



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church
THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (Year A)

2 February 2020

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| MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS | | |
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| THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (Candlemas) | | |
| 01 Sat Vigil | 18.30 | Mary Rose Boyle – RIP (<i>J. Friel</i>) |
| 02 Sun | 9.00 | Marie McCusker (<i>E. McCusker</i>) |
| | 11.00 | Dec'd Members of Rosaria & Papa Family (<i>F. D'Agostino</i>) |
| | 18.00 | <i>Pro Populo</i> |
| WEEKDAY MASSES | | |
| EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am | | |
| 03 Mon <i>Feria</i> | 9.30 | Flavel Hutchinson (<i>V. Hutchinson</i>) |
| 04 Tues <i>Feria</i> | 9.30 | Francis Thomas – RIP (<i>M. Thomas</i>) |
| | 19.00 | Rosemarie Butcher – WB (<i>UCM</i>) |
| 05 Wed <i>St. Agatha</i> | 9.30 | Paul Joseph – RIP (<i>Angie & Jeanette</i>) |
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| 06 Thurs <i>St. Paul Miki & Companions</i> | 7.00 | |
| | 9.30 | Paul Joseph – RIP (<i>Joseph Family</i>) |
| 07 Fri <i>Feria</i> | 7.00 | Sidney Linstead – RIP (<i>FM</i>) |
| | 9.30 | Paul Roche – RIP (<i>S. Roche</i>) |
| 08 Sat <i>Feria</i> | 9.00 | Frances Powell – RIP |
| | 11.00 | Baptism: Cain & Aran Eagle |
| FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR | | |
| 08 Sat Vigil | 18.30 | Monty Chitta – RIP (<i>Townsend Family</i>) |
| 09 Sun <i>Racial Justice Day</i> | 9.00 | Una Midford – RIP |
| | 11.00 | <i>Pro Populo</i> |
| | 18.00 | Janet Wilson – RIP (<i>Sam & Claire</i>) Including the Enrolment of Confirmandi |
| OTHER SERVICES | | |
| Sacrament of Reconciliation | Saturday: 9.30-10am & 5.30-6.15pm | |
| St Anthony of Padua | Tuesday: after AM & PM Masses | |
| Our Lady of Perpetual Help | Wednesday: after PM Mass | |
| Our Lady of Fatima | 1st Saturday of the month | |

WE ARE CALLED TO WELCOME JESUS WHO COMES TO MEET US.

Today's Liturgy shows Jesus who goes out to meet his people. It is the feast day of encounter: the newness of the Child encounters the tradition of the temple; the promise finds fulfilment; young Mary and Joseph encounter the elderly Simeon and Anna. Everything, therefore, meets as Jesus arrives.

What does this mean for us? Above all, that we too are called to welcome Jesus who comes to meet us. To encounter him: the God of life is to be encountered every day of our lives; not now and then, but every day. To follow Jesus is not a decision taken once and for all, it is a daily choice. And we do not meet the Lord virtually, but directly, we encounter him in our lives, in the concreteness of life. Otherwise, Jesus becomes only a nice memory of the past. When we welcome him as the Lord of life, however, as the centre and the beating heart of everything, then he is alive and lives anew in us. And what happened in the temple also happens to us: around him everything meets, and life becomes harmonious. With Jesus we find again the courage to carry on and the strength to remain firm. The encounter with the Lord is the source. It is important then to return to the source: to retrace in our mind the decisive moments of encounter with him, to renew our first love, perhaps writing down our love story with the Lord. This would be good for our consecrated life, so that it does not become a time that passes by, but rather a time of encounter.

If we call to mind our original meeting with the Lord, we become aware that it did not arise as something private between us and God. No, it blossomed in the context of a believing people, alongside many brothers and sisters, at precise times and places. The Gospel tells us this, showing how the encounter takes place within the people of God, in its concrete history, in its living traditions: in the temple, according to the law, in the context of prophecy, in young and old together (cf Lk 2:25-28, 34). It is like this too in the consecrated life: it blossoms and flourishes in the Church; if it is isolated, it withers. It matures when the young and elderly walk together, when the young rediscover their roots and the elderly welcome those fruits. When we walk alone, however, when we remain fixated on the past or jump ahead in trying to survive, then the consecrated life stagnates. Today, on the feast day of encounter, we ask for the grace to rediscover the living Lord amid a believing people, and to allow the charism we have received to encounter today's graces.

The Gospel also tells us that God's encounter with his people has both a starting point and a destination point. It begins with the call in the temple and arrives at the vision in the temple. It is a call that is twofold. There is a first call "according to the law" (v. 22). It is the call of Joseph and Mary, who go to the temple to fulfil what the law prescribes. The text emphasizes this almost as a refrain, even four times (cf. vv. 22, 23, 24, 27). This is not something forced: Jesus' parents are not constrained to go or merely to perform an external duty. They go in response to God's call. Then there is a second call, according to the Spirit. It is the call of Simeon and Anna. This too is stressed with insistence: three times, in the case of Simeon, it refers to the Holy Spirit (cf. vv. 25, 26, 27) and it concludes with Anna the prophetess, who was inspired to give thanks to God (cf. v. 38). Two young people run to the temple, called by the law; two elderly people moved by the Spirit. What does this twofold call, by the law and by the Spirit, mean for our spiritual life and our consecrated life? It means that we are all called to a twofold obedience: to the law – in the sense of what gives order to our lives – and to the Spirit, who does new things in our lives. And so the encounter with the Lord is born: the Spirit reveals the Lord, but to welcome him we need to persevere every day. Even the greatest charisms, if lacking an ordered life, cannot bear fruit. On the other hand, even the best rules are not sufficient without the freshness of the Spirit: the law and the Spirit go together...

Excerpt from a Homily by Pope Francis on the Presentation of the Lord (Rome, 2 February 2019).

| NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS | |
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| 1ST READING | Isaiah 58: 7-10 |
| 2ND READING | First Corinthians 2: 1-5 |
| GOSPEL | Matthew 5: 13-16 |

| PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE | |
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|  | Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died Paul Joseph, Una Midford, Peggy McDonagh, Michael Emmett, Josephine Govindarajah, Angelica D'Agostino and those whose anniversaries are remembered at this time; and all those who mourn the loss of loved ones. May they rest in peace. Amen |
|  | Please remember and pray for the sick, the housebound and all who care for them, especially those within our own parish community: Vanessa Andrew, Martin Dray, Anthony Durkin, Sue Ewen, Pauline Ferrara, Ann Groves, Thomas Haley, Heather & George Trutwein, Yvonne Norman, Esme Mills, Sharon Kelly, Irene Keane, Frances Cox, Mary Ryan, Betty Harte, Frances Sullivan, Michael Pearson, Antonio Ciaiola, Joan McGovern, Rita Reginald, Angelica D'Agostino Jan Leightley, Elizabeth Saunders, Thomas O'Connor, Jimmy Simon, Ron Malone, and Rosemarie Butcher. |

| WEEKLY COLLECTION | |
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|  | <p>LAST WEEKEND</p> <p>Cash: £910.11</p> <p>Gift-aid: £632.81 Total: £1,542.92</p> <p><i>Thank you for your generosity to your parish.</i></p> |

| INFANT BAPTISM | |
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|  | <p>Please contact the Parish Office for information pack & to register for the pre-baptism course.</p> <p>Next course: 1 and 8 March 2020 at 10am</p> |

| FIRST HOLY COMMUNION | |
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|  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Next Children's Session: Saturday, 8 February 2020 - 10.30-11.30am Next Parents' Session: Monday, 3 February 2020 at 7.30pm in the Catholic Hall. |

| SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2020 | |
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|  | <p>Candidates Meeting: Tuesday 28 January at 7.30pm in the Catholic Hall.</p> <p>Mass of Enrolment: Sunday 9 February at 6.00pm</p> |

| MORNING PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH 9.00AM – MONDAY TO FRIDAY | |
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|  | <p>Please join us every morning at 9.00am, from Monday to Friday, to pray the Morning Prayer of the Church, from the Divine Office, during the daily Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction before Mass.</p> |

| THE NEW VOTIVE LIGHT STANDS | |
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Please FOLLOW the instructions posted beside the stands. Kindly make use of the candles provided Use the lighters provided to light the candles after placing them in the glass socket DO NOT move the glassware for any reason. DO NOT place any other candles or votive lights on them. | |

| PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS | |
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| <p>SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY 9 FEBRUARY</p> <p>The Catholic Church in England and Wales will celebrate Racial Justice Day on Sunday 9 February – the theme is: “<i>You are at the Heart of the Church</i>”. It will celebrate the contribution Travelling Communities make to the Church. It is an opportunity for all Catholics to pray for, reflect on and respond to racial justice matters within the Church and wider society. Racial Justice Sunday should encourage proactive discussions on overt and covert forms of racism experienced by fellow Catholics from the Travelling Communities. To support the Church in it's work with Travellers, a second collection will be taken next weekend. Your contributions, however great or small will help to make a difference.</p> <p>CONFIRMATION – MASS OF ENROLMENT, 9 FEBRUARY. We welcome all of our candidates to the 6pm Mass on Sunday, 9 February for their formal enrolment ceremony. Candidates should be in Church by 5.30pm and report to a catechist.</p> <p>THANK YOU FROM MARY'S MEALS</p> <p>A very big 'thank you' from Gerrard McMahon, Mary's Meals: "I am delighted to say that the parish gave 615 kg of unwanted clothes; there were also cash donations of £764.98 making a total contribution of £1,109.38. Please let the parish know how grateful Mary's Meals is for its support – this is an excellent result! The amount raised will feed 69 children who will not only get fed one good, nutritious meal every school day for a whole year, but they will get an education too."</p> <p>ALTAR SERVERS GUILD.</p> <p>Would All Servers please note that the new servers rota is now available on the parish website. Please also remember to tick your name off in the rota in the sacristy each time you serve. Thank you for your cooperation and help.</p> <p>PIANIST / ORGANIST FOR 11.00 MASS</p> <p>Do you play or know someone who may be interested? If yes, please contact Adele Parker on 07917420483</p> <p>FORTHCOMING PARISH LENTEN PROJECT EVENTS</p> <p>1. Sri Lankan Evening</p> <p>There will be a Sri Lankan evening in aid of the Parish Lenten Project on Saturday 15 February 7.30-11.30pm. The evening includes Sri Lankan food & entertainment. Tickets: Adult £10 each. £5.00 for children 7-12 years old. Contact Joe or Antoinette: 0208 399 6491 or 07956891504</p> <p>2. Kispy Kreme Doughnut Sale</p> <p>On Sunday, February 16, there will be a doughnut sale after the 9am and 11am Masses.</p> <p>3. UCM / KSC Cake and Book Sale </p> <p>Come to the old chapel after Mass on Saturday February 29 or after 9am and 11am Masses on Sunday March 1 when you can purchase delicious home-made cakes and biscuits and browse through a selection of fine books. Whatever your reading interests there will be something for you. If you have any books to donate or would like to bake a cake or two, please bring them to the old chapel before one of the Masses mentioned. All proceeds from the sale will go to the Parish Lenten Project.</p> <p>SOLL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES</p> <p>Are you sick, disabled, or frail and elderly and would like to offer your disabilities to Our Lady in a pilgrimage to Lourdes?</p> <p>Are you a doctor, nurse, carer, or simply someone prepared to be a general helper? The Society of Our Lady of Lourdes (SOLL) invites you to join its annual Pilgrimage of the Sick. Other pilgrims, not seeking to be helpers, are also welcome.</p> <p><i>Flights from Stansted to Lourdes: Friday 22 – Friday 29 May</i></p> <p>Subsidies available for the sick and limited grants for helpers</p> <p><i>There is also a more leisurely option by rail from St Pancras to Lourdes via Paris: Thursday 21 – Saturday 30 May.</i></p> <p>Costs vary according to accommodation chosen.</p> <p>Enquiries to the Society Office 020 8848 9833, or to Allan Cook 020 8399 4368. See also poster in narthex for information on the programme for the week.</p> | |
| <p style="text-align: center;">† ANGELICA D'AGOSTINO - RIP</p> <p>Please pray for the repose of the soul of Angelica D'Agostino who died on 26 January. Her funeral will take place on 14 February, 11.00am. Our heartfelt condolences to Franco and the D'Agostino family.</p> | |