they may profit us for salvation.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

**Look toward the Lord and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that, receiving the grace  
by which you bring us to new life,  
we may always glory in your gift.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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**MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>	4.00 pm	Francis Kelly (1 <sup>st</sup> anniversary)	<b>26<sup>th</sup> January 2025: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>FEASTS :</b> Tuesday St Thomas Aquinas Friday St John Bosco Sunday Presentation of the Lord (Feast) <b>Adoration &amp; Confession:</b> Tuesday & Thursday 9.30 am – 10.20 am <b>Altar Lamp</b> – Bernadette McManamon RIP <b>Our Lady's Lamp</b> – Gusty McManamon RIP
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Gabriel Doherty RIP	
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>		NO MASS	
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Maureen Kelly (Anniversary)	
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Mary & Jimmy Goulding & Family (Intentions)	
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am 11.00 am	Tom Fadian RIP Catherine Foley ( <b>Requiem</b> )	
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup>	10.30 am	Ann Morley (Intentions)	
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup>	4.00 pm	Richard Graham RIP	
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30 am	Michael Cruise (Anniversary)	
<b>OFFERTORY COLLECTION: £437.66</b>			
<b>SECOND COLLECTION: £180.00</b> (Pax Christi)			

**RECENTLY DEAD:** Catherine Foley RIP. Reception Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>, 6.30 pm. Requiem Mass Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>, 11.00 am.  
Jerry Daly RIP. Requiem Mass Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February, 10.45 am.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** James Logue, Patrick Hill, Sidney Dale, Dorothy Johnson, Patrick Walsh, Pamela Kelly, Ann Brennan, Patric Finn, Timothy Madden, Patricia Murray, Michael Lohan, Henry Robinson, Ann Rogrs, Margaret McCalmont, Kathleen Hoey, Derek Dunne, Anthony Rogers, James Smyth, John Swift, Christopher Fitzpatrick, James Delaney, Michael Reilly, Mary Boyne, Mary Kate McCaffrey, Annette Smiley, Peter Gomes, Desmond Mulcahy, Peter Connolly.

**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, Maureen Carton, Tony McLoughlin.

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY 2025:** For vocations to the priesthood and religious life: Let us pray that the ecclesial community may welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

**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](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jubilee-year).

**SECOND COLLECTION for this weekend: Church Maintenance.**

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:** Meeting on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 12.00 noon in the Presbytery. All women are welcome to attend.

**ALTAR LAMPS:** Spaces are now available. Please see May. 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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