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SIX BIBLE STUDIES ON THE LENTEN SUNDAY GOSPELS

Mauro Iannicelli will break-open the forthcoming Lenten Sunday Gospels with in-depth teaching and stimulating questions.

Starts:

Tues 17th February, 2026 @7pm

Six consecutive Tuesdays:

17 Feb | 24 Feb | 03 Mar |

10 Mar | 17 Mar | 24 Mar

(7-8:15pm). **Free of Charge** |

LIVE on YouTube. Registration:

comeandsee.org/lent26

Formerly known as:

“The Women’s World

Day of Prayer”,

and held on

the First Friday of March

i.e.:

Friday 6th March 2026 at 8pm,

THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

will be here

in St Mary of the Crays

this year. The women of

Nigeria have prepared

this year’s service.

Please come. Please help.



THERE WILL BE
“A DAY WITH MARY”
HERE, IN ST MARY OF THE CRAYS,
ON THE FIRST
SATURDAY 7TH MARCH.
PLEASE, put this date in
your diaries today
and commit
to come to the whole,
or part of, **A DAY WITH MARY.**

The Sisters of La Sainte Union
des Sacres-Coeurs
- The Holy Union Sisters -
celebrate 200 years since their
foundation in northern France
in 1826, by the Belgian Priest:
Fr Jean-Baptiste Debrabant.
These are the Sisters
who founded
St Catherine’s School in 1956,
and who live in Shalom Convent.
Ad Multos Annos - Sisters!
(To many more years - Sisters!)

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+ **J. M. J.** + = + **JESUS, + MARY, and + JOSEPH +**

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Pages 130-132 in the Parish Mass Book

Rite of Blessing and Sprinkling of Holy Water on Page 62.



**THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD IN THE TEMPLE
AND THE PURIFICATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
also known as : CANDLEMAS - 2ND FEBRUARY,
FORTY DAYS AFTER THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD AT CHRISTMAS,
AND SO ENDS THE CHRISTMAS / EPIPHANY SEASON.**

4. As we conclude the Season of Christmas / Epiphany of Our Lord on Monday 2nd February with the beautiful feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple, also known as:

“Candle Mass” we celebrate Jesus as the Light of the World: “The Light to enlighten the pagan gentiles and the glory of His people Israel !”

On this feast day we can bless all your candles for your home for the coming year. Please bring your candle to the Church either at **9:15am Holy Mass**, or at the **7:30pm Holy Mass**.

**THE PRESENTATION
IN THE TEMPLE**

is in Luke’s Gospel chapter 2, verses 22-32, i.e.: **Luke 2:22-32**.

Please: **Take and Read!**
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Also, it is the

**Fourth Joyful Mystery
of the Rosary.**

“Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust down into hell

Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl through the world seeking for the ruin of souls. Amen.”

(Pope Leo XIII)

“Angel of God, my Guardian dear, to whom God’s love commits me here, ever this day/night be at my side to light, to guard, to rule, and guide. Amen.”

**Please learn the beautiful and powerful
“CANTICLE OF SIMEON”
that we say as part of
NIGHT PRAYER OF THE CHURCH
to protect our sleep when we are
at our most vulnerable:**

The Nunc Dimittis (Luke 2:29-32)

Antiphon:

“Save us, Lord, while we are awake. Protect us while we sleep, that we may keep watch with Christ and rest with Him in peace.

**At last, all-powerful Master,
You give leave to Your servant
to go in peace,
according to Your promise.**

**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.**

**Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be.**

Antiphon:

Save us, Lord, while we are awake. Protect us while we sleep, that we may keep watch with Christ and rest with Him in peace.”

Let us pray:

**“Visit this house,
we pray You, Lord:
drive far away from it all
the snares of the enemy.
May Your holy angels stay here
and guard us in peace, and let
Your blessing be always upon us.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.”**



**As we prepare for
LENT AND EASTER,
the greatest Season of
the Church’s Calendar
and Liturgy some of us
have been planning
and pondering.
Please, do we have some
folk and families who would
be willing to help ‘
meet and greet’
our Parishioners
and visitors before
Holy Mass each Saturday
and Sunday,
to help with the Books
and Newsletters and
any information that
an occasional visitor
might need?**

**WELCOME.
WORSHIP.
WITNESS.**

**And what about
‘SHROVE’ WEEKEND?
In Europe some countries
keep both ‘Fat’ Thursday
and ‘Fat’ Tuesday, or ,
‘Giovedì grasso’,
‘Martedì grasso’,
or ‘Mardi Gras’,
or ‘Carne Vale’ /Carnival,
that is saying
‘Good-Bye’ to meat!!**

**Shall we have a
‘BRING & SHARE’
GET-TOGETHER
on Sunday 15th February
after the 10:30am
Holy Mass?**

