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Sunday, 2nd February 2025

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD – YEAR C

1100hrs Mass Intention: *Therese & Mary O'Sullivan RIP*

Preface: *The Mystery of the Presentation Eucharistic Prayer I*

Lighting of Candles: 883

Entrance Hymn: 105

Offertory Hymn: 801

Communion Hymn: 600

Recessional Hymn: 960

Kyrie: None

Gloria: 481

Sanctus: 482

Acclamation: 483

Great Amen: 486

Agnus Dei: 487

WELCOME EVERYONE

For our celebration today you will require a Mass Sheet, a hymn book and a copy of any Mass Settings that we are using, all of which are available from the Welcome Team.

Children over four years old are invited to go to their liturgy with the Catechetical Team following the introduction to the Mass and return at the offertory. The side chapel may be used for younger children's quiet activities and the vestry is available for those who need a place in which to make noise. Activity bags, containing appropriate books and other materials, hanging on the chairs at the back of church may be borrowed to keep children engaged during Mass. Please replace them after use and before leaving the building.

MINISTRIES TODAY

Welcome Team: Mrs L McMahon; Mrs M Ferrie

Readers: Col P Rossiter; Mrs S Cole

Extraordinary Ministers: Mrs P Ward; Mrs P Brooks

Children's Liturgy Lead: Mrs F Qiatabua

THIS WEEK

The Cathedral is open every working day from 1000hrs - 1600hrs

Mon 3rd Feb: *St Blaise, bishop, martyr*

Tue 4th Feb: *Feria of Ordinary Time, Week 4, Year 1*

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

1145hrs – Midday Prayer (Psalter Week IV)

1200hrs – Holy Mass (Zoom available)

Alice Wynne RIP

Thu 6th Feb: *St Paul Miki & Companions, martyrs*

Fri 7th Feb: *Feria of Ordinary Time, Week 4, Year 1*

1400hrs – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

1545hrs – Holy Communion outside of Mass

NEXT SUNDAY

Welcome Team: Mrs E Allen; Mrs B Syner

Readers: Mrs N Francis-Crerar; Mrs M Williams

Extraordinary Ministers: Mrs M Ferrie; Ms A Williams

Children's Liturgy Lead: Mrs Y Spreadborough

PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

COMPASSIONATE ENGAGEMENT

Catholics in England and Wales are invited to pray for all victims of trafficking on the feast day of St Josephine Bakhita, which falls this coming Saturday, 8th February. Details of who the saint was, together with resources, are available at: www.cbcew.org.uk/day-of-prayer-for-victims-of-human-trafficking/

LIVESTREAMING LITURGIES

Sunday's Mass Zoom details – ID: 852 8787 9322

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85287879322?pwd=XsvpxnCCkTXYHzdwZLUafbjuD3F54e.1> Passcode: 517315

Wednesday's Mass Zoom details – ID: 826 4503 9448

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82645039448?pwd=YET4JLUySctP2aUFmPaOJukpLXrc9U.1> Passcode: 963653

TODAY'S COMMEMORATION

In accordance with Jewish custom and Law, the Holy Family travels to the Jerusalem Temple to celebrate the purification of Mary, and the presentation and consecration of Jesus. Candlemas is a northern European name for the feast because of the procession with lighted candles at the mass on this day, reflecting Simeon's proclamation of "a light for revelation to the Gentiles", which, in turn, echoes Isaiah 49:6 in the second of the "servant of the Lord" oracles. It is traditionally celebrated 40 days after Christmas.

TEACHING POINT

When we receive our Lord in holy Communion we should receive him in the way we encounter a loved one: with reverence, care, gentleness and humility. The Catechism of the Catholic Church notes that in the holy Eucharist, "Christ, God and man, makes himself wholly and entirely present" (1374). Communion is received in the Latin Church either on the tongue or in the hand. The minister holds up the Host and says, "The Body of Christ", and the communicant answers, "Amen", then receives and consumes. To receive on the tongue the head should be held erect but tilted back slightly. The tongue should come out over the bottom teeth, equal with the bottom lip. To receive in the hand a kind of throne should be made for the Lord, with one palm held firmly in the other. Communion should be consumed before you leave the vicinity of the minister and immediately after saying "Amen".

FAITHFUL WITNESS

Pope Francis urged Catholic journalists from across the world gathered in Rome for the Jubilee of the World of Communication last weekend to approach their work with courage, integrity, and a steadfast focus on hope, liberating "the inner strength of the heart." "Let your storytelling be hope-telling", the Holy Father said. The full text of his message is on the noticeboard and Bishopric website.

AND FINALLY ...

... if we could kick the person in the rear responsible for most of our troubles none of us would be able to sit for a month.

*With every blessing
Fr Nick*