



THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF OUR LORD & ALL SOULS



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✠ THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE ✠

(Candlemas)

Sunday 2nd February 2025



Sunday cycle of readings: Year C

Weekday cycle of readings: IV

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Sun 2 nd	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD IN THE TEMPLE (Candlemas)	9.30am MASS with Children's Liturgy 11.15am SOLEMN MASS 5.30pm Evening Prayer	<i>The People of the Parish</i> <i>Kitty Hennessy RIP</i>
Mon 3 rd	St. Blaise, Bishop, Martyr	9.00am Adoration & Confessions 9.30am Mass 5.30pm Evening Prayer	<i>Maurice Blount RIP</i>
Tues 4 th	Feria	9.00am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass (with whole school) 4.45-5.15pm Confessions 5.15pm Evening Prayer (NB earlier time)	<i>Mike Thompson RIP</i>
Wed 5 th	St. Agatha, Virgin, Martyr	9.00am Adoration & Confessions 9.30am Mass 12.00pm Funeral Mass 5.30pm Evening Prayer	<i>Lily & Rachel Uzell RIP</i> <i>Fintan Ledwith RIP</i>
Thurs 6 th	St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs	5.30pm Evening Prayer 6.30pm Adoration & Confessions 7.30pm Mass (<i>Divine Worship</i>)	<i>Davies family members (living and deceased)</i>
Fri 7 th	Feria	7.00am Adoration 7.30am Mass <i>followed by Sacred Heart devotions</i>	<i>Gavin Alexander RIP</i>
Sat 8 th	Feria	9.00am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 10.00-11.00am Adoration & Confessions	<i>Chrostopher Vaughan RIP</i>
Sun 9 th	FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	9.30am MASS with Children's Liturgy 11.15am SOLEMN MASS (<i>Divine Worship</i>) 5.30pm Evening Prayer	<i>Mary McHugh RIP</i> <i>The People of the Parish</i>

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Theme of today's readings: Jesus Christ is God present among his people

First reading *Malachi 3:1-4*

Jesus of Nazareth fulfils Malachi's prophecy in this reading. Jesus will identify the first "messenger," the one who Malachi says will prepare the way in the spirit of Elijah, as St. John the Baptist. This identification makes Jesus the "Lord whom you seek" who will "come to his Temple" to purify it and the people in preparation for the coming of his Kingdom. Jesus is also the "messenger" (or mediator) the prophet Malachi writes about. He is the one who will come to establish a covenant and who offers the necessary sacrifice to the Lord. This Jesus will do on the altar of the Cross. His sacrifice will purify and restore the new Israel and a new priesthood to offer his sacrifice and proper worship pleasing to God.

Psalm 24 was a hymn which the covenant people of Israel sang in solemn procession when the Ark of the Covenant entered the Temple's precincts. At the end of psalm 23 the psalmist expressed the desire "to dwell in the house of the Lord forever". In this next psalm, the Ark, God's dwelling place among his people, arrives to enter the Jerusalem Temple that is God's house. The psalmist asks, "Who is this king of glory?" And those in the procession respond: "The LORD of hosts; he is the King of glory!"

Second reading *Hebrews 2:14-18*

The writer stresses Christ's union with humanity in his flesh and blood. It is in the offering of the perfect sacrifice of his flesh and blood that Jesus conquered the devil and set humanity free from the fear of death.

Gospel *Luke 2:22-40*

In the Gospel reading it is forty days since the birth of Jesus. The Holy Family has travelled to the Jerusalem Temple for Mary's ritual purification and baby Jesus' presentation as a "firstborn son" to be redeemed according to Mosaic Law. This event was the first act of God the Son in the holy city, the beginning of the fulfilment of prophecy. It is the starting point of Jesus' mission to fulfil the ordinances of the old Law that will climax in his last visit to Jerusalem when he will offer himself in sacrifice to purify and redeem Israel and all humanity.

SAFEGUARDING

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese's policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is John Corroon. He can be contacted at sg.allsouls.covty@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 and safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

Please take this sheet away with you for Mass times this week, upcoming events and general information.

A WARM WELCOME to Mass today, especially to anybody joining us for the first time. Please introduce yourself to the clergy and if you're able, stay for refreshments in the parish room.

PARENTS AND CHILDREN

It's a great joy to see so many young families in church. For the benefit of parents and parishioners, if young children become restless during Sunday Mass, parents are encouraged to make use of the livestreaming of the Mass on the smart screen in the parish room. Thank you. There are also some child-friendly books in the parish room – about the Mass, prayer, the saints, the Bible - for young children and parents to enjoy.

PRAYERFUL READING OF SCRIPTURE Read and reflect prayerfully on the upcoming Sunday's Bible readings with other parishioners after Mass on Tuesdays in the parish room.

SCHOOL READERS TRAINING On Monday some of our Key Stage 2 children who read at school Masses and at Sunday Mass will be spending some time in church reflecting on how important the Word of God is to us and practicing their proclamation of it.

