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Sunday, 2nd February 2020

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD – YEAR A

Mass Intention: Molly Niblett RIP

Entrance Hymn: 105

Offertory Hymn: 603

Communion Hymn: 970

Recessional Hymn: 794

Kyrie: None

Gloria: 481

Sanctus: 482

Acclamation: 484

Great Amen: 486

Agnus Dei: 487

WELCOME

For our celebration today you will require a Mass Sheet, a hymn book (which also contains the Mass Setting) and a personal candle, all of which are available from the Welcome Team.

There will be a Children's Liturgy today. Activity bags may be found hanging on the chairs at the back of church to be borrowed to keep children engaged during Mass. Please replace after use.

After Mass refreshments are served at the back of the Cathedral.

COLLECTIONS

The plate collection for last Sunday was **£277.62** and the **Special Collection** for the **Bishopric Charities** was **£150.00**.

MINISTRIES TODAY

Readers: Mrs E Haddon; Mrs S Cole

Extraordinary Ministers: Mrs O Beattie; Mrs P Brooks;

Mrs M Casey; Mrs P Rossiter

Welcome Team: Mrs L Morten; Mrs A Gosnell

Children's Liturgy: Mrs Y Spreadborough

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Wed 5th Feb: *St Agatha, virgin, martyr*

1200hrs – Middy Prayer & Angelus

1215hrs – Holy Mass

Brian & Margaret Worley

MINISTRIES FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 9th FEBRUARY 2020

Readers: Col P Thomas; Col P Rossiter

Extraordinary Ministers: Mrs P Beal; Mrs A Gosnell;

Mr C Kamwenje; Mr J Thompson

Welcome Team: Mrs A Paintin; Mrs P Brooks

Children's Liturgy: Mrs P Rossiter

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please keep the members of our Armed Forces, their families and all support staff, in your personal intercessions.

CELEBRATING FAITH

The 62nd International Military Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from Thursday, 14th May to Monday, 18th May. Booking Forms may be found at the back of church for anyone interested. It is anticipated that modest grants towards the cost for those from the congregation who attend will be available on application.

PARISH RETREAT

Our annual community time at Worth Abbey for this year will be from Tuesday, 8th to Thursday, 10th September. Please add your name to the list at the back of church to indicate your interest.

TODAY'S COMMEMORATION

The Feast of the Presentation, sometimes known as Candlemas, commemorates the purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the presentation of Christ in the temple, which occurred 40 days after his birth as prescribed by the Jewish law. According to Mosaic Law, a mother who had given birth to a boy was considered unclean for seven days. Also, she was to remain 33 days 'in the blood of her purification.' The day marks the end of the ancient forty days of Christmas. Candlemas was also the day when some cultures predicted weather patterns. Farmers believed that the remainder of winter would be the opposite of whatever the weather was like on Candlemas Day. An old English song goes: 'If Candlemas be fair and bright, Come winter, have another flight; If Candlemas bring clouds and rain, Go winter, and come not again.' Thus if the sun cast a shadow on Candlemas, more winter was on the way; if there was no shadow, winter was thought to be ending soon. This practice led to the folklore behind what came to be known as 'Groundhog Day'.

WORD SHARING

Catholic homilies are the shortest sermons in the US, according to a computerised survey. The homily in a Catholic church lasts only 14 minutes on average, compared with 25 minutes in mainline Protestant congregations and 39 minutes in evangelical Protestant congregations. Historically black Protestant churches have the longest sermons by far: a median of 54 minutes. Further details and analysis at: www.pewsr.ch/2RvSHSP

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

The Chamber Choir from Simon Langton Girls' Grammar School (www.langton.kent.sch.uk) are planning to sing in six Cathedrals on the same day to raise money in support of local musicians. They will perform a programme this Wednesday, 5th February with us between 1120hrs and 1150hrs. There is no charge and no ticketing, and everyone is welcome to come and hear them.

SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITY

An evening of Renewal and Healing will take place in the church of St Joan of Arc, Farnham this Wednesday, 5th February from 2000hrs. Details are available from the poster on the noticeboard.

AND FINALLY ...

... look up to the people who keep on dancing even after the music has stopped, because those are the ones who will keep on trying even after all hope appears to have been lost.

With every blessing
Fr Nick