

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (C) (Candlemas)

Mal. 3: 1-4; Ps. 23; Heb. 2: 14-18; Luke 2: 22-40

Saturday 1st February 2025

5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS
6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY
 6:30pm: Teddy Murphy Birthday

Sunday 2nd February 2025

8:00: Holy Rosary
 8:30am: People of the Parish
 10:30am: Thanksgiving (Le Blanc)

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY, BISHOP
Monday 3rd February 2025

(ST. BLAISE, BISHOP AND MARTYR)
8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration
 9:15am: Maureen Saunders RIP
 (Jim Saunders)
 followed by blessing of throats of St. Blaise

Tues. 4th Feb. 2025 (Feria)

8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration
 9:15am: Michael and Eileen Tully

ST. AGATHA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR
Wednesday 5th February 2025

8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration
 9:15am: Alex and Carol 50th
 Wedding Anniversary (Francis)
 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom

STS. PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

Thursday 6th February 2025
8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration
 9:15am: In thanksgiving for my godparents
5pm: Reception and Mass at
 Shalom: Sr. Francis Clare RIP

FIRST FRIDAY

Fri. 7th February 2025 (Feria)
8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration
9am: Holy Souls
11am: Requiem Mass at Shalom:
 Sr. Francis Clare RIP

Saturday 8th February 2025

(St Jerome Emiliani, St Josephine Bakhita,
 Day for Victims of Human Trafficking, B. V. M.)
 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Is. 6: 1-8; Ps. 137; 1 Cor. 15: 1-11; Luke 5: 1-11

Saturday 8th February 2025

5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS
6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY
 6:30pm: Tansey Family good health

Sunday 9th February 2025

8:00: Holy Rosary
 8:30am: People of the Parish
 10:30am: Brian McKie RIP FM

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

Bridie Griffin, Violet Coward, Leslie Cope, Charlie Riley, John Lynch,
 George Fielder, John Goffrey, Peter Berzolla, John Gavin, Henry Finch,
 Patrick Foley, Sr. Ursula Innocent, Anne Murray, Albert Cowdell,
 John Harrington.

CHRIST THE LIGHT OF THE NATIONS.

Christ brings God's light into a world darkened by sin. We are to bring this light into our world since we share in Christ's mission and life. He accomplished this for us through His death by which He took away the power of evil. He became one of us through the incarnation and because He has Himself been through temptation He is able to help others who are tempted.



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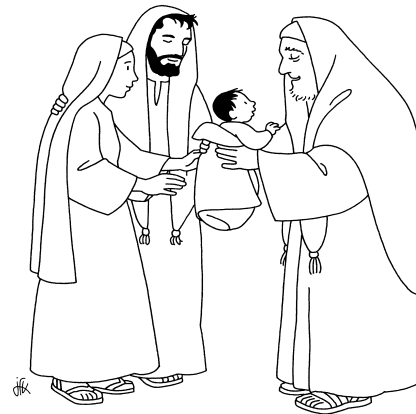
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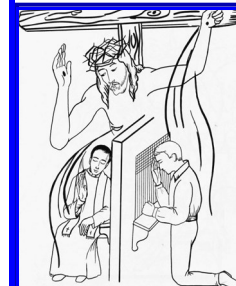
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"You see this child:



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."



**SACRAMENT OF
 PENANCE -
 CONFESSION -**

**SATURDAYS
 5PM TO 6PM**
 also, WHENEVER
 THE CHURCH IS
 OPEN, and ON
 REQUEST

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SUNDAY OFFERINGS 25TH/26TH JANUARY 2025:

**Gift Aid: £247.50; Card: £65; Loose Plate: £141.23 ATTENDANCE: 198
LEPRA: £301.37; Card: £10**

Thank you for your continuing generosity in these difficult times, *Fr. David.*

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

Next weekend: for the **BUILDING FUND.**

Gift Aiders can use one of the donation envelopes, but please add your Gift Aid number, others please use one of the Square Brown Envelopes available at the Church Door.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (C) (Candlemas)

Forty days ago we celebrated the joyful Feast of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Today we recall the holy day on which He was presented in the temple, fulfilling the Law of Moses and at the same time going to meet His faithful people. Led by the Spirit, Simeon and Anna came to the temple, recognised Christ as their Lord, and proclaimed Him with joy.

United by the Spirit, may we go to the House of God to welcome Christ the Lord. There we shall recognise Him in the Breaking of The Bread until He comes again in glory.

