



**PRAYING TOGETHER FOR THE CHURCH,
THE WORLD, THE PARISH & ONE ANOTHER**

SICK & HOUSEBOUND: Michael Fahey, Anne Hull, Gillian Gibbs, Catherine Kevill, Margaret O'Shea, Lionel Stonehouse, Edith Geissler, Marie Rego, Christopher Browne, Eileen Kidd, John and Angela McCarthy, Germaine Duffner, Patrick McDonagh, Paul Turnbull.

RECENTLY BAPTISED:

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Michael Griffin, Mgr John Klyberg, Mgr Anthony Stark, Timothy Crowley, Sonia McCarthy.

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Peter Jones, Alfonse Devaraj, Pushpam Selvadurai, . Mary Ferrao

INTENTION OF POPE FRANCIS FOR FEBRUARY
Listen to the Migrants' Cries
We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.



**Lord, now you let your
servant go in peace;
your word has been fulfilled:
my own eyes have seen the
salvation which you have prepared
in the sight of every people:
a light to reveal you to the
nations
and the glory of your people
Israel.**

SANCTUARY LAMP
has been sponsored this week
In Memory of
EMILIA RUABURO RIP

**LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF
OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM**
has been sponsored this week
In Memory of
HANNAH BRENNAN RIP AND
EILEEN PEARCE RIP

ROSARY AT HOME:
This week the statue of Our Lady of Fatima
will be at the home of
RIMA BOU NEHME



**Switch mobile phones
off or to silent**

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**The Catholic Parish
of St George, Sudbury**



**Sunday 2nd February 2020
THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

Welcome to all at Mass today, especially to any visitors and particularly those who are here for the first time. Please take this sheet home with you which will tell you about this week's celebration and the activities during the week and also to remind you of our Liturgy today.

TODAY'S MASS



Luke recognizes Joseph and Mary as faithful Jews who bring Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem. Here they present their firstborn son to the Lord. Jesus is thus consecrated as required by the Law of Moses. Present in the temple at this time are Simeon and Anna. Both are awaiting the restoration of God's rule in Israel. Simeon had been promised by the Holy Spirit that he would see Christ the Lord, the Messiah, before he died. The holy man immediately recognized the infant Jesus as the promised Saviour, a "light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." Anna also recognized Jesus as the fulfilment of the promise of redemption and spoke about him to

First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4
The Lord you seek will come to the temple.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 24:7,8,9,10
The Lord is the king of glory.

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18
Jesus became like us in order to save us.

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:22-40
Simeon recognizes the infant Jesus as the promised Messiah.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Simeon gave back Jesus to His Mother; he was only suffered to keep Him for one moment. But we are far happier than Simeon. We may keep Him always if we will. In Communion He comes not only into our arms but into our hearts."

St. John Vianney

SUNDAY REFLECTION

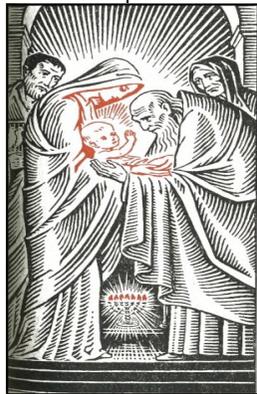
After Jesus' birth, Mary fulfils the Jewish right of purification after childbirth. Since she could not afford the customary offering of a lamb, she gives instead two pigeons as an offering of the poor. This rite, along with circumcision and the redemption of the first-born point to the fact that children are gifts from God. Jesus was born in an ordinary home where there were no luxuries. Like all godly parents, Mary and Joseph raised their son in the fear and wisdom of God. He, in turn, was obedient to them and grew in wisdom and grace. The Lord's favour is with those who listen to his word with trust and obedience. So what is the significance of Simeon's encounter with the baby Jesus and his mother in the temple? Simeon was a just and devout man who was very much in tune with the Holy Spirit. He believed that the Lord would return to his temple and renew his chosen people. The Holy Spirit also revealed to him that the Messiah and King of Israel would also bring salvation to the Gentile nations. When Joseph and Mary presented the baby Jesus in the temple, Simeon immediately recognized this humble child of Bethlehem as the fulfilment of all the messianic prophecies, hopes, and prayers. Inspired by the Holy Spirit he prophesied that Jesus was to be "a revealing light to the Gentiles". The Holy Spirit reveals the presence of the Lord to those who are receptive and eager to receive him.

