

University of Warwick Chaplaincy

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

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Welcome to our celebration of Mass.

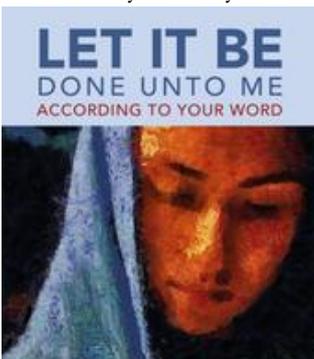
Today we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple, formerly known as the Purification or Candlemas. Mass will begin slightly differently with a **blessing of candles in the entrance area and a procession into church.**

Prayer Before Mass

God our Father, you sent Jesus, our High Priest, to redeem us and you willed that His saving work should continue through the ministry of priests. Enlighten us to celebrate this Sunday Mass with our priest, so that, empowered by the Word of life and the Eucharist, we may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit to live to the full our Christian calling. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Instructions in the Faith. Wednesday evenings at St. Thomas More in Stivichall, 7.30-8.30. All welcome.

Re-dedication of England. In 1381, England was dedicated to Mary by King Richard II and was 'set apart for her among the nations' as 'Mary's Dowry'. A "dowry" is (or was) the money, goods, or estate that a woman brought to her husband at their marriage. On 29th March, 2020, England will be re-dedicated as the 'Dowry of Mary.'



That means we are called to make a personal dedication to Mary, taking up her example as Christ's first disciple. To help us prepare we shall watch a DVD about Our Lady and discuss it.

The meetings will be in St. Joseph's hall at 7.30 pm, starting on Monday, 10th February, and thereafter on a fortnightly basis up to Easter. All welcome; materials and light refreshments will be provided.

Year of the Word. Last week I invited you to take away a Bible reference from the basket at the back of church and use it for your prayer during the week. If you have any thoughts or insights about your verse that you would like to share with the rest of us please post it on the notice board in the porch. Thank you. If you found this a helpful addition to your prayers please take another piece of paper from the basket to use this week.



Official Prayer for the Year of the Word.

Living God, you walk alongside us and speak to us throughout the Scriptures. Your Son, Jesus Christ, listens to our hopes and fears and shows us how to live for one another. Send us the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds so that we may be your witnesses throughout the world. **Amen.**

V. Your word is our path and your truth is our light.

R. **This day and every day.**

Our Lady of the Annunciation

St Matthew

St Jerome

pray for us.

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Two opportunities for prayer with Our Lord: Before we begin our day's work we can meet for Morning Prayer and quiet adoration of Our Lord for half an hour on **Thursday mornings, 7.30-8.00**, followed by breakfast. And on **Friday evenings, 6.00-9.00**, there will be Evening Chapel: an hour's prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, with the opportunity for Confession, followed by a simple meal and discussion.

(Mass times this week, at St. Joseph's unless otherwise stated)

Sunday, 2 nd February Feast of the Presentation of the Lord	9.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 5.00 pm	Sean McCrave RIP (Anniversary) The People of the Parish Josie Coughlan (Intentions)
Monday, 3 rd February Optional Memorials of St. Werburg, or St. Blaise, or St. Ansgar	10.00 am	Mary Armstrong (Anniversary)
Tuesday, 4 th February	No Mass Today	
Wednesday, 5 th February Memorial of St. Agatha, Martyr	10.15 am Requiem Mass	Desmond Rixon
Thursday, 6 th February Mem. of St. Paul Miki & Comps, Martyrs	7.30-8.00 am Exposition 9.30 am 12.15 pm (University Chaplaincy) 6.00 - 7.00 pm Exposition	Jerry Donovan RIP (Anniversary) Private Intention
Friday, 7 th February	10.15 am Requiem Mass	Catherine (Marina) McPhillips
Saturday, 8 th February Op. Memorials of St. Jerome Emiliani or of St. Josephine Bakhita Day of Prayer for Victims of Trafficking	10.00 am followed by Exposition	Eleanor Harrison (In Thanksgiving)
Sunday, 9 th February Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time Racial Justice Sunday	9.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 5.00 pm	Mary and Danny Harrington (Ints) The People of the Parish Frank Meadowcroft RIP
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Friday, 6.00-6.45 pm.; Saturday, 10.30-11.00 am.		

“Faith in Politics”: Catholic Parliamentary and Public Policy Internships 2020-21.

The Catholic Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales have organised an Internship Scheme and are looking to recruit up to nine recently-graduated Catholics to work for 11 months from September 2020 to July 2021 in Parliamentary, Public Affairs, and Social Action posts. The interns will be selected on the basis of ability and potential to gain most from the experience. The interns will live together with 70 other students in More House, a Catholic Chaplaincy and Student Centre in Central London. Financial support will be provided to cover living and travel costs for the duration of the internship. The closing date for applications is 28th February 2020. Further information is available from, and applications should be made through, the website www.faithinpolitics.org.uk

Confirmations. Bishop Kenney will be coming to St. Joseph’s on Wednesday, 19th February, 7.00 pm, to confirm one of our community. Please put the date in your diary and try to come to support and welcome her.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation – Confession – is usually available at St. Joseph’s on Friday evenings, 6.00-6.45, and on Saturday mornings, 10.30-11.00. There is also the possibility in my office whenever I am in the Chaplaincy – usually before and after the 12.15 Mass on Thursdays and Fridays. Please check the newsletter for changes each week.

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Elections

CathSoc elections are around the corner (Week 8). Don’t forget you must hold CathSoc membership for a minimum of 14 days if you want to run for a position (membership is free of charge). If you’d like to get to know more about positions and responsibilities or if you’d like to run for a position, please speak to the exec members. We need you!

First Friday. This Friday is the First Friday of the month. **Please note that I cannot be here for Mass on that day because I have a funeral.**

Singing For Fun. Tomorrow evening, 3rd February, in St. Joseph’s parish hall. You can’t sing? No problem! Please come meet new friends and try some popular hymns, 7.30-8.30 pm. It’s just for fun. All welcome!

Bible study. As always, on Monday at 7:45pm in the chaplaincy. Starts with dinner, followed by Bible study discussion. Everyone welcomed.

Tailpiece: After attending a wedding, a little boy asked his father, “How many brides can the groom marry?” “One,” his father said. “Why do you ask?” “Because the priest said he could marry sixteen,” the boy said, puzzled. “How did you come up with that?” his father asked. “That’s easy,” the boy replied. “All you have to do is add it up like the priest said: 4 better, 4 worse, 4 richer, 4 poorer.”

May God bless you and all those whom you love.
Fr. Harry