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Office Hours:

Tuesday—Friday

10:00am until 2:00pm

Mass Times

Monday—Thursday:

9:30am

Friday: 9:30am & 6:30pm

Saturday: 9:30am, 6:30pm (Vigil
Mass of Sunday)

Sunday: 9:00am, 10:30am,
(includes Children's Liturgy),
12:00 noon, 6:30pm

Sinhalese Mass

Last Sunday of the month: 4:30pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday—Friday:

One hour before
morning Mass

Saturday: 8:30am—9:30am
5:30pm—6:15pm

First Friday (Holy Hour):

7:00pm—8:00pm

Confessions

Saturday: 10:00am—10:30am
5:30pm—6:15pm



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FEBRUARY—MONTH OF
THE HOLY FAMILY
2 FEBRUARY 2020

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
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As I read the gospel for this Sunday, the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple, two of my elderly relatives came into my mind. The first was my Grandmother, and extraordinary woman of Jewish heritage who did a lot to open my young mind to things beyond the immediate world. The second was my great Aunt, who died on Friday of last week aged 96. She was a clergyman's wife in Oxfordshire, whose quiet commitment to the Christian way inspired me when I was young, and continued to do so as she bore with holiness the indignities of old age. I'm sure her prayers helped me on the journey to priesthood.

In the gospel today, two elderly people are the focus of our attention as they recognise in the small child they see in the Temple the Christ the Chosen One of God. We are reminded to honour the elderly among us, to honour what they say, and to value their insights. Today is a day for the young to pray for their grandparents and elderly relatives, and to give thanks to God for them.

We are reminded to be faithful to our religion whatever may come our way. I am sure that both Simeon and Anna will have had their sadnesses and challenges in their long lives, for example Anna left a widow after a short marriage. The senior ones among us have much to teach us. Monsignor Roger.

Those who have died recently: John Connolly, P.J. Phelan

Those who are sick: Stewart Samaden, Pat Connell, Michael O'Shea

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Bridget McNulty, Maureen Jarmulowicz, Daniel English, Catherine Mary Ivy Emma, John Bolland, The Wallis Family, Augustine Rebello, Lucita Benoit

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £1,911.77 (excluding standing orders). Standing orders for December amounted to £3,501.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Crib Offering 2019. The crib traditionally comes down on the feast of 'The Presentation of the Lord', so this will be the last weekend to donate to the crib offering. To date we have raised a magnificent £658.82 in offerings which will be donated to the *Catholic Children's Society* to support their work with disadvantaged children and families. This will help provide family support, emergency grants and mental health services for vulnerable children in our Diocese. Please give generously and let's see if we can donate a magical four figure sum. Should you wish to *Gift aid* your donation envelopes can be found on the table at the back of the church. Thank you.

Cleaning Rotas. A new rota is available today from the rack in the Sacristy.

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Readers. We would like to invite all Readers—existing and new, to come to a meeting on Saturday 8 February at 3:00pm in the church. This is a repeat of the session which was held in December and for anyone who was unable to attend. The purpose of the meeting is to gain a deeper understanding of this very important role. We very much hope you can be there.

Lent Study Group will commence on Saturday 29 February 2020 and the following Saturdays thereafter on the following dates: 7,14,21,28 March and 4 April. The Lent Study Group will meet in the annexe at 3:30pm—4:30pm. There are still a few places available, please contact the Parish Office.

Newsletter. Please take your newsletter home with you after Mass and share it with family and friends. Any notices for the weekly Sunday newsletter should be given to the Parish Office by Wednesday noon. Thank you for your kind cooperation.

Parish Diary

Monday	5:30pm—6:30pm	First Holy Communion class at St Mary Magdalen's Junior School
Monday	7:00pm—8:30pm	Confirmation class at St Mary Magdalen's Junior School
Monday	7:00pm	Prayer Group—Annexe
Wednesday	8:00pm	Pioneers—Annexe
Thursday	7:30pm	<i>Padre Pio</i> Group—Annexe
Friday	7:00pm	Holy Hour—Church
Saturday	3:00pm—5:00pm	"The Feast London" - a Catholic prayer meeting of the Light of Jesus Family in the Annexe
Saturday	3:00pm	Readers meeting—Church

Diocesan News

St. Roses Chapel and Prayer Garden 160, Anson Road, Cricklewood, NW2 6BH, invite you to Adoration and Reflection every Thursday evening from 7:00pm—8:00pm. Please come and join for the Year of the Word 2020. Today Sunday 2 February, The Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord, there will also be a prayer service for peace at the outdoor crib from 3:00pm—3:45pm. Please come and pray together for peace."

Annual Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes takes place on Saturday 8 February at 2:00pm at Westminster Cathedral. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered during Mass. All are welcome. If you or someone you know plan to attend in a wheelchair, please let the parish office know by Friday 24 January 2020.

Rediscover Your Marriage – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) simply means 'rediscovery.' The programme offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. Tens of thousands headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the programme commencing with a residential weekend on 28,29 February and 1 March 2020 telephone or text 07887 296 983 or 07973 380 443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com or visit the website at www.retrouvaille.org.uk.

Peter's Way of the Cross performance at Westminster Cathedral takes place on 12 March 2020 at 7:30pm. Free event. Donations to Westminster Lourdes Pilgrimage most welcome on the night.

Beginning Experience Weekend. A healing weekend for men and women who are separated, divorced or widowed will be held from 3—5 April 2020 at the Domus Mariae Centre, Chigwell, Essex. For details please telephone Freda on 01322 838 415 or Maura 01322 551 503 or email johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk

Cardinal's Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony takes place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 30 May 2020 at 3:00pm. The Cardinal will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2020. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give the following details to the parish office: husband's and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email) no later than Friday 22 May 2020.

Readings at Mass

The Presentation of the Lord

First Reading: Malachi 3:1—4

Psalms Response: Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord.

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:14—18

Alleluia Verse: The light to enlighten the Gentiles and give glory to Israel, your people.

Gospel: Luke 2:22—40