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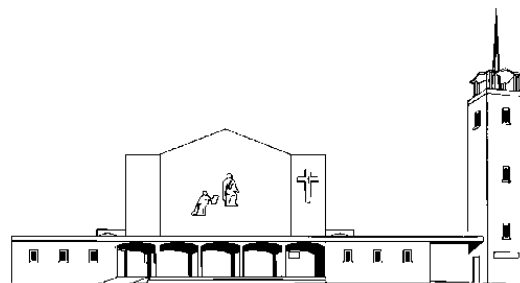
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Year A

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

2ND FEBRUARY 2020

GOSPEL: Luke 2: 22-40

My eyes have seen your salvation.



My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THIS WEEKEND WE KEEP THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD, usually known as 'Candlemas.' It's the 40th day after Christmas, and the commemoration of Our Lord's being taken by Mary & Joseph to the Temple in Jerusalem for His dedication as the first-born Son. Of course, the Presentation of the Lord Jesus, "in His Father's house," doesn't pass without incident: the holy man, Simeon, and the holy woman, Anna, both rejoice to set eyes on "the Christ of the Lord." We shall celebrate Candlemas in the traditional way, with the blessing of candles and the candle-lit procession into church from the porch, as Jesus is proclaimed the "light of revelation to the Gentiles."

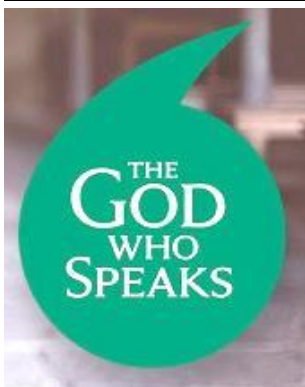
IF YOU DIDN'T TAKE A COPY OF ST MATTHEW'S GOSPEL last week, I invite you to do so this week. There are still some copies available by the choir-loft stairs (just £1.50, please,). This is the Gospel that we shall be hearing from for the vast majority of the Sundays in this 'Year A.' So, I urge you, to gain a greater insight into the whole of Matthew's Gospel in this 'Year of the Word,' to read it cover-to-cover, perhaps using the simple daily schedule provided with it (also available online: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2019/11/Matthews-Gospel-Day-by-Day.pdf>). Also, for Lent, we will have a Wednesday after-coffee prayer and discussion group in the crypt (10.15-11.15am, starting on 4th March) to pray and study the Lenten Scriptures.

Let us keep this happy, light-filled, feast of the Presentation with joy in Jesus Christ! Fr Philip

2019/20 Year of the Word: Pope Benedict XVI, *Verbum Domini*, n. 13

It is important to stress the unity of the divine plan in the incarnate Word: the New Testament thus presents the paschal mystery as being in accordance with the sacred Scriptures and as their deepest fulfilment. Saint Paul, in *1 Corinthians*, states that Jesus Christ died for our sins "in accordance with the Scriptures" and that he rose on the third day "in accordance with the Scriptures." The Apostle thus relates the event of the Lord's death and resurrection to the history of the Old Covenant of God with his people. Indeed, he shows us that from that event history receives its inner logic and its true meaning. In the paschal mystery "the words of Scripture" are fulfilled; in other words, this death which took place "in accordance with the Scriptures" is an event containing a *logos*, an inner logic: the death of Christ testifies that the word of God became

thoroughly human "flesh", human "history." Similarly, the resurrection of Jesus takes place "on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures": since Jewish belief held that decay set in after the third day, the word of Scripture is fulfilled in Jesus who rises incorrupt.



PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Jimmy Milton who will be baptised this weekend

FIRST FRIDAY: The first Friday Mass will be at 7.30pm on **Friday 7th February**. This will be followed by the Holy Hour at 8pm, which is always prayed for the pro-life cause.

ALTAR SERVERS: Children (any age) who have at least made their First Holy Communion and wish to become altar servers, please contact the presbytery so that training can be arranged.

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR will take place **Sunday 16th February at 5pm** with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction. A truly prayerful hour!

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **next meeting Friday 21st February**. A semi-formal hour in the Lady Chapel to reflect together on Sunday Scriptures and bring our needs and prayers to the Lord.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: More leaders and helpers are needed at the 9.15am Mass. Training will be provided and DBS checks will be required. Please contact Claire Hay on 07971-063520 for further information.