Simeon blessed Mary and Joseph and he prophesied to Mary about the destiny of this child and the suffering she would undergo for his sake. There is a certain paradox for those blessed by the Lord. Mary was given the blessedness of being the mother of

the Son of God. That blessedness also would become a sword which pierced her heart as her Son died upon the cross. She received both a crown of joy and a cross of sorrow. But her joy was not diminished by her sorrow because it was fuelled by her faith, hope, and trust in God and his promises. Jesus promised his disciples that "no one will take your joy from you" (John 16:22). The Lord gives us a supernatural joy which enables us to bear any sorrow or pain and which neither life nor death can take away.

Simeon was not alone in recognizing the Lord's presence in the temple. Anna, too, was filled with the Holy Spirit. She was found daily in the temple, attending to the Lord in prayer and speaking prophetically to others about God's promise to send a redeemer. Supernatural hope grows with prayer and age! Anna was pre-eminently a woman of great hope and expectation that God would fulfil all his promises.

She is a model of godliness to all believers as we advance in age. Advancing age and the disappointments of life can easily make us cynical and hopeless if we do not have our hope placed rightly. Anna's hope in God and his promises grew with age. She never ceased to worship God in faith and to pray with hope. Her hope and faith in God's promises fuelled her indomitable zeal and fervour in prayer and service of God's people. What do you hope for? The hope which God places in our heart is the desire for the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness. How do we grow in hope? By placing our trust in the promises of Jesus Christ and relying not on our own strength, but on the grace and help of the Holy Spirit.



a reader in March 2020. If you would consider serving as a reader (lector) at the 8.30am Mass please contact Peter, our Catechetical Coordinator, at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk.

CONFIRMATION 2020 - Thank you for keeping our Confirmation Candidates in prayer as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Parish later this year. Session 1, on the '**Purpose of Confirmation**', begins in the Parish Hall this coming **Monday 3rd February at 7.30pm**. Registration for this year's Programme is now closed.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - The Programme continues this coming **Tuesday 4th February at 7pm** with a session, for children & catechists only, entitled '**Jesus is with us at Mass**'.

SERVING AS A CATECHIST - Do you have a little time on your hands? Might you consider helping the community as a Catechist? We are already looking for people to help with First Holy Communion and Confirmation next year. If you might consider helping, or would just like a little further information, please contact Peter, our Catechetical Coordinator, at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk. He will be happy to meet to talk about what would be involved and answer any questions you may have.

PRAYER TIME A faith-sharing prayer group reflecting on the forthcoming Sunday Gospel. The group will consider how the Word of God, and the experience of those around us, challenge and inspire us. **Every Tuesday morning from 10.15 to 11.30am**. All welcome!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT 9.45AM FAMILY MASS—We are hugely grateful to our team of Catechists who generously provide a **Children's Liturgy at the 9.45am Family Mass**. Please, however, note that the **Children's Liturgy is ONLY for children from Reception to Year 2**. Older children are asked to remain in Church with their Parents/Carers.

THE PARISH SVP GROUP meets in the **Café Bar** on the **3rd Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm**. **Our next meeting is on Wednesday 19th February 2019**. **All welcome**. For further information please contact Theresa Frain at fraint@pladisglobal.com

SUNDAY COUNTERS: We are looking for new counters to join our teams, to work in groups of three, for approximately 3 hours on Sunday afternoons. This will be on a rota basis. If you are interested and think you are able to help please contact the parish team.

