

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) Deut. 18: 15-20; Ps 94; 1 Cor 7: 32-35; Mark 1: 21-28	
Saturday 30th January 2021 5:00 - 6:15pm: Confessions 6:30pm: Aunt Ursula Gummett 90th Birthday (DG)	Sunday 31st January 2021 8:30am: People of the Parish 09:40-10:10: Children's Liturgy of the Word on ZOOM 10:30am: Gjonis Family (ZOOM)
Mon. 1st Feb. 2021 (Feria) 07:30-9:00am: Adoration 9:15am: Holy Souls	The Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) <i>[Old end of the Christmas Season]</i> Tues. 2nd February 2021 07:30-9:00am: Adoration 9:15am: Maria Owen (DG)
Weds. 3rd Feb. 2021 (Feria) (St. Lawrence of Canterbury, Bishop) 07:30-9:00am: Adoration 9:15am: Leslie Cope RIP <i>followed by the Blessing of throats of St Blaise</i> 11:00am: Holy Mass at Shalom	Thurs. 4th Feb. 2021 (Feria) 07:30-9:00am: Adoration 9:15am: Abigail Callahan RIP (J & M Saunders)
First Friday for the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr <i>(The Patron Saint of Nurses! Pray especially for the NHS today.)</i> Friday 5th Feb 2021 07:30-9:00am: Adoration 9:15am: Valerie Wilmott RIP (Foy)	First Saturday for Mary Immaculate St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs Saturday 6th February 2021 First Saturday Devotions 8:00am First Saturday Devotions 9:15am: Holy Mass Private Intention (DG) 11:00am: Holy Mass at Shalom
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) Job 7: 1-4, 6-7; Ps 146; 1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23; Mark 1: 29-39	
Saturday 6th February 2021 5:00 - 6:15pm: Confessions 6:30pm: Private Intention (DG)	Sunday 7th February 2021 8:30am: Gordon Glazier (Stafford) 09:40-10:10: Children's Liturgy of the Word on ZOOM 10:30am: People of Parish (ZOOM)

Christ taught with authority

Christ is the greatest prophet for all times, because **He is the Word of God Who Speaks the Word of God! He speaks to us today with the same authority** as He did in Capernaum. He can, and will, cast out the unclean spirits and demons from our lives - especially **when we cast our sins, worries and cares upon Him in frequent and daily prayer(s), and through the Healing Sacraments of Pardon and Peace (Confession) and the Most Holy Eucharist (The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass).** When His love sets us free, we can become free indeed, to serve the Lord Who will Himself put His words in our mouths. In this way we become His prophets and witnesses before others.



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Welcome - Worship - Witness

**WE ARE OPEN
FOR HOLY MASS
AND PERSONAL PRAYER DAILY!!**

*WITH GREAT THANKS TO
ALL OUR STEWARDS:*

**ST MARY'S CHURCH IS OPEN
MONDAY TO FRIDAY**
First SATURDAY 6th February:
7:30am to 10:00am

and on

And on SATURDAY 6th
and SUNDAY 7th February
AT THE USUAL TIMES.

**N.B. CHILDREN'S LITURGY
OF THE WORD ON ZOOM
09:40-10:10AM**

**FOR THIS AND THE ZOOM CODES FOR
10:30AM HOLY MASS
PLEASE CONTACT ANUSHA ON:
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OR TINA ON:
tinapsaunders@hotmail.com**

**CONFESSIONS
MAY BE HEARD
- IN THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY
ROOM - WHENEVER THE
CHURCH IS OPEN, AND
BY APPOINTMENT, AND ON
REQUEST. PLEASE PHONE OR EMAIL
TO ARRANGE A REASONABLE TIME.**

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PRAYER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE
LORD JESUS CHRIST, IN YOUR MINISTRY