MARRIAGE THANKSGIVING MASS: The Cardinal invites couples who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60+ wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2020 to Mass on **Sat 30th May** at 3pm at Westminster Cathedral. If you would like to attend, please contact the Presbytery with the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address & e-mail, or telephone number if no e-mail.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND 14th–21st May 2020: St. Joseph and English Martyrs parish in Bishop's Stortford has a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, led by Fr. Carlos Quito, the Assistant Priest. The cost is £1333, based on sharing a twin-bedded room: 3 nights in Nazareth, 4 nights in Jerusalem. Please contact their Parish Office on 01279-654063 if you are interested in knowing more about it. **ONLY A FEW PLACES LEFT!**

AYLESFORD PRIORY PILGRIMAGE DAY will be **Thurs 14th May**. More details will follow in due course. Please put the date in your diary.

HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

PLEASE TELL US IF ANYONE IS HOUSEBOUND, EVEN TEMPORARILY, SO THEY CAN BE VISITED & HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME.

Housebound parishioners may like to know that Mass is regularly broadcast on the internet from the Catholic Church in Bishops Stortford:
<http://www.churchservices.tv/bishopstortford>

IF YOU GO IN TO HOSPITAL: Catholics in hospital are unlikely to receive an *automatic* visit from the Catholic Chaplain. If someone is sick in hospital, **please let us know here at the Presbytery, and/or ask the staff on the ward**, so that your loved one can be visited whilst in hospital, and receive Holy Communion and any other Sacraments from the Chaplain.
Chaplains are: Lister, John O'Neill 01438-285138 or 07876-526935; Princess Alexandra, Fr Leszek Gamracy 01279-426017

CATECHETICS

"RCIA" - 'Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults' is the programme for preparation for adults wishing to become Catholics, or be prepared for the Sacraments of Initiation. The **next meeting is Monday 3rd Feb, 7.30pm in the Presbytery**.

CONFIRMATION 2020: next class for the candidates will be **Tuesday 4th Feb, 7–8.30pm** in the crypt and will cover **chs. 13 & 16** of their workbook. Do keep signing up for your slots to volunteer for the Night Shelter set-up each Sunday (12.15pm) till the 29th March.

Parents – please remember that part of the commitment agreed to for the Confirmation programme is to accompany your youngsters to Sunday Mass on a weekly basis.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE:

The second class for the children will be held on **Sat 15th February, 10–3pm**. The third meeting for parents will be on **Wednesday 5th February at 8pm** in the crypt.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 'PRAYER PARTNERS' are needed for all the children on the programme. A prayer partner prays for a child whilst they are preparing to make their Communion. If you would like to become a prayer partner, please print your name in capital letters on the *blue sheets* at the back of the church.

BAPTISM COURSE: The next course will be held on **Tuesday 3rd March & Friday 13th March** from 7.30–9pm. To enrol on the course, please

contact the presbytery. The course must be completed before a Baptism can be arranged.

SCHOOLS

ST AUGUSTINE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL are still accepting applications for a place in the Nursery commencing in September 2020. Application forms are available from the School Office or to download from the school website. Visits to the Nursery are warmly welcome and can be arranged by contacting the School Office on 463549.

JUSTICE & PEACE AND PRO-LIFE

BROXBORNE FOODBANK is now giving out approx. 70 parcels per week. They are experiencing shortages of **UHT milk, canned meat, canned fruit and canned vegetables** – 'normal' veg not 'exotic'. Please leave food donations in the box at back of church. Thank you to all who give regularly to the FoodBank!

CAFOD INFORMATION AFTERNOON will be held on **12th Feb 2.30-4pm** at CAFOD's volunteer centre, 1st floor, Church of Christ the King, 29 Bramley Road, N14 4HE. The guest speaker will be Christine Allen, Director, who has had first-hand experience of their work overseas. Booking is required – 0208.449.6970 or email westminster@cafod.org.uk.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will make his house visits on **Wednesday** afternoon this week to parish homes in St Michael's Road, McKenzie Road, and Bell Lane.