MASS INTENTIONS are booked to July 2020 and beyond. Remember to book your anniversary Masses early.

CHURCH LAMPS: If you would like to sponsor the blessed sacrament lamp or the lamp by the altar of Our Lady of Walsingham with a particular intention, the cost is £10 for the week. Please see Toni in the Parish Office.

WHITE/YELLOW FOLDER INFORMATION FOR THE FOLLOWING: (See in church porch)
BEGINNING EXPERIENCE helps separated, divorced or widowed Catholics.
SMART LOVING SEMINAR for married couples.
CATHOLIC SINGLES information
RETOUVAILLE—a lifeline for married couples.
WIDOWED YOUNG—support events.
CALIX CENTRE—A Catholic ministry to addicts.
ADULT FAITH FORMATION COURSES.
MARRIAGE/ENGAGED EN COUNTER: www.wvme.org.uk

PARISH CLEANER— VACANCY IN AT SOUTH HARROW & NORTHOLT PARISH: A part-time Cleaner is required to maintain high levels of cleanliness within the parish halls and other facilities both at St Gabriel's South Harrow and St Bernard's Northolt. The successful candidate should have some previous cleaning experience, good organisation skills and possess the ability to work with complete discretion. 11 hours pw; £10.75 per hour. To be considered for the role, please complete an online application at: <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

ROOM TO LET: Whitton Avenue West— Tel: 07717124517.

TO LET: Goan family have 2 rooms to let, close to the church on the Harrow Road. Tel: 07440410919

ROOM NEEDED Nice polite young man desires a room. See Fr Jeremy if you can help.

PROBLEM WITH YOUR COMPUTER? Tomasz can fix it. Help also with setting up phones/TV'S/ home security Call: 020 8058 2826. £20 per hour. Longer projects at negotiable prices.

CAR REPAIRS: Baptist Fernandes is available to help with all mechanical and electrical body repairs, M.O.T's for any make and model of car, and picking up and scrapping if needed. Further information on 07446355757.

FOR ALL PAINTING/DECORATING—please ring David on 07904913443

DIOCESAN AND SCHOOL VACANCIES please see folder in porch or School/diocesan website.

FOLDERS in the church porch: look for pilgrimages & retreats, job opportunities, schools & colleges information.

NEWS & VIEWS

THIS SUNDAY is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord known also as Candlemas. This is really the final celebration of the Christmas story and afterwards the crib is removed. We have a gap now until the beginning of Lent with ASH WEDNESDAY on Wednesday 26th February.

NEW TO THE PARISH? if you are, please know you are very welcome. Please fill in one of the new parishioners forms at the back of church and we'll get back to you.

PLEASE LEAVE THE PEW NEAT AND TIDY AS YOU DEPART CHURCH TODAY. This is especially true if you have children using their worksheets. Please make sure they (or you) bring all the crayons back to the basket.

PARISH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday 2 February 2020:

Teas/Coffees after 9.45am and 11.15am Masses

Tuck Shop

Monday 3 February:

Confirmation 7.30pm

Tuesday 4 February:

Prayer Time 10.15am

NO Over 60's Club today

First Holy Communion 7.00pm

Set Dancing 8.45pm

Wednesday 5 February:

Ladies ' Social Guild 2.00pm

Faith Café 7.00pm

Thursday 6 February:

Church Cleaning Group B 10.30am

Friday 7 February:

Teas/Coffees after morning Mass

Art Class 2.00pm

The Summit 7.00pm

HELP WITH SEWING AND ALTERATIONS FOR SACRISTY ITEMS. One or two people said they could help with this. Can you let Fr Jeremy know if this is still possible? There are a few jobs that need to be done.

FUNERAL MASS of **Michael Griffin** on Tuesday 4th February at 12 noon. Reception into Church Monday 3rd February at 7.00pm. Burial in Carpenders Park Cemetery. May he rest in peace.

