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Church open: Monday to Saturday 8am to 6pm  
Confessions: At midday before 12:30 Mass.  
Masses: Tues to Fri 12:30  
Evening Mass Thursdays 6pm.  
Sat 8:15 pm & Sun 9am & 11am.



## THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD 2025



You are still in time to join the **Preparation for Married Life** on Thursday 6th February at 8pm, here in our parish.

**Next Retrouvaille** to help marriages on Zoom **27 Feb to 2 Mar**  
Email: [info@retrouvaille.org.uk](mailto:info@retrouvaille.org.uk) Call or text 0788 7296983

*"Dear brothers and sisters who are ill or who care for the suffering, in this Jubilee you play an especially important part. Your journey together is a sign for everyone: "a hymn to human dignity, a song of hope".... comforting and powerful, capable of bringing light and warmth wherever they are most needed. The whole Church thanks you for this! I do as well, and I remember you always in my prayers". Pope Francis*

The documentary **"First Communion"** is currently playing in BBC  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m0027f4d/first-communion>  
It is an interesting exploration of the changing role of faith in UK. You may recognise some of the people and places in it.

**Mass for the Sick at the Cathedral** at 2pm on Saturday 8th February with Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Please email the parish if you want us to book you a place.

### Mass Schedule

Sat 1st Feb	8:15pm Catechumenate
Sun 2nd Feb	9am Pro Populo
THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	11am Pat Holland Anniversary
Mon 3rd Feb	NO MASS
Tues 4th Feb	12:30 Peter Choy Ann
Wed 5th Feb	12:30 Monique Malouf RIP
Thu 6th Feb	12:30 Karolina's Intentions 6 pm Fr John Buckley RIP
Fri 7th Feb	12:30 Karolina's Intentions

Next Sunday, Fr Bernie will be covering the masses while I am in a convalescence with my community. Fr Oscar

*"I am definitively loved and whatever happens to me—I am awaited by this Love. And so my life is good".*

St Josephine Bakhita.

## "Beauty will save the world"

A talk by Dr Gabriele Finaldi, director of the National Gallery  
Here at St Charles Borromeo, Ogle Street

**Monday 17th February  
At 7:00pm**

Entrance to this talk is free but in order to ensure there is enough space for all we ask those wishing to attend to please book their place at:

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/oglestreet/events/beauty-will-save-the-world/>



# Light & Glory

*Beloved,*

When Jesus was presented in the temple of Jerusalem, Simeon blessed God and said:

*'My eyes have seen ... a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.'*

Christ is light because he makes things visible.

He reveals God in man.

He shows us the heights for which we were created.

Christ discloses to us that humanity was made to share in divinity.

He shows us the mystery of human life in its fullest dimension.

We were made for God.

This is why no created thing can fully satisfy our desires.

Our longings are infinite.

Our 'hearts are restless until they rest in God' as St Augustine said.

This is what the Scriptures mean when they state that we were made in the image and likeness of God.

Christ shows us who we are. He is the light that makes the true face of humanity visible to man.

In this light, the gentiles, that is, those who did not know the God of Israel have come to see this God as the true God of the Universe.

Who else, but the God who re-



vealed himself as Love, could both die on the cross out of love and be raised from the dead to manifest the divine character of love?

This is the glory of God's people, Israel.

The revelation of the true God of the universe was first granted to the people of Israel.

To them God revealed the way of love of God and neighbour as the true the way of life.

This people, who alone taught this way among all peoples, had it right.

God confirmed it by becoming one of them, obeying their commandments and attaining the salvation they were hoping for.

Christ is the light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory of God's people Israel.

Every night the Church prays these words in her night prayer.

Every night she asks us these questions I want to leave to you:

Have you spread the light that enlightens the gentiles around you?

Has the glory of God's people been your glory?

A very happy feast of the Presentation to you all!

*Fr Oscar*