

THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

The Liturgy today begins with Blessing of Candles & Procession

First Reading: Malachi 3: 1-4

When God's people and their leaders were not living virtuously, the prophet Malachi criticised them for careless religious rituals, for cheating and for marriage to pagans. He predicts that the Lord will, like a craftsman melting gold and silver, "refine" the Levite priests of the temple.

Psalm (23) Response

Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

Jews who became Christians lost the comforts of their old religion, including its speculations about angels. The Letter to the Hebrews reminds these converts that Jesus replaces and vastly improves upon everything they have given up. Here the writer argues that Jesus is superior to angels and closer to us than angels could be.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The light to enlighten the Gentiles
and give glory to Israel, your people

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

The audience of Luke's gospel were pagan converts. They were happy to become Christians but puzzled that they had inherited a religion that started among the famously exclusive Jews. So Luke shows them two representatives of the Jewish heritage proclaiming how that tradition was destined to be transformed by Jesus.

Please remember in your prayers

The Sick: Christopher Browl, Julia Wright, Pauline Feeney, John Hunt, Margaret Brown, Lindsay Price and Christopher and all in our hospitals and nursing homes and those who care for them.

Day of Prayer for Religious and Consecrated Life

Pope Francis February Prayer Intention: that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of trafficking, may be heard and considered.

Diocesan Prayer Link: Our Lady of the Rosary, Lawrence Weston and St Bernard, Shirehampton

Christians in Corsham Prayer Link: St Patrick's RC Parish

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The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)

Sunday Readings: Of the Feast
Weekday Readings: Year 2

Sacrament of Reconciliation Sat 10.30am

Vigil Mass (Sat) 5.30pm

Sunday Mass 9.30am

The People of the Parish

Monday 3 February	No Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday 4 February	9.30am Mass at School (Candlemas theme, all parishioners welcome)	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday 5 February	12.00pm Mass	Saint Agatha, Virgin, Martyr
Thursday 6 February	12.00pm Mass	Saint Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs
Friday 7 February	12.00pm Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Saturday 8 February	10.00am Mass (Day of Prayer for Victims of Trafficking and those who work to combat it)	Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
	THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 5.30pm Sung Vigil Mass of Sunday	
Sunday 9 February	9.30am Solemn Mass followed by refreshments in the Hall	

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Liturgical Ministries in the Parish We continue our ongoing formation sessions for our Liturgical Ministers with a gathering for all our **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**. We will meet in the hall after 10am Mass on **Saturday 8th February**. This meeting is for existing ministers and others who may express an interest. If you cannot make this date do chat to Fr Michael and we will arrange a second session. Thank you to all Readers who gathered last week. If you could not make it please let Fr Michael know of a Saturday when you might be free to arrange for a re-run.

Traidcraft Sales this weekend at the hatch on the Park Lane entrance. Please consider a purchase for the Food Bank possibly? Could anyone spare a few minutes either on Saturday evening or Sunday morning to help please?

First Holy Communion 2020 will be celebrated at St Patrick's Church on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) 14th June at 9.30am Parish Mass. Please email Fr Michael if you would like your child to commence preparation. Please pray for our young people as they begin to prepare to receive Our Lord for the first time in Holy Communion.

Preparing for Holy Week - Dates for the Diary. We are gathering for a series of three evenings in the hall to help us celebrate the Sacred Triduum (Three days) as a community with understanding and richness. Thursday 12th March '*Celebrating Holy Thursday*'. 19th March '*Celebrating Good Friday*'. Thursday 2nd April '*Celebrating the Great Easter Vigil*'. We will look at what we celebrate, its background and why and how we celebrate this wonderful season of our redemption. Do come along!

Being a Dementia Friendly Church A day of speakers, workshops and resources to help you grow a dementia friendly church 9.45 -15.00 on Friday 13 March Westbury on Trym Baptist Church, Bristol BS9 3TE. Speaker is Charlotte Overton-Hart. Workshops will include: Telling your story, praying with meaning, caring for the carer, creating a playlist for life. The day is free and lunch provided.

To register please go to: www.dementia-church.eventbrite.co.uk. Or call Tony on 0117 968 1002

NEWS THIS WEEK

Bishop Barron's 'Catholicism' film series coming soon to St Patrick's Church Hall. Starts Thursday 13th February 7.30pm – 8.30pm Popcorn & other cinema snacks & drinks provided. 2.7m x 1.5m screen. All free, no pressure: attend as many or as few dates as you like. Please arrive in good time for an 7.30pm showing. See poster for full details.

Sunday Parking on Bath Road Would vehicles parking on the path please ensure there is safe access on the path for wheelchair users and pedestrians to use the footpath with ease. Thank you.

Children's Liturgy Would like to thank the whole parish for supporting our Mary's Meals Backpack Project. We made 28 full backpacks and collected 4 huge boxes of spare items to gift to Mary's Meals. Thank you for a fantastic response, we were overwhelmed by your support. All the items donated were collected by Mary's Meals last week.

Dowry Tour of Our Lady of Walsingham The Bishops are inviting us to prepare for the rededication of our country and its people as the Dowry of Mary. The statue of Our Lady of Walsingham will be 'visiting' Clifton Cathedral on **20 –22 Feb** and there is a full itinerary for the two days. See the notice board or go to **behold2020.com** for more information.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Marriage Encounter weekend retreat, the next retreat is 6th - 8th March in Swindon, why not find out more at wwme.org.uk

Please continue to remember Corsham Food-bank and Borderlands.