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SUNDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2020 – YEAR (A) THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, which



occurs forty days after our celebration of the birth of Jesus at Christmas. The feast is also known as Candlemas Day because the blessing and procession of candles is included in the Mass. Jesus Christ is the light of the nations, 'the light to enlighten the pagans' (Lk 2:32). That is why we have the blessing and procession of candles on

this day. Today's feast invites us to welcome the Lord in prayer and in witness. We thank our loving God for the gift of his Son, the light of the world. We share our joy with others because the Lord who entered his temple has entered our lives too. Today we learn from Simeon and Anna how to welcome his gracious coming.

A YEAR OF THE WORD

In this new liturgical year, Year A, we reflect and ponder of Matthews' Gospel. This year is a special Year in England & Wales – "A Year of the Word" we commit ourselves to make use this year to spend more time to deepen our understand of the scripture. Parish is organising **Lenten talks & Retreat** this year to celebrate the Year of the Word. Please make use Bible Study classes on the first and third day Monday of the week at 7pm. The next one is this Monday at 7pm in the Function Suite.



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right
hand is filled with saving justice.*

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you
thanks for your great glory. Lord God, heavenly King, O God, Almighty Fa-
ther. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of
the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take
away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right
hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the
Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.'

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the Prophet Malachi 3:1-4

The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my mes-
senger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are
seeking will suddenly enter his Temple; and the angel of the covenant whom
you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of Hosts. Who will be
able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he ap-
pears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fullers' alkali. He will take his
seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them
like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it
should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed
by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalm 23(24):7-10*

R. Who is the King glory? He, the Lord, he is the King of glory.

O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory! **R**

Who is the king of glory?
The Lord, the mighty, the valiant,
the Lord, the valiant in war. **R**

O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory! **R**



Who is he, the king of glory?
He, the Lord of armies,
he is the king of glory. *R*

SECOND READING

A Reading from the First letter of St Paul to the Hebrews 2:14-18

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, Christ too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins. That is, because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.

'The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The light to enlighten the Gentiles and give glory to Israel, your people. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 2:22-32

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said: 'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; Through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit (*all bow*) *was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.* For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

SANCTUS:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH.

*When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.*

COMMUNION RITE

Deliver us, Lord, we pray...

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever

Behold the Lamb of God...

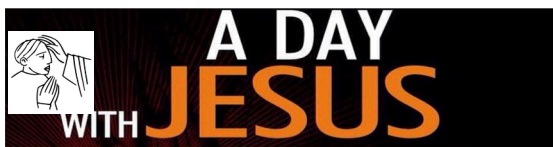
Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

PARISH INFORMATION, FAITH NEWS & MISSION

CANON JOHN O'TOOLE: we say a big thank you to Canon John O'Toole for his love and support for us, the family of St Boniface, for over the last three years. This weekend is his last weekend here before he takes up his ministry as the Vicar for Kent Area. We wish him every blessings and offer our prayers for his ministry. We also wish him a very **Happy Birthday** as he is seventy on this Saturday, 1st February. *Please join the parish family in the hall after 12:00 Mass on this Sunday as Canon will cut the birthday cake.* Canon will come to St Boniface for a thanksgiving Mass later in the month.



is on Saturday, 8th February beginning at 9.15am with Morning Prayer, Devotions and a talk. Mass at 11am followed by Anointing of the Sick. *Please come and join the parish to pray for the Sick and those in need of our prayers.*

COMMUNITY MASSES: Parish invites various communities to come forward and lead 12:00 Mass on the first Sunday of the Month. One community will lead the singing and readings at the Mass. *The first of these Masses will be on 5th April at 12:00 by the Kerala Community.* In the month of May, Philippino community will lead the 12:00 Mass on 3rd May.

CANDLE MASS: This Sunday Masses, on the feast of the presentation of the Lord, is also called Candle Masses. There will be blessing of candle at 10.30am Mass. If anyone wish to bless the candles for the use of this year, you may bring them to the Church.

HOLY LAND TRIP MARCH & MAY: *Please make full payment by 8th March for the trip in March and 10th May for the trip in May.* Please contact the parish office.