FUNERAL MASS of **Timothy John Crowley** on Wednesday 12th February at 11.00am. reception into Church on Tuesday 11th February at 6.00pm. Burial in St Mary's Cemetery, Kensal Green. May he rest in peace.

MASS for the intentions of **Eileen Bond RIP**, a parishioner for many years who recently died in Hampshire, will be held at St. Georges on Monday **17th February** at 9.30am.

THE SUMMIT—The Summit will be taking place at **St. George's Sudbury** on **Friday 7th February** from **7-9pm**. The Summit provides **young people, aged 14-18**, with the chance to socialise, share a meal together and learn more about their Catholic faith. **Parental Consent Forms** are available from the Church Porch. Full details: <https://dowym.com/events/the-summit-sudbury/>

HEALING MASS FOR OUR LADY OF LOURDES. This annual event will take place at 12 noon on Saturday 8th February. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered during the Mass to those who are sick or infirm. All are welcome to attend. A special invitation is extended to the sick/housebound, doctors, nurses, healthcare workers, carers and visitors. No tickets are needed.

CARITAS WESTMINSTER is recruiting at least one Caritas Representative from each parish, to help two-way communication between the Parish and Caritas to support and grow charitable activities. They will help to display posters, flyers, speak in Masses, learn about new tools and models for social action and share best practice between parishes. If you would like to be considered as a Caritas Representative, please contact one of the Parish Team.

HOLY BAPTISM: Information packs are available from the parish office. You can sign up there for the preparation course. Parents to be, i.e., before birth, are welcome to attend. **The date of the next baptism preparation course will be on Friday 28th February at 7.30pm** in the parish centre. Please let the parish office know if you are attending.

DIVINE MERCY -The **Divine Mercy Chaplet** is recited in the church every Monday after the Rosary. All are welcome!

FAITH CAFÉ - 'Faith Café' is a monthly opportunity to explore the Catholic faith. The next session, on '**The Golden Rule**', will be taking place in the Café Bar on **Wednesday 5th February**. Teas and coffees at **7.00pm** is followed by a video presentation and discussion at 7.30pm. All are welcome!

THE REPOSITORY continues to be open after all Masses today with a selection of gifts and cards.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is our parish preparation for those who want to become Catholics. If you know someone who would like to join this group or you yourself, please speak to one of the parish team.

READING AT 8.30AM - Sadly one of our readers, who has served the community for many years, is stepping down as

A THOUGHT FOR TODAY FROM POPE SAINT JOHN PAUL II

The Church lives on event and mystery. Today she draws life from the event of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple, seeking to understand the mystery it holds. In a way, though, the Church draws each day from this event in Christ's life, meditating on its spiritual meaning. In fact, every evening the elderly Simeon's words which have just been proclaimed echo in churches and monasteries, chapels and homes throughout the world: 'Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel' (Lk 2:29-32).

So prayed Simeon, who in his old age had been granted to see the promises of the Old Covenant fulfilled. So prays the Church, which, sparing no effort, does all she can to bring the gift of the New Covenant to all peoples.

In the mysterious encounter between Simeon and Mary, the Old and New Testaments are joined. Together the ageing prophet and the young mother give thanks for this Light which has kept the darkness from prevailing. It is the Light which shines in the heart of human life: Christ, the Saviour and Redeemer of the world, "a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for the glory of his people Israel". Amen!

LITURGICAL CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY MASS: 6.15pm (Saturday Vigil), 8.30am, 9.45am (Family) & 11.15am (Solemn), 5.30pm.

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday – Saturday 9.30am.

HOLIDAYS OF OBLIGATION: 9.30am, 8.00pm.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Saturday 5.15-6.00pm.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 5.15pm - 6.00pm. *and any time by appointment.*

DIVINE MERCY: Monday 10.30am.

ROSARY: Daily after Mass.