THE BLESSING OF THE THROATS

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.

Blessing of the Throats will follow the 9.15am Mass on Monday 3rd February 2025.

**A YEAR OF HOPE:
INTRODUCTION TO THE
JUBILEE YEAR**

How can we respond to Pope Francis' call to be "**tangible signs of hope**" in this Jubilee Year? Find out by watching this inspirational event at cafod.org.uk/jubilee.

Featuring Fr Jan Nowotnik, Director of Mission at the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, CAFOD Director Christine Allen and more. **Discover how we can act in faith and in love as pilgrims of hope this Holy Year.**

**THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY IS DEDICATED TO
THE HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH**

Here is a bed time prayer to prepare us to see God "face to face" in glory, through the intercession of the Holy Family of Nazareth:

+ J. M. J. +

V/: Jesus, Mary, and Joseph:

R/: I give You my heart and my soul.

V/: Jesus, Mary, and Joseph:

R/: Assist me in my last agony.

V/: Jesus, Mary, and Joseph:

R/: May I sleep and take

my rest in peace with You. AMEN.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION: FEB. 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 men who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

Of your Charity, please pray for the repose of the Soul of

SR. FRANCIS CLARE (LSU) who died on Monday 30th December 2024.
RECEPTION AND MASS: at Shalom on Thursday 6th February 2025 at 5pm
REQUIEM MASS: at Shalom on Friday 7th February 2025 at 10:30am followed by Committal at Eltham Crematorium.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO HER, O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HER. MAY SHE REST IN PEACE. MAY HER SOULS, AND THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD REST IN PEACE. AMEN.

ST. MARY OF THE CRAY'S COMMUNITY SOCIAL CLUB

The Social Club are holding the following family events in February:

- ♦ **BINGO on SUNDAY 2ND FEBRUARY at 12.15PM.** 6 rounds at £1 a card with cash prizes. New this month is a snowball feature on the 5th house which adds a further £1, so £7 for all 6 rounds. Last year Bingo raised £500 towards the club donations to the parish, so come along and find out what all the fun is about.
- ♦ **DVD HORSE RACE NIGHT on SATURDAY 22ND FEBRUARY.** Doors open at 7.30pm with first race at 8pm. No entry fee with 50p tote bet available. Why not sponsor a race? Or own and name a horse?

Please see posters in reception area for more details.

The Social Club is open on Friday and Saturday evenings from 7.30pm to 11pm, and on Sundays from 12 noon to 4pm. A great place to meet family and friends and support the Parish. We look forward to seeing you there.

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 2025: SUNDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2025

ST. GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, SOUTHWARK: MASS 10AM

As we journey through the Jubilee Year 2025, themed "**Pilgrims of Hope**", we are invited to walk together in faith and solidarity, seeking justice, dignity, and peace for all. In this spirit, the Racial and Cultural Inclusion Commission, under the leadership of Canon Victor Darlington, warmly extends this invitation to you and your parish community to join us for **Racial Justice Sunday on 16 February 2025**, as we reflect on the theme: "**Pilgrims of Hope: Our Journey Together Towards Racial Justice**". This special celebration will be led by Archbishop John Wilson, who will preside over the **10am Mass at St George's Cathedral, Southwark.**

To mark this occasion in a spirit of unity and cultural diversity, we encourage attendees to wear traditional attire and, where possible, bring a flag representing their country of origin. This will be a beautiful expression of the universal nature of our Church and our shared commitment to justice and inclusion.

Please notify Fr. David and office if you are intending to attend.

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

Anita Claridge, Anna Idahosa, Barry Alfred Colville, Bernard Glazier, Bernard Gummett, Bernie Francis, Bridget Whitaker, Carmella "Nina" Stafford, Catherine Edmeades, Chandra Rawal, Chloe Mutimer, Christina Redmond, Clare Cooney, Clare Gummett, Erin, Fr. John Ryan, Fr. Morty O'Shea, Felicity Dyer, Jackie Dawson, Joan Veronica McCormack, Linda Rawlinson, Liz Algar, Luc Fitzpatrick, Margaret Harrington, Maria Hanks, Marie Rogerston, Pat Goodwin, Pat McGrory, Patrick Taylor, Pauline Cornell, Pauline White, Richard Hilsden, Rita Pearce and Sean Tansey.

PLEASE, DO YOU KNOW OF ANY ONE ELSE WHO, WITH THEIR PERMISSION, OUGHT TO BE ON THIS LIST?