MASS ATTENDANCE CARD: Now onwards the parents of the children who are seeking school admission in Catholic School and also First Holy Communion & Confirmation should fill in a Mass attendance card which will be available from priests after weekend Masses. Many thanks

BIBLE STUDY: This year is declared as "A Year of the Word" in England and Wales. The Parish is running a Bible Study session on First and Third Mondays of the Month. The next one is on this Monday, 3rd February at 7.15pm in the Function Suite.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Ash Wednesday : 26th February.

Seniors Day: 17th May

St Boniface Parish Feast Day: 13th September

Thanksgiving Sunday: 22nd November

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR DEVOTION: The next FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR Devotion comes up on Friday, 7th February from 5.15pm to 6.15pm.

FIRST FIVE SATURDAYS DEVOTIONS: Next one is on this Saturday, 1st February beginning with Adoration at 8.45am followed by morning prayers, Mass at 9.30am, Novena and Rosary. You all are invited.

FINANCE COMMITTEE : Next meeting is on Wednesday 15th April at 7.15pm in the Presbytery

PARISH COUNCIL: Next Meeting is on Thursday 23rd April at 7.15pm in the presbytery.

INFANTS BAPTISM: Any parents who wish to baptize their children should register in the parish and attend the Mass regularly for at least six months. Those who moved recently to the parish should get evidence of the catholic practice. Fr Shaju will be happy to talk to you during Parish Open house if you have any queries.

NEXT BAPTISM PROGRAMME : On Monday 24th February at 7.30pm in the Presbytery

LITURGY FOR CHILDREN: At the beginning of 10:30am mass on Sunday, all children 5-10 years are requested to come forward towards the Sanctuary to join for the liturgy procession. Catechists will lead them out to the Parish Meeting Room.

RCIA AND ADULT CONFIRMATION: The next Session is on Monday 10th February at 7.15pm in the Parish Meeting Room (in the Presbytery).

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: Next session is on Saturdays: 8th Feb at 9.50am in the main hall.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME: Next session is on 8th February at 11.15am in the main hall. Confirmation Masses will be on Sunday 3rd May at 2pm & 4.30pm

FOOD BANK: The box for Food Bank contributions is in the Coffee Shop.

For all those who are celebrating their birthday this week the Parish wishes you a Happy Birthday and we join you to give thanks to God for the wonderful gift of life to you & you a special gift to us. The Parish also wishes every blessing to all the couples who are celebrating their wedding anniversary this week.



We are saddened by the death of Mary Hartigan who died recently. Her funeral is on this Tuesday 4th February at 12noon here in St. Boniface. May she rest in peace! Please keep the family in your prayers.

NEED TO SEE A PRIEST: If you need to see a priest to sign a school supplementary form, discuss about baptism or wedding or a private matter, please come to the Parish Open House every Friday from 4pm–6pm. No appointment needed

HOSPITAL VISITS : A Catholic Priest is available for patients, staff & Visitors to St. George’s Hospital, Fr. Mark Higgins, on 0208 725 3069. Messages can be left. In emergencies phone the switchboard on 020 8672 1255 to page the Catholic Priest, who can be reached 24/7.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please remember in your prayers all those on our parish prayer list.

The Sick: Rosario Alfonso, Rosalie Hickey, Anastatsia Ogbonna, Agnelo Fernades, Nilojan Mariyathas, Betty Joyce, Tony Hardy, Esther Daley, Norman Mendonca, Irene Mendonca, Julianna Hayfron, Nino Abel, Albert Folvi, Marciana Tangcay, Geoff Blwyddin Helena O’Connor, Pat Nolan, Norah Bolger, Anne Scanlon, Fortunata D’Souza, Nigel Searle, Gordon King, Maria Fatima, Fernando, Michael Andrade, Christina Grogan, Matilda Addison, Elizabeth Bosley, Janet Adams , Frances Brady, Maureen Connelly & Baby Archie

Anniversaries: Mary Kassim, Ann Collier, Bernard Ward, Teresa Brownhill, Bridget Healey, Kenneth Mulcahy, Hugh Lynch, Sr Philomena Morgan, Thomas Connolly, Alan Berlie, Joyce Donaldson, Stephen Humphreys, Michael Hopkins, Kathleen Sullivan, Margaret Gallagher, Elizabethrani Jakob, Ralph Emerson, Nneoma Onyiukah, Mary Brown, John McNamara, Lorna Charles-Agbowu, Lucy Lartey and Lionel RAJAH and Mary McCAULEY. **May they rest in peace – Amen.**

