

**PRESENTATION IN THE TEMPLE
PURIFICATION OF MARY
CANDLEMAS**

Reading Cycle C
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Psalter Week 4
Sunday 2ND FEBRUARY 2025

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MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

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SAT	1 ST FEB	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD IN THE TEMPLE, THE PURIFICATION OF MARY CANDLEMAS SUNDAY	6.30pm	Bernard Johnson + R.I.P
SUN	2 ND FEB		10.00am	Eva Ryan R.I.P
MON		NO MASS		
TUES	4 TH FEB	FUNERAL SERVICE	12.45 pm	MICHAEL BEER
		Weekday in Ordinary Time	6.30pm	Winnie Treseder R.I.P
WED	5 TH FEB	MEMORIAL OF ST AGATHA	10.00am	All Souls
THURS	6 TH FEB	MEMORIAL OF ST PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS	10.00am	Manuel Oliveira R.I.P
FRI	7 TH FEB	Weekday in Ordinary Time	10.00am	People of the Parish
SAT	8 TH FEB	FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.30pm	Peter and Ena Holland R.I.P
SUN	9 TH FEB		10.00am	George and Margaret Stevens R.I.P Millie and Bert Swaffield R.I.P

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK, ANNIVERSARIES AND THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED:

We pray for those in our families or in our Parish Community who may be sick, housebound, worried or in need. We ask that the love of the Lord be with them during the coming week. To all our parishioners who are indisposed we ask that they may receive every grace and blessing.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Michael Beer, Antoni Sacchetti and Lina Malacrino. May they rest in peace

We also pray for Pat Davies, Eileen Cleverdon, John Desmond, Terry Stevens, Margaret Demanuel, Angelo Tabone, Edward Evans, Mercedes Jones, Anna Snook, Margaret Rees, James Cruise, Jean Carter, Bertha Desmond, William Cowley, Brian Seignott, Robert Sloman, Michael Gibson, Winnie Doble, Patrick Hansen, Fr Ray O'Shea, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

CANDLES You can buy a 7 day candle (£5.00) which will be left at the Sacred Heart or Our Lady's Altar for the duration of a week. **This week's candles will be lit for Brian Seignott and Elizabeth and Fred Greenslade**

MOVING ON: Sadly we learned that Fr Malachy will be leaving us to go to the Parish of Aberystwyth. The date of his leaving has yet to be arranged. Hopefully it will be some weeks away. Though he has been with us for only eighteen months, he has made a great impression on us all and he will be a significant loss to our Parish. More details to come. In his place we will welcome Fr Peter Okafor, who is a contemporary of Fr Valentine.

BACK FROM CARMARTHEN: This week we welcome back Fr Malachy who has spent the last 6 weeks covering weekend Masses in Carmarthen. At the Mass on Sunday we will have the special blessing of candles.

HAPPY HOLIDAY: On Monday Fr Valentine will be returning home to Nigeria for a holiday. We hope he will have a good rest and return to us refreshed.

ARCHDIOCESAN YEAR BOOK: At long last it has arrived. Available at the back of the Church. Cost is £5.00

ST DAVID'S DEANERY PARISH COUNCIL: On Saturday last week the first official meeting of this Council took place in St Teilo's. St Patrick's is part of this Deanery and we were represented by Chris German. Officers were elected and the constitution document drawn up by the Archdiocese accepted. Various matters were discussed details of which will hopefully be available shortly.

SYNOD FINAL REPORT: This document (which is quite lengthy) is on the Parish Website. There is also a short summary which is easy to read and talks about the ways in which we might move forward.

JUBILEE FOR ARMED FORCES, POLICE AND SECURITY PERSONNEL: Mass will be celebrated in the co-cathedral of St Joseph, Swansea on February 8th at 11.00am.

FLAME YOUTH EVENT IN WEMBLY : Calling anyone from Year 9 - University age, Please see the Events Noticeboard at the back of the Church for details.

BISHOP ROBERT BARRON'S 'THE MASS' videos well worth watching. Links are on the Parish Website or just Google Robert Barron the Mass. The videos are not long and really easy to listen to.

PIETY STALL SALE: Large Boxes of Christmas Cards reduced to £1.99 . Diaries £1.50

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES: Candidates please meet after Mass by the Our Lady Altar so you can have your attendance sheet signed. If you have any queries please e-mail Chris German Cge7618946@aol.com or through the Parish Website

OLD SPECTACLES/ GLASSES: **THE KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA** are collecting any old prescription spectacles/glasses (no cases) to be sent overseas to Third World Countries. There is a box at the back of the Church to put your old items in. Also the Knights are going to be meeting on the fourth Sunday of every month. Please see Patrick McCarthy for more information. This is an all male organisation and they are looking for new members. The next meeting will be on Sunday 2nd February at 3pm in the Presbytery

MASS INTENTIONS At the back of the Church there are envelopes for you to put your donation and the details of when you would like a Mass and for whom. Please indicate if the person is deceased. Please put your envelope in the Offertory Bag or the Brown Box at the back of the Church.

NEW TO THE PARISH? If you have been coming to St Patricks for some weeks and would like to be listed as a new Parishioner please complete the proforma at the back of the Church and give it to one of the priests.

SAFEGUARDING: Helplines and Information on the Parish Website Homepage. A First Aid Box is kept in the Sacristy.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL? Please let the Hospital know that you are a Catholic and would like a visit from the Chaplain. If you are a relative and would like the Catholic Hospital Chaplain to make a visit please leave the name of the person you want them to see and the Ward details if possible. When you ring the Chaplaincy 02921 843230 please leave your contact details so that they can contact you.

HOUSEBOUND COMMUNIONS: If you know of a parishioner wishing to receive Holy Communion please contact Frs Valentine

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: 25th/ 26th/ JANUARY £ 463.99

WEEKLY MESSAGE

Some years ago a survey was carried out among ‘practicing’ Catholics regarding their belief that when they receive Holy Communion they are in fact receiving the body of Christ in the form of bread. The results of the survey were shocking . Over two thirds of the people asked said that they believed that Holy Communion just was a reminder of the Body of the Lord. They did not believe that at the Consecration through Transubstantiation, the hosts of bread would be transformed into the body of Christ.

The belief that we are receiving the true Body and Blood of the Lord is fundamental to our Faith as Catholics.

For centuries scientists have worked on their theories about what constitutes ‘life’. At this very moment the scientific community are analysing data collected from the surface of the Moon and scans on Mars to see if there is any evidence of life or if there has ever been life in these places. Nearer to home scientists have recently discovered life deep in the ocean where previously they thought no life could exist at all.

When we are created God gives us life and most of us are given choices about how we live that life. Can we point to a place in ourselves where life is? Can we say where happiness is, or anger or sadness? These are intangible things. When Jesus said at the Last Supper “ This is My Body and This is my Blood” He meant just that. At the moment of Consecration God bestows on the hosts of bread and the wine the Life of the Lord. Can we understand this ? No. Can we see a physical change? No. As Catholics must we believe this, YES!

There may be times when we are in the Holy Communion Procession when we do not appreciate the true enormity of what we are about to receive. The Lord will come to us individually, but it is not as though the food is assimilated into us but rather we become assimilated to the food.

Some people have asked why there is a light by the side of the Tabernacle. This light shines 24/7 and shows that the Consecrated Hosts that were not consumed by the people are inside this Holy place. The light shows the presence of the Lord. May this light shine in all our hearts as we develop our own understanding of what we receive when we come forward for Holy Communion.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul will be healed.

Then Jesus spoke to them again,
saying, "I am the light of the world.
He who follows Me shall not walk
in darkness, but have the light of life."
John 8:12