You were approached by people of many different nations and cultures. You listened to their cry for help, treated them with love and compassion, and brought them healing and wholeness. In our own time may we provide to all those who are suffer the help that they need and the care that they require. May we respond to the invitation of the Holy Spirit to dream of a world made new where the poor are not forgotten but are given the opportunity to live and flourish with good health and equal prospects. **We ask this of You, Who live and reign with the Father, and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. AMEN.**

PLEASE, also see this weekend's Supplement to the Newsletter.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (CANDLEMAS):
TUESDAY 2ND FEBRUARY

On Tuesday the Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of **the Presentation of the Lord** which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus and is also known as **Candlemas Day**, since the blessing and procession of candles is included in today's Liturgy. According to the 1962 Missal of St. John XXIII the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, today is referred to as

THE "PURIFICATION OF MARY."

In obedience to the Old Law, the Lord Jesus, the first-born, was presented in the Temple by His Blessed Mother and His foster Father. **This is another 'Epiphany'** celebration insofar as **the Christ Child is revealed** as the Messiah through the canticle and words of Simeon and the testimony of Anna the prophetess. Christ is the Light of the nations, hence the blessing and procession of candles on this day.



The Second Collection:

This weekend will be for the **Catholic Association for Racial Justice**

which supports the work of the Catholic Church to promote racial justice in our schools, parishes and in wider society.

Gift Aiders can use one of the spare envelopes, but

PLEASE: ADD YOUR GIFT AID NUMBER.

"Now Master, let Your servant go in peace, according to Your Promise, for my eyes have seen the salvation, ... the Light to enlighten the pagans, and the glory of Your people Israel!"

Luke 2: 29-32

THE BLESSING OF THE THROATS:
Wednesday 3rd February 2021

The Blessing of the Throats is celebrated on the 3rd February, the Feast day of St. Blaise of Sebaste. St. Blaise was the Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia during the Fourth Century. According to various accounts he was a physician before becoming a Bishop. His religion spread throughout the entire Church in the Middle Ages because he was reputed to have miraculously cured a little boy who nearly died because of a fishbone in his throat. From the Eighth Century he has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those afflicted with illnesses of the throat.

DAVID HULL R.I.P.

I would like to thank all my amazing friends at St. Marys who have been a source of comfort and support to me on the loss of David. Thank you for your prayers, cards, flowers and messages which have helped me through the past few weeks. A Mass will be said for you all.
Valerie Hull

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY 2021

We pray with Pope Francis: **"for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded."**

OUR LADY OF FATIMA OF THE ROSARY

begs us to Pray: The Most Holy Rosary everyday for Peace in the World: if you can, please pray the whole Rosary: it will take one hour, you could split it into 3 x 20 minutes of prayer in the morning, noon, and evening ...

Please pray for the members of our Parish Family who are sick:

Alan Hughes, Anna Idahosa, Anne McGagh, Sr Angela Valentine, Canon Jeremiah Cronin, Chandra Rawal, Chloe Mutimer, Catherine Homer. Clare Cooney, Clare Gummett, Fr. John Ryan, Felicity Dyer, Ivor Harper, Jackie Dawson, James Farrelly, Linda Rawlinson, Lucy Kiernan, Marie Rogerston, Maureen Saunders, Pat Price, Pauline Dansey, Renee Rae, Carmella "Nina" Stafford, Tommy Cox, Veronica Francis, ...

for all in the NHS

and all in self-isolation, quarantine, or effected by Covid-19.

For some Scripture about praying for our Doctors and Pharmacists:

See The Book of Ecclesiasticus / Sirach Chapter 38
- can be found only in Catholic Editions of the Bible, or those that contain the Apocrypha / Deutero-Canonical Books.

Anniversaries of Death

William Looker, Elsie and Herbert Parker, Harry Murrell, Charles Foley, Laraine Selwood Taylor, Christina Gleeson, Sister Harrison, Ellie Hesselton, Mary Houlahan, Bridie Griffin, Violet Coward, Leslie Cope, Charlie Riley, John Lynch, George Fielder, John Goffrey, Peter Berzolla, John Gavin, Henry Finch