<i>Sun 2 February</i>	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - CANDLEMAS
6.15pm (<i>Vigil</i>)	Alfonse Devaraj RIP
8.30am	Amanda Gallagher RIP
9.45am	PRO POPULO
11.15am	Eugene Foy RIP
5.30pm	Kathleen Jordan RIP

Mon 3 February	Ss. Laurence, Dunstan & Theodore
9.30am	Mary Ferrao RIP

Tues 4 February	feria
9.30am	Sue Cutts RIP
12noon	FUNERAL MASS
	Michael Griffin RIP

Weds 5 February	S. Agatha
9.30am	Pushpam Selvadurai RIP

Thurs 6 February	S. Paul Miki & Comps.
9.30am	Special Intentions

Fri 7 February	feria (First Friday)
9.30am	Sarah McCormack RIP

Sat 8 February	S. Josephine Bakitha
9.30am	Maureen Green RIP

<i>Sun 9 February</i>	5TH OF THE YEAR
6.15pm (<i>Vigil</i>)	Noel Lynch RIP
8.30am	Joan Hoolan RIP
9.45am	Patsy O'Hara RIP
11.15am	Peter Jones RIP
5.30pm	PRO POPULO

TODAY'S MASS

BLESSING OF CANDLES

Dear brethren,
forty days have passed since we celebrated the joyful feast of the Nativity of the Lord. Today is the blessed day when Jesus was presented in the Temple by Mary and Joseph. Outwardly he was fulfilling the Law, but in reality he was coming to meet his believing people. Prompted by the Holy Spirit, Simeon and Anna came to the Temple. Enlightened by the same Spirit, they recognized the Lord and confessed him with exultation. So let us also, gathered together by the Holy Spirit, proceed to the house of God to encounter Christ. There we shall find him and recognize him in the breaking of the bread, until he comes again, revealed in glory.

After the address the Priest blesses the candles, saying, with hands extended:

Let us pray.
O God, source and origin of all light, who on this day showed to the just man Simeon the Light for revelation to the Gentiles, we humbly ask that, in answer to your people's prayers, you may be pleased to sanctify with your blessing ✠these candles, which we are eager to carry in praise of your name, so that, treading the path of virtue, we may reach that light which never fails. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, we humbly implore your majesty that, just as your Only Begotten Son was presented on this day in the Temple in the substance of our flesh, so, by your grace, we may be presented to you with minds made pure. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

First Reading: *Malachi 3:1-4*

Theme: The Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his Temple.

Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says Yahweh Sabaoth. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiners fire and the fullers alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; He will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to Yahweh as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by Yahweh as in former days, as in the days of old.

Responsorial Psalm: *psalm 23*

R/. Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord.

1. O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory! **R/.**
2. Who is the king of glory?
The Lord, the mighty, the valiant,
the Lord, the valiant in war. **R/.**
3. O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory! **R/.**
4. Who is he, the king of glory?
He, the Lord of armies,
he is the king of glory. **R/.**

Second Reading: *Hebrews 2:14-18*

Theme: It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers.

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, he too shared equally in it so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all

those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins. That is because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The light to enlighten the gentiles and give glory to Israel, your people.

Alleluia!

Gospel: *Luke 2:22-40*

Theme: My eyes have seen your salvation.

And when the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord - observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord - and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the spirit he came to the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and he blessed God; and he said:

"Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel."

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said

about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected - and a sword will pierce your own soul too - so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare." There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in her years. Her days of girlhood over, she was now eighty-four years old and never left the temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

Prayer over the Offerings

May the offering made with exultation by your Church be pleasing to you, O Lord, we pray, for you willed that your Only Begotten Son be offered to you for the life of the world as the Lamb without blemish. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Communion Antiphon [*Lk 2: 30-31*]

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

Prayer after Communion

By these holy gifts which we have received, O Lord, bring your grace to perfection within us, and, as you fulfilled Simeon's expectation that he would not see death until he had been privileged to welcome the Christ, so may we, going forth to meet the Lord, obtain the gift of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord.