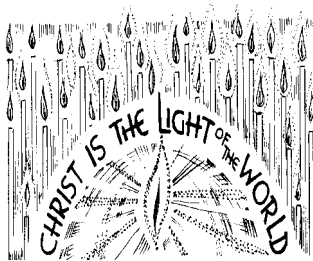


Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

2 February 2020

The Presentation of the Lord



Today the Church celebrates the feast of the Presentation of the Lord which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus and is also known as Candlemas day, since the blessing of candles is included in today's liturgy. Today's first reading gives us an important insight to understand profoundly the mystery of the Lord's Presentation in the Temple by Mary and Joseph, in accordance with the canons of Mosaic Law. The text, taken from the Prophet Malachi says, 'I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me; and suddenly there will come to the temple the Lord who you seek'.

Marriage Matters

Avoiding issues to 'keep the peace'? When Mary and Joseph went to the Temple, Simeon blessed them, saying their child would be rejected. When we take our child for baptism, we are given a candle, a reminder 'to keep the flame of faith alive'. This can be difficult, but let us not avoid the issues 'to keep the peace', but grow in listening and trust together.

Think Vocation

We pray for those called to service for the Lord as priests, sisters and brothers, that they will be encouraged to follow the Lord and faithful to His choice of them.

*Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office
Week 4*

*Sunday Missal: Page 851; Readings: Page 856;
Preface: Page 859*

Sunday 2 February

9.30am Mass (SJ) - *with Children's Liturgy*

11am Mass (SB) - *with Children's Liturgy*

Monday 3 February - St Blaise (with Blessing of the throat)

9am Exposition & Adoration (SB)

9.30am Mass (SB)

7.45pm SVP (SJ)

Tuesday 4 February

2pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room)

6.30pm Adoration & Reconciliation (SJ)

7pm Mass (SJ)

7.15pm SVP (SB)

Wednesday 5 February - St Agatha

9am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)

9.30am Mass (SJ)

Thursday 6 February - St Paul Miki & Companions

9am Exposition & Adoration (SB)

9.30am Mass (SB)

Friday 7 February

No Mass Today

Saturday 8 February

10.30am Adoration & Reconciliation (SB)

11.30am Mass (SB)

12.30pm Baptism (SB)

5pm Mass (SB) - *with Children's Liturgy*

*A Special Day of Prayer for Victims of Trafficking
A Special Collection will be*

Sunday 9 February taken for Racial Justice

9.30am Mass (SJ) - *with Children's Liturgy*

11am Mass (SB) - *with Children's Liturgy*

Racial Justice Day

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Prayers Please

We pray for all the sick and housebound in our parish, and other relatives and friends. Bernard Holder, Christopher Scott, Jackie Harte, Moya Fau-Goodwin, Margaret Russell, Anne Hurst, Kenneth Martin, Vernon Holt, Colin Spragg, Margaret Padfield

Lately Dead: Madeleine Summerscales, Damien Arthurs

Anniversaries: Winifred Meadows, Bridie Knowles, Martin Feeney, Lew Brown, Margaret Gibson, Betty Finn

Mass Intention: Winifred Meadows, A special intention, Marie Lamoury (Birthday Remembrance), Bridie Knowles, Josephine Knowles (Birthday Remembrance), Edna Brookes (Birthday Remembrance), Martin Feeney, Mary & Thomas Watson, Lew Brown, Margaret Gibson, In Thanksgiving, Mary Dobbins (Birthday Remembrance), Betty Finn, Madeleine Summerscales, Damien Arthurs

Cycle of Prayer Part 2 (of 6)

We pray especially for: peace on earth; Christian unity; the sick and those who care for them; students and teachers; the unemployed

Facts and Figures

Mass Attendance

25/26 January
5pm - 143; 9.30am - 182; 11am- 174
Total - 499

Offertory Collection

25/26 January: £1,123.92
Standing Orders
(17-31 January) - £335

Cheques: Please make all cheques payable to *Corpus Christi*. Thank you.

Fr David Chinnery

We would like to say a huge "Thank you" to Fr David for all he has done for our parish in his time with us. We wish him well as he moves to pastures new. Let us keep him in our thoughts and our prayers.

Congratulations: To Stafford Shashoua who was received into the Catholic Faith last Sunday at St John's. We welcome Stafford and pray that the Lord stays with him on his journey of faith.

Thank you: My nephew, Matthew Harvey, who has been on our 'Prayer List' since May 2019, following an horrific Motor Cycle accident, is now out of hospital, starting Physio and should soon be back to full health. Many, many thanks for your prayers throughout these many months.
Teresa Smith

Christian Meditation: February sessions will be held on Tuesday (4th and 25th at 2pm) and Thursday 13 Feb at 7.15pm. All sessions are in the Harbour Room at St Brendan's Church). All Welcome

Thank you! To St Brendan's school, whose parents have helped to raise £1000 towards the repairs of the potholes on the road leading to St Brendan's church.

