



THE CHURCH of the HOLY APOSTLES
 On Winchester Street,
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2nd February 2025 – FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

TIMES OF MASSES

Weekday Masses

Monday-Friday 9:30am

Saturday Mass 9:30am

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm Vigil Mass of Sunday

Sunday 9.00 am

10.30am Family Mass

12.30pm in Spanish

Confessions

Saturday 5pm to 5.30pm

Or by arrangement

Morning Prayer (Lauds)

Monday—Friday 9:15am

Sunday-8.30am

Adoration & Benediction

Wednesday after 9.30am Mass & Saturday at 5pm

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Liturgy & Mass Intentions

Sat 1st February The Blessed Virgin Mary	9.30am 2pm 6pm (Vigil)	Bridie Walsh (RIP) CONFIRMATION MASS Bridie Walsh (RIP)
Sun 2nd February +THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	9am 10.30am	Pro Populo Brian Ruffell (RIP)
Mon 3rd February St Laurence, Dunstan & Theodore	9.30am	Catherine Petroni (Intentions)
Tue 4th February Feria	9.30am	Roberto Reineiro (RIP)
Weds 5th February St Agatha -Virgin & Martyr Followed by Adoration & Benediction	9.30am	Brian Ruffell (RIP)
Thurs 6th February St Paul Maki & Companions	9.30am	John Leahy (Primo) (Intentions)
Fri 7th February Feria	9.30am	Winifred Dardis (RIP) <i>(Friday abstinence)</i>
Sat 8th February St Josephine Bakhita	9.30am 6pm (Vigil)	Jimmy Mizen (RIP) Pro Populo

End of Christmastide: Today, we celebrate the solemn feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple (also known as the Candlemas), forty days after the birth of Jesus Christ. Today marks the end of the Christmas season with a festival of light. Candles are blessed and they are carried in procession to welcome Christ, the Light to enlighten the Gentiles and the Glory of his people.

In today's feast, we see Mary and Joseph, 40 days after the birth of Jesus, submitting to the Law of Moses in bringing their Son to be offered to God as their first-born, and for the purification of the mother after giving birth, even though Mary did not need such purification. For this ceremony, they travelled from Nazareth to the Temple in Jerusalem and Simeon acknowledged Jesus as light.

As Bishop Robert Barron rightly points out, "Jesus spoke to them again, saying, 'I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life (John 8:12).' Jesus is affirming, emphasizing how we cannot have the light of life until we accept his light, which can only become possible by growing and deepening our relationship with him. [At this Candlemas] We unite ourselves to Christ, and this is when his holy light burns brightly within us and radiates out towards others, dispelling the darkness." Let us join Simeon and proclaim the Nunc Dimittis '....For my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared for all nations, the light to enlighten the Gentiles and give glory to Israel, your people...'

Fr Chinedu

Announcements

FINANCE: The standing orders including GYE & one off donations for December was £5063.00. The Loose Plate for December came to £1697.56, the Contactless collection for December was £894.00 & the Offertory envelopes for December came to £803.50 Thank you all very much indeed. If you wish to make a payment direct to our Bank Account these are the details: **WRCDT Pimlico** Sort code 40-05-20 A/C no: 81308416 Address: HSBC 69 Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5EY, REF: Collection/Your surname.... **Or use our contactless card machines.**

THE BEST WAY TO SUPPORT THE PARISH IS BY STANDING ORDER, you can download a standing order form from our website – just click the “Donate” button at the top of the screen, or Sarah at the parish office can give you a form.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Christopher Fardon age 69 who Funeral will be on Friday the 7th February, 2pm at Putney Vale Crematorium & Bridie Walsh age 87 of Abbots Manor whose Funeral will be on Friday the 14th February at 10.00. (Body received into the Church at 4pm on Thursday 13th February 2025) and Felix Pring age 67 of Winchester Street– Funeral details to be advised. **May they rest in peace.**

SANCTUARY CANDLE- INTENTION THIS WEEK is for: **Anne Castle (RIP)**

REPOSITORY: The repository is open this weekend please do support them.

FIRST COMMUNION PARENTS & CHILDREN : meet next Sunday the 9th February, immediately after the 10.30am Mass

CONFIRMATION: Many congratulations for the 14 young people who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend in our parish. We pray that the Holy Spirit will inspire and encourage them throughout their lives.

ANNUAL MASS OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES, at **Westminster Cathedral** celebrated by the H.E. Cardinal Vincent Nichols, during which Anointing of the Sick will be offered, is on Saturday 8th February at 2pm. **This is a ticketed event & if you would like to attend please contact Sarah by Monday 3rd February at the latest on 0207 834 6965 or Pimlico@rcdow.org so she can order the tickets.**

NEW TO THE PARISH? If you are a new parishioner, please come to the presbytery and collect a parish registration form to register. Presbytery reception is situated at the Priests' House at 47 Cumberland Street.

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD FOR BAPTISM? If so please contact Sarah (pimlico@rcdow.org.uk) & she will provide you with an application form to complete and return. Once returned we will give you a date to attend a baptism preparation course & book the date of the baptism.

VOLUNTEERS: How about helping the parish? There a lot of opportunities for you to help at the Holy Apostles & get involved. Please check out the groups on our website or pick up a leaflet from the porch. Helping is a great way to meet your fellow parishioners and it really does build up our community so don't be shy we need you!

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP): Our parish's St Vincent de Paul Society is a befriending and helping group. Our work covers home visits, accompanying those who need help with hospital visits, form filling etc and could extend to some financial, one-off, help. Do contact us if we can assist you, via the parish office. **If you feel this voluntary work appeals to you, do come and talk to us.**

JUSTICE & PEACE BIDDING PRAYER: From: Mary Gilhooly - Courage to seek help-We pray for those suffering from domestic abuse that they may have the courage to seek help and find a way out of their situation

ACTION PRAYER: Prophecies! Promises and fulfilment. Our readings this week are prophetic and the child Jesus is recognised in the temple.

Sometimes it's a challenge to recognise sources that speak truth. Not just now, it's probably always been that way. The internet is a new aspect of our language and a double-edged sword--deciphering truth, promoting fake news etc. We learn from Simon and Anna that God keeps his promises. One needs to have patience and discernment to be able to recognise God's Word in the flesh. We know who Jesus is, but do we accept *how* the Word is to manifest in the world? Could this impact our ability to discern truth? Our **Action Prayer:** In contemplative prayer, review *truth* with Jesus. How does the Word look on a day to day basis in the world around us? Do we really listen? Ask for the strength, fortitude, resolve, the *desire* to see, to be the Word in action, in the physical world around us. To be able to see truth in leaders, issues, challenges, solutions etc. Be Simon and Ana.

POPE FRANCIS MONTHLY INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 2025

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.