MIKE THOMPSON RIP We extend our condolences to the family of Mike Thompson, our organ tuner for some years, who died recently, and of course pray for Mike himself. We have much to thank Mike for in keeping our organ in excellent condition for our worship of God.

CHURCHES TOGETHER PRAYER BREAKFAST 8am **Saturday 8th February** at Sherbourne Community church, Holyhead Road.

SOLEMN EVENSONG & BENEDICTION This month's service of Solemn Evensong and Benediction is at 7pm on **Wednesday 12th February**. The service, lasting about an hour, is followed by refreshments in the parish room. All very welcome.

SUNDAY MASS CHOIR PRACTICE 7.45pm **11th February**

ALTAR SERVERS' MEETING We encourage all our altar servers and their parents to attend our next meeting in the parish room on **Saturday 15th February 5-6pm**. Siblings are very welcome too. Adults who help in the sacristy on Sunday morning are asked to attend too please.

CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP Our next meeting is this **Wednesday, 5th February**, 7-8pm, in the parish room.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP Our next meeting is on **Monday 17th February**, 2-3pm in the parish room.

CHRISTIAN HERITAGE CENTRE

You may be interested in some events coming up at The Christian Heritage Centre, based at Stonyhurst College in Lancashire:

MEN'S SPIRITUAL EXERCISES 30 MARCH-4 APRIL 2025

A 5-day version of the Ignatian Exercises offered specifically for men (whether lay or ordained), this retreat will be preached by the Benedictine Monks of St Joseph's Abbey, Flavigny (France). Founded in 1988, this community has retained its charism of a specific apostolate to men with a shortened version of the Ignatian Exercises. One-to-one direction will be offered alongside the talks. For more information and to book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/mens-spiritual-exercises/>

THE SEARCH FOR TRUTH: EDITH STEIN 14-16 MARCH 2025 Fr Matthew Blake OCD will offer a weekend exploring the life and teachings of Edith Stein, or St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, and her indomitable search for truth that led her to the Catholic faith. For more information and to book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-search-for-truth-edith-stein/>

CANDLEMAS

Judaism's purity laws required a sacrifice 40 days after a birth. The Law also required an offering to redeem the firstborn son. The first of everything – crops, cows, sheep – was to be given to God (see Exodus 34). To keep it back from God, an appropriate offering had to be made instead. Mary and Joseph, in obedience to these Jewish customs, presented Jesus in the Temple. There they encountered Simeon, a righteous man who had been promised by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Messiah. When Simeon saw Jesus, he proclaimed:

“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.” (Luke 2:29-32)

This declaration affirms **Jesus as the Light of the World**, bringing salvation to all people. The prophetess Anna, also present in the Temple, also recognised Jesus as the long-awaited Redeemer and began to **spread the good news**. As we celebrate Candlemas, we renew our commitment to Christ and carry his light into a world in need of his love and truth. Let us, like Simeon and Anna, recognise Jesus as our salvation and proclaim his presence with joy.

A PRAYER BEFORE USING THE INTERNET

We're all aware of the benefits which the internet brings us. We're also aware of the tremendous risks it poses and the temptations it places before us. Here's a prayer to help us to use the internet well to our good, and to avoid its darker elements. It seeks the heavenly help of Saint Isidore, patron saint of the internet. (Isidore wrote a collection of books called *Etymologiae*, which gathered, systematised, and condensed all the learning possessed by his time. Throughout the greater part of the Middle Ages it was the textbook most in use in educational institutions.)

Almighty and eternal God, who created us in your image and commanded us to seek after all that is good, true and beautiful, especially in your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; grant, we pray, that, through the intercession of Saint Isidore, Bishop and Doctor, during our journeys through the internet we will direct our hands and eyes only to that which is pleasing to you and treat with charity, dignity and patience all those souls whom we encounter. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

RECENTLY DEPARTED Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Fintan Ledwith** (Funeral Mass 12pm Wednesday 5th February), **Greta Flitcroft** (Funeral Mass 1pm Thursday 13th February) and **Linda Alexander** who have died recently.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION The 4th session is on **Monday 10th Feb**, 6.30-7.15pm in the parish room.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION The 2nd session is on **Monday 3rd February**, 6.30-7.15pm in the parish room.

Parents are reminded of the need for frequent attendance at Sunday Mass as part of their child's preparation to receive the sacraments later this year.

FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH

The next of our monthly evenings of teaching on the foundations of our faith is on **Wednesday 26th February**, 7.00-8.30pm, in the parish room. It will be a second session on **Creation and the Fall**. The aim is to help us know and defend the Sacred Traditions of the Church, the sound doctrine which we need in order to understand the Word of God. Please do come along.

HYMNS AT 9.30am MASS

Entrance 175 Offertory 747 Communion 83 Rec 883
Ps. The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!

THE SACRED HEART LAMP

burns this week for

Zharine Monje (birthday)

THE LADY CHAPEL LAMP

burns this week for

Kitty Hennessy RIP

To request a lamp please fill out an envelope at the back of church