	1st & 2nd February	8th & 9th February
	LITURGICAL READERS (please collect a copy of the rota)	
Sat18.30	Mathew D’Souza & Lucinda D’Souza	Merichel A Altea, Agnela Cabral
09.00	Angela Lum Wai, Mary Donoghue	Robin Thomas, Katherine Bennett
10.30	Josie McCarthy, Fortune Musonda	Princess Ikpoh,Rebekka Prabakaran
12.00	Keoni McGowan, Callum Fernandez	Tara Butler, Charmaine Fernandes
18.30	Susan Daniel, Philippa Keeling	Remija Mponzi, Emie Roberts
	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (please collect a copy of the rota)	
Sat18.30	Debra Anton , Matchel Bibat Doris Cubero	Agnela Cabral, David Cabral Manuel Cabral
09.00	Luiza Lobo, Erica Summers Jane Parper	Valrose Hayes, Coralee Hilton Elizabeth Rodrigues
10.30	Josie McCarthy, Brenda McGrath Rui Rodrigues	Edy Endoza, Virginia Francois Damian P Keeling
12.00	Bernadine Fernandes, Denis Fer- nandes, Tharma Kandiah	Rosemary John, Marjorie Smith Mary Mayne
18.30	Agnes Babu, Sharon Wrightman, Barrie Ellis-Daley	Reya Mathai, Julian De Souza Barrie Ellis-Daley
Church Cleaning:	Wk1: Mon 3rd Feb @ 10am	Wk2: Mon 10th Feb @ 7pm

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generosity at last weeks collection (£2219.32)

Gift aided: 47% Loose Plate: 53%



<u>Sunday 2nd February</u> The Presentation of the Lord (Year A)	09:00 10:30 12:00 18:30	Joan Arellano Ints Jim Bolger RIP / Leonora Jarin RIP Beulah Cundy RIP/ Mr&Mrs Zerafa RIP Gil & Valentin Bisocho
Monday 3rd February Saint Lawrence of Canterbury	09:30 18:30	Ena Dick RIP Nickey Murry
Tuesday 4th February Feria	09:30 12:30 18:30	Pro Populo Funeral: Mary Hartegan William Fagan RIP
Wednesday 5th February Saint Agatha	09:30 18:30	Josephine Connolly RIP/ Daphne Ints Czselana RIP/ Gerard Nihal Pancratius RIP
Thursday 6th February Saint Paul Miki & Companions	09:30 18:30	Kryсна Lyne Rosales Ints November Deceased
Friday 7th February Feria	09:30 18:30	Maureen Lynch MJ Mathew RIP
Saturday 8th February Saint Jerome Emiliani	11:00 18:30	Day with Jesus Sheila Carty RIP
<u>Sunday 9th February</u> 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)	09:00 10:30 12:00 18:30	Bramante Pimentel RIP Brigid & Peter Kearney Ints Canute Matthias RIP Ann Coleman RIP

<p><u>Monday 3rd February</u> Padre Pio Group 7pm Cry Chapel</p> <p><u>Tuesday 4th February</u> Charismatic Prayer Group 7pm Cry Chapel</p> <p><u>Wednesday 5th February</u> Rosary Prayer Group 7pm Cry Chapel</p>	<p><u>Thursday 6th February</u> Knit & Natter Group 3pm Cry Chapel Legion of Mary 7.15pm Cry Chapel Tamil Mass 7.30pm Church</p> <p><u>Friday 7th February</u> 50+ Club 2pm Function Suite Parish Open House (4.00pm – 6.00pm in the Presbytery)</p>
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<p>Sacrament of Reconciliation Sat: 11.30am – 12.30pm</p>	<p>Holy Hour First Friday 5:15 – 6:15pm</p>
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<p>Adoration & Morning Prayer Monday - Saturday: 8.45am Holy Hour on First Friday 5.15pm – 6.15 pm</p>	<p>Novena to St Anthony Tuesday: 10am Divine Mercy Chaplet Friday: 10am</p>	<p>Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Saturday: 10am</p>
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