

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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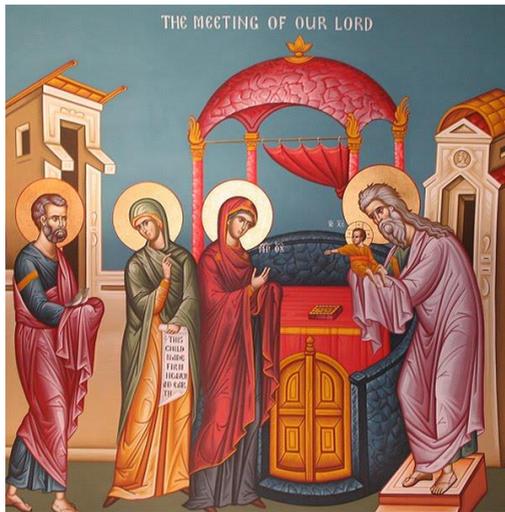


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The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord



2nd February 2020

Mass Book Page 297 Psalter Week 3

Readings:

Malachi 3:1-4
Psalm 23:7-10
Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40

Children's Bibles

Dear Father Paul,
Please find enclosed a donation towards the cost of the bibles
we give the First Holy Communion Children.
(£10 each)
Names

Mass Times

Saturday	1 st Feb	6:00 pm	Mass	M & L Barberic
Sunday	2 nd Feb	8:30 am	Mass	Edward Liddell
		10:30 am	Mass	Odette Hawkins & Bengué Fam.
Monday	3 rd Feb	NO MASS		
Tuesday	4 th Feb	9:15 am	Morning Prayer	
		9:30 am	Eucharistic Service & Liturgy of the Word	
Wednesday	5 th Feb	9:15 am	Morning Prayer	
		9:30 am	Eucharistic Service & Liturgy of the Word	
Thursday	6 th Feb	6.45 pm	Evening Prayer	
		7.00 pm	Mass	People of the Parish
Friday	7 th Feb	9:15 am	Morning Prayer	
		9:30 am	Mass	Graham & Eijkenboam Families.
Saturday	8 th Feb	6:00 pm	Mass	Ann Ward
Sunday	9 th Feb	8:30 am	Mass	People of the Parish
		10:30 am	Mass	Sheila, Mary, Bridget Couldwell

Offertory Collection: *Thank you for your generous support.*

Envelopes (Gift Aid) £ 27.00 (NGA) £

Loose £ 268.12 **Contactless £ 00.00**

R&R Appeal (GA) £ 40.50 (NGA) £ 5.00 Loose £ 124.83

If you would like to take out a standing order, it is very straightforward.

Contactless Payments: You can now use your Debit/Credit Card. *Just ask!*

Please pray for: *The Sick & Housebound of our Parish Community:*

Agnes Boggis, Melene Clifford, Rosemary Daniel, Jane de Souza, Jean Marie D'Souza, Malcolm Dillingham, Margaret Evans, Rita Good, Gill Harrison, Evelyn Lochrin, Tom Mannion, Joan McDonald, Diana Newbury, Halina Seligman, Jackie Tidbury and Fr Antony Conlon.

If you know of anyone who is sick, do let us know.

Those who have died: **Fr Brian Doolan**

Anniversaries that occur at this time:

Mary Burge.

May they rest in peace

Candlemas Sunday – the Presentation of the Lord

Each of our Masses will begin with the Blessing of Candles which can be found on page 297 of your Mass books. At the 6.00pm & 8.30am Masses Fr Paul and the servers will begin by walking in procession and blessing candles by the Altar. At 10.30am Mass, we will begin by Blessing Candles in THE PARISH HALL and then walk in procession to the Church, with our lighted candles.

Parish Financial Report 2019 – *thank you for your generosity!*

Today we publish our financial accounts for 2019, please take a copy from the back of the Church. The finance committee would strongly encourage anyone who is a tax payer to sign a Gift Aid form to enable the parish to claim the Tax you have already paid.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

Preparation sessions for those not attending Sacred Heart Primary School will start shortly. Therefore, I would like to invite any candidates for Confirmation to apply. The forms are at the back of the Church.

Children’s Liturgy – ‘Come & See’ = *Come and Be with Us.*

I would make an appeal for helpers with the Children’s Liturgy. This is for those who would like to lead the Children’s Liturgy at 10.30am Mass, *and for those who do not have to lead*, but to assist the leader. Both roles are important. You would find this very rewarding, no expertise required.

Masses this week: Please note the Eucharistic services this week.

I shall be at my uncle’s funeral and at the funeral of Fr Brian Doolan.

New email address: sh.henley@rcaob.org.uk

In accordance with GDPR best practice all the emails throughout the Archdiocese will be changing, and will finish with @rcaob.org.uk

We will change our address shortly, and for a few weeks will monitor our current email address, but it will finish by the end of February.

I will let you know when the new email address is up and running.

This is also an opportunity to ask if there is anyone who may wish to receive this newsletter by email – just let me know. You can use any of the emails.

CAFOD Supporters’ event – all welcome

Come and hear from our very own Oxford parishioner and CAFOD schools’ team member Susan Kambalu about her experience visiting our partners, be inspired by other supporters and have an energising session.

Thurs 13 Feb - Our Lady Help of Christians, 59 Hollow Way, Cowley, **Oxford** OX4 2ND **10:30 am – 12:30pm** (coffee/tea from 10am) Please book a place - 01494 863 777 or dpurfield@cafod.org.uk.

Presentation of the Lord

Today we celebrate this wonderful feast.

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Presentation of the Lord; when we recall the presentation of Jesus in the Temple. The story can be found in the Gospel of Luke - 2,22-40. Here Simeon encountered Jesus, whom he famously called '*the light to enlighten the gentiles and give glory to your people Israel.*' (Luke 2:31) This feast is also called '*Candlemas*' because of its association with light. This is the day when we bless all the Church candles for the coming year. We also process into Church with our candles acknowledging Jesus to be the light of the world. We begin with this wonderful prayer:

'Forty days ago, we celebrated the joyful feast of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Today, we recall the holy day on which he was presented in the temple, fulfilling the law of Moses and at the same time going to meet his faithful people. Led by the Spirit, Simeon and Anna came to the temple, recognised Christ as their Lord, and proclaimed him with joy. United by the Spirit, may we now go to the house of God to welcome Christ the Lord. There we shall recognise him in the breaking of bread until he comes again in glory.'

Simeon & Anna represent those who have waited patiently for the Lord's coming and rejoice when they encountered his presence. Filled with joy, Anna spoke of this child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem. By fulfilling the Law of Moses, Mary & Joseph reveal themselves to be faithful members of God's holy people. May our love of God and our acts of faithful observance, reveal that we too live in accordance with God's law of love.

This year we have kept their crib until the Feast of the Presentation as a sign that Christmas is a season, not a day. The readings over the last weeks have found a resonance in the Crib: the light of the nations, the beloved Son, the Lamb of God. Simeon & Anna, had the wisdom and insight to recognise Jesus' presence in their midst and what the birth of this child would mean. We pray that like Mary, we may also ponder all these things in our heart.

As the prayer (above) implies we encounter the presence of the Lord in the breaking of bread. May our celebration of the Eucharist be an occasion of joy when we recognise Christ with us.

Fr Paul.