WESTMINSTER SAFEGUARDING SERVICE is offering a package of e-Learning programmes that are available free of charge to every member of the Catholic community. Each programme is modular and divided up into a bite-sized format. For further info, please e-mail safeguardingadmin@rcdow.org.uk. Your e-mail should contain your name, the name of your parish and your role. On receipt of your e-mail, the safeguarding administrator will register your e-mail with *EduCare*. You will receive a welcome e-mail from *EduCare* where you will set your password.

QUIZ NIGHT in aid of The Daniela Ruggiero Scholarship Fund will be held on **Friday 13th March** in the crypt. £5 per head – payable on the night – bring your own refreshments & nibbles. Start time 7.30pm. Please call Vicky Lee-

Lozone on 07747-485023 to reserve a table. If you are unable to make it but would like to make a donation – either cash, or a bottle of something for a raffle prize – then please drop that in to the presbytery.

LOST PROPERTY from the church is taken into the presbytery and kept for a month. If it has not been claimed, it will be donated to charity. Please claim missed items now!

CHURCH CLEANERS: More cleaners are needed for the Wednesday afternoon team at 1pm. This involves one hour per month. If you can help, please contact the presbytery.

CHURCH CLEANING: Mima Salvo, Francesca Comparetto, Pat Kavanagh, Sue Alvey & Tanya McAteer. Thank you!

SUNDAY LUNCH: Fr Philip would like to continue meeting parishioners/families in their homes, as much as possible. Sunday lunch 1.30pm is a good (but by no means only) time. Free dates: 23rd Feb, 1st & 15th March.

COLD WEATHER: with winter approaching, the car park may become snowy, with potential icy conditions. Parishioners are reminded that when that is so they should take extra care. The car park is used at their own risk.

DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES can be viewed online <https://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs>.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Prayer to Saint Agatha

O Heavenly Father, who raised Agatha to the dignity of Sainthood, we implore Your Divine Majesty by her intercession to give us health of mind, body and soul. Free us from all those things which hold us bound to this earth, and let our spirit, like hers, rise to your heavenly courts. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Masses this week	Today's Liturgy						
Sat 1st February 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Kathleen Fitzpatrick RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">PAGE 297 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Malachi 3: 1–4 <i>The Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his Temple.</i></p> <p>Psalm 23 — Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord.</p> <p>2nd Reading: Hebrews 2: 14–18 <i>It was essential that we should in this way become completely like his brother.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! <i>The light to enlighten the Gentiles and give glory to Israel, your people. Alleluia!</i></p> <p>Gospel: Luke 2: 22–40 <i>My eyes have seen your salvation.</i></p> <p>PREFACE TODAY: Presentation (p. 76) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 1 (p. 18)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 5TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</p> <p>1st Reading: Isaiah 58: 7–10 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2: 1–5 Gospel: Matthew 5: 13–16</p>						
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>Mark Company RIP anniv.</i> Sun 2nd Feb THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD 9.15am** <i>Maureen O'Neill RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Ian & John Laydon RIP</i> 5pm Latin Mass <i>For the Parish</i> ‡	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.30 – 9am & 10.40 – 11am or ask Fr Philip at any other time.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ROSARY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Any parishioner frail through illness or old age, or going into hospital for major surgery, can ask Fr Philip for the Sacrament of Anointing at any time.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</p>						
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<p>* Vigil Mass of Sunday ** With Children's Liturgy (nursery-age to year 2 only) ‡ There are also Sunday evening Masses in English in Hertford (6pm) and Waltham Cross (6.30pm)</p>							

NEWSLETTER ITEMS TO PRESBYTERY IN WRITING, BY FAX, OR E-MAIL BY 9AM THURS WITH YOUR NAME & PHONE NO.
— NEW PARISHIONERS Please take a parish membership form & information leaflet from the box attached to the notice board. The completed forms should be posted through the presbytery letterbox. **MOVING HOME?** Please post your new details through the presbytery letterbox. **PARROCCHIANI:** *Si pregano tutti i parrocchiani di prendere i questionari (uno per ciascun famiglia) che si trovano vicino al tabellone degli avvisi. Una volta compilati, i questionari devono essere riconsegnati depositandoli nella cassetta della posta vicina alla statua di Sant'Antonio.*