Social Committee Appeal for Members: We are seeking some new members to join our small team, who would be willing to attend a monthly meeting to discuss social events for the parish. No skills required, apart from a willingness to chat, discuss ideas and give a hand when required at events. As always, your help would be greatly appreciated. If you are interested please do get in touch - Arthur, Maureen or Lauren (St John's) and Peter at St Brendan's. Thank you!

Hope in the Future Events

Music & Liturgy Workshop Day With Jo Boyce

Saturday 8 February 10am-6.30pm

At St Thomas of Canterbury Church, Heaton
The programme, over all, will look at the shape of the liturgy, the role of music within it, as well as sharing new music, ideas and resources finishing with a vigil Mass at 5.30pm (instrumentalists are invited to bring their instruments if they wish to play at Mass). Jo is a talented composer of a number of well-known Catholic hymns She will also be sharing with us Mass settings and free responsorial psalms. More information at <https://www.cjmmusic.com/>.

Tea/Coffee provided, please bring a packed lunch.

Register here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/music-liturgy-workshop-day-with-jo-boyce-tickets-75826239323>

or email

hope@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

or call 0161 817 2214.

Children's Liturgy Training Day Led by Linda Pennington

**Saturday 28 March 2020, 10am - 3pm
Cathedral Centre, Salford, M3 6DP**

To register or for more information please visit:

www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/parishes/events
or call 0161 8172214

Ceilidh 4 Cafod

Friday 20th March 2020

St Osmund's Church Hall
Long Lane Bolton BL2 6EB

7.30PM to 11PM

Dancing to the Toll Bar Band

Licenced Bar & Pasty Supper.

Tickets £10.00

Available after Weekend
Masses

Re-Commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist and Liturgy: This will be held on Saturday 22 February (during the 11.30am Mass). All Eucharistic Ministers and Readers are invited to attend this Mass. Further details to follow.

Harbour Room Book Club. On Wednesday 26 February, Melanie Graaf, from Bolton Central Library, will be our Guest Speaker. Meetings begin at 1pm and all are welcome.

200 Club: Subscriptions to the 200 Club will be due at the beginning of March. Please put money in an envelope with your name and contact details. Ann Gracie will now be running the 200 Club. Please put envelopes in the boxes provided at the back of each church. Thank you

| Readers & Eucharistic Ministers 8/9 February | | |
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| Mass | Reader | Eucharistic Ministers |
| 5pm (SB) | L Lamoury | TBA |
| 9.30am (SJ) | C Grundy | P McArdle, L Rule T Armstrong, M Cropper, A Grundy, A Rawlinson |
| 11am (SB) | M Day | Sub, C Owen, P Brennan |

Diocese of Salford Accountant Vacancy

The diocese is seeking a qualified Accountant who can effectively support the work of the Department for Finance by ensuring all Company Management and Statutory Accounts information is produced accurately and within timescales stipulated by the Trustees and Board of Directors.

The successful candidate will be a team player, who works effectively with finance colleagues to ensure financial compliance with Charity Law, together with implementation and adherence to controls and procedures within the department. To find out more and download a vacancy pack, please visit:

www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies

Caritas Safe Haven Volunteer

During the evening, Cornerstone Day Centre is used as an education centre for non English speaking visitors who are helped to improve their English reading, writing and speaking skills. We also provide onsite residential and emergency accommodation for up to 45 people. As a volunteer you will work with the cook and assist support staff to ensure that the health, safety and wellbeing of our service users is at the forefront of all of our activities.

Volunteers are needed to support staff members during the hours of 4.30pm to 9.30pm.

For further information please visit:

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Hope in the Future, Living the Sunday Eucharist: Ninth Installment
2nd February (The Presentation of the Lord)

INTRODUCTORY RITES: The Collect or Opening Prayer

Have you ever had a moment when someone was hassling you for something and you said or thought “I just need to gather my thoughts for a minute”? This is what this moment of the Mass is all about - gathering our thoughts. We have already done quite a lot - getting to Church, greeting each other and the Lord, joining together in hymns and penitence and praise - but now we **stop** for a moment. As with the Penitential Act we talked about a couple of weeks ago, as important as the words we say is the **silence** we are given. The priest says, “Let us pray,” and then there should be silence - a silence long enough for us to “gather our thoughts.” These might be the intentions we have brought to Mass, or things we have just heard as we greeted fellow parishioners, or even something that occurred to us during the Penitential Act or Gloria! Then the priest sums up our thoughts and prayers with some formal words: listen to them, and you will see a pattern: first, we praise God, perhaps mentioning some attribute; then there is a petition, asking for something, and then a result, keyed by the word “that”. Some of the Collects in the Missal are very ancient, going back to the time of Pope Leo the Great. As well as their role in the Mass, they are a wonderful inspiration for prayer and reflection, and repay patient and careful reading.