

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

2nd February 2020

What Are We Waiting For?



If you were told you were going to die tomorrow, would you be ready to go? Young and old alike, the answer to this question is probably “no”! Being ready to leave this world demands tremendous clarity, and whilst some of us have achieved clarity in our lives, the rest stumble around confused and overly burdened. We go through the motions of living but all too easily we are living out a ‘ground-hog-day’ existence... running on the spot and repeating the same old mistakes, What we need is someone to tell us where we are going wrong, and gently put us on the right track. In short, what we need is someone to light our way.

In today's gospel reading, Mary and Joseph present the Baby Jesus at the temple as Jewish law required. Here they meet the elderly Simeon and Anna. Simeon and Anna have been waiting for the promise written in scripture that a Saviour would come to light the world and bring salvation to the ends of the earth. Despite their great age, Simeon and Anna were living and praying in hope that they would see the fulfilment of God's promise. When Simeon sees the Baby Jesus and recognises him as the Messiah, he is ready to die in peace because the fulfilment of scripture was his own personal fulfilment too.

So, what are we waiting for in our lives today? Are we able to recognise Jesus and the opportunities he gives us as Simeon did, or are we too busy running around like headless chickens looking for happiness and re-assurances in all the wrong places? How are we waiting? Are we waiting like the proverbial rabbit mesmerised by the fast approaching headlights, or are we waiting in constant preparation?

The time has come to stop flitting from one ambition to another and from one hollow goal to the next. The time has come to look for a genuinely important goal of God's floodlit making.



BISHOP NICHOLAS HUDSON: today we welcome our Area Bishop to the Parish on Visitation. He will be saying both the Masses and meeting with parishioners afterwards. He paid a special visit to Blessed Sacrament School on Tuesday of this past week and was most impressed by the children and teachers.

YEAR OF THE WORD: We hope many of you made use of the “Wednesday Word” during the week to prepare for today's Mass and will continue to use it. We are happy to receive feedback from you about it.

CONFIRMATION 2020: the next session is on **Monday 3rd February** in the Crypt at St John's in Duncan Terrace from 6.45pm – 8.00pm. Please make every effort to be there on time!

BAPTISM PREPARATION: the next classes for parents wishing to have their infants baptised will be on Tuesdays 4th & 11th February at 7pm in St John's Church, Duncan Terrace, Angel. You should please attend both evenings

FIRST COMMUNION: Next Thursday, 6th February there is an important Meeting for Parents at 7:00 p.m. in the hall. Children's class as usual next Sunday, 9th February.

HOLIDAY CLUB: on the Tuesday of Half Term (18 Feb.) Caritas is again running a holiday club at Blessed Sacrament School. Can you volunteer to help? The roles are setting up, basic food preparation, helping with children's activities and tidying up at the end. We will also need volunteers to help us with cooking the meal for the children. Volunteers

will need to be at the club from 9am-3pm and training will be provided as part of this. Please sign the paper by the organ if you are interested or talk to Monica Wells or Sister Miriam. Thank you!

LAST WEEKEND'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Envelopes £213.66 Loose Cash £195.16

Thank you for your generosity.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS:

Please remember to pray for Mary Cerasoli who died recently, and for those whose anniversaries are about this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

HEALING FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: especially Liam Buckley, Doreen Clayton, Tom Hunt, Sophia O'Donnell, Monica Smith (O'Leary), Cassie Robinson, Tessa Charlton, Michael Hehir, Emmanuel Tala, Mary Wallace, Jocelyn Hillgarth, Filomena Barbo, Colin Harris, Maria Carrano, May Cullen., Gordana Tancevska, Irene Bryan, Phuong Quach, Albert Boateng, Freddie Mudd, Margaret Cross, Hazel Hoyte, Angela Neary, Irene Cullen, Gerry Twomey, Barbara Johnson, Josephine Onwuka, Pauline Timlin, Kevin Corcoran, Patrick McShane, Margaret Walsh, Florence S Philip, Amidu (Blessing) Yamba, Evelyn Corcoran, Gerry Corcoran, Eamon Hanahoe, Mary Paditey, Kieran Vos, Bridget Ryan, Barbara Baggs, Mary Morgan, Pritti Depala, Elise Koffi, Luke Walsh.

MASSES THIS WEEK:

DATE	FEAST DAYS	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday 2 nd February	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD <i>(Parish Mass Book p.297)</i>	8.30am	Private Intention
		11.00am	All our Parishioners
Monday 3 rd February	SS Laurence, Dunstan & Theodore	10.30am	Private Intention
Tuesday 4 th February	feria	10.30am	Private Intention
Weds. 5 th February	St Agatha	10.30am	Private Intention
Saturday 8 th February	feria	10.30am	Private Intention
Sunday 9 th February	FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Parish Mass Book p.133)	8.30am	Private Intention
		11.00am	All our Parishioners

Weekday Masses: Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 10.30am

Weekend Masses: Saturday 10.30am, Sunday 8.30am & 11.00am

Confessions: Sunday 8am-8.20am: 10.30am – 10.50am

Weekday Mass at St John the Evangelist Monday - Friday at 10.00am – All welcome

Confessions at St John's on Saturday 10.30-11.15am and 5.15-5.45pm