



THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - C

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Spiritans

FAITHFULNESS TO GOD'S WILL

The whole advent season is a re-living of what the people of God experienced as they waited for the Lord's birth. The news of this birth was announced gradually to different people. The Feast of The Epiphany marked how Jesus came to be known beyond his community: by people of the nations (gentiles). Today's celebration of the Presentation of Jesus in the temple, offered an opportunity to Simeon and Anna who stayed in the temple praying and waiting for the coming of the Messiah to see him. Though Joseph and Mary were fulfilling the laid down practice of offering their child to God plus the purification of the mother after child birth, it was another manifestation (epiphany) of the Messiah.

The presentation is celebrated forty days after the birth of the Lord. It is a long period that calls us to reflect on what we have learnt from the mystery of our Lord's incarnation. The two prophets in the temple glorified God for fulfilling his promise that they would not die before seeing the messiah. They kept praying all the time without losing hope and faith. Again, Joseph and Mary were faithful in observing the stipulations of the presentation of the child and purification. All these led to a deeper encounter of the Lord by the prophets and the parents. The faithfulness of the prophets led to fulfillment of the promises, and the parents a fore taste of the future events surrounding their child.

May the Lord enable us to remain faithful in doing His will so that the promises we are hoping for may be fulfilled in our lives. Amen

Fr Bonaventure

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 02 FEBRUARY 2025 — 09 FEBRUARY 2025

Sat 01	18.30: Peter Tull - Ints (<i>M Tett</i>)
Sun 02	09.00: Dec'd Mems of Rosaria Papa & Family (<i>F D'Agostino</i>) 11.00: John & Jacinta Pinto - Thanksgiving 40th Wedding Ann 18.00: People of the Parish
Mon 03	<u>ST LAURENCE OF CANTERBURY - MEMORIAL</u> 09:30: Nelly Macken - WB (<i>J Kelly</i>)
Tues 04	09.30: John Edem—RIP (<i>C Yap</i>) 19.00: Mary Canavan - RIP (<i>J Beatty</i>)
Wed 05	<u>ST AGATHA -MEMORIAL</u> 09. 30: Timothy Bretherick - RIP (<i>S Bretherick</i>) 19.00: Holy Souls
Thurs 06	<u>ST PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS - MEMORIAL</u> 07.00: Holy Souls 09:30: David Docherty & Parents - RIP (<i>M-J Gray</i>)
Fri 07	<u>ST JOHN BOSCO - MEMORIAL</u> 07.00: Holy Souls 09:30: Nancy & Thomas Wilson - RIP(<i>L Jones</i>)
Sat 08	09:00: Martin Pritchard - RIP (<i>M-J Gray</i>)
Sat 08	18:30: Holy Souls
Sun 09	09.00: People of the Parish 11.00: Edith D'Souza - WB (<i>Lourdes</i>) 18.00: Sid Linstead - RIP (<i>F M</i>)

REMEMBRANCE: Please remember in your prayers all who have recently died especially John Edem and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May their souls rest in peace. Amen

THE SICK: Vanessa Andrew, Martin Dray, Pauline Ferrara, Thomas Haley, Frances Cox, George Trutwein, Mary Ryan, Rita Reginald, Sarah Mills, Thomas O'Connor, Ian Beard, Anita Smith, Tony Cook, Kathleen McGuinness, Nan Healy, Samar Staussi, Joan Frost, Colin Stevens, Jimmy Simon, Shirlene A, Hazel D'Aguiar, Allan Cook, Claire Pender, Wendy Cook, Kathleen O'Connell, Tim Ryan, Ralph Smallwood, Elizabeth Jones, Nivetheni Robert, Gerry Hague, Mark Draper, Adam Martin, Maureen Stephens, Maureen Sellwood, Mavis Fisher, Andy Moolman, Qiaochen Shi, Ida Rebello, Jisha Nelson, Vinitha Sherin, Ravenna Ahmed & Lionel Holland Adam Martin, Lionel Holland, Colin Stevens and Joan Frost.

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION:
MORNING PRAYER (LAUDS):
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
YOUTH MASS:
ST ANTHONY OF PADUA NOVENA:
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA:
OUR LADY OF FATIMA DEVOTION:
SYRO-MALABAR VIGIL

MONDAY – FRIDAY: 8AM
MONDAY – FRIDAY: 9AM
SATURDAY: - 9.30-10am & 5.30-6.00pm
LAST SUNDAY: - 6pm Mass
TUESDAY: - After morning and evening Masses
WEDNESDAY: - After morning and evening Masses
FIRST SATURDAY - of the month, after morning Mass
FIRST FRIDAY - of the month

TODAY'S READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 47: 10-11

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Penitential Act: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (*And, striking their breast, they say:*) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God. **Amen**

GLORIA: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

Opening Prayer:

Almighty ever-living God, we humbly implore your majesty that, just as your Only Begotten Son was presented on this day in the Temple in the substance of our flesh, so, by your grace, we may be presented to you with minds made pure. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

First reading

Malachi 3:1-4

Thus says the LORD God: Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his Temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 24(23):7. 8. 9. 10. R8a

The LORD of hosts, he is the king of glory!

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! **R**

Who is this king of glory? The LORD, the mighty, the valiant; the LORD, the valiant in war. **R**

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! **R**

Who is this king of glory? He, the LORD of hosts, he is the king of glory. ...**R**

Second reading

Hebrews 2:14-18

Since the children share in flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

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Gospel Acclamation

Luke 2:32

Alleluia, alleluia. A light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel. Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, 'Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord') and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves, or two young pigeons'.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the Temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

'Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.'

And his father and his mother marvelled at what was said about him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed — and a sword will pierce through your own soul also — so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.'

And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the Temple, worshipping with fasting and prayer night and day. And

coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favour of God was upon him.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

THE NICENE CREED:

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. *(At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', all bow)* For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen

Prayer over the Offerings:

May the offering made with exultation by your Church be pleasing to you, O Lord, we pray, for you willed that your Only Begotten Son be offered to you for the life of the world as the Lamb without blemish. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen**

Communion Antiphon

Lk 2: 30-31

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

Prayer after Communion

By these holy gifts which we have received, O Lord, bring your grace to perfection within us, and, as you fulfilled Simeon's expectation that he would not see death until he had been privileged to welcome the Christ, so may we, going forth to meet the Lord, obtain the gift of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

You can find the OLI Youth Ministry email on the poster at the back of the church on the youth notice board, newsletter or on the parish website.

'REEL' FILM SHOW - Kingston Friends of Life will show a variety of films on Saturday 8th February, 7.00pm at St Raphael's Church Hall. Interval with refreshments & raffle. No tickets required, free entry, but please give generously in support of Life.

INFORMATION & REMINDERS

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND -: PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND SECOND COLLECTION: - OLI PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (PDF) This second collection is to assist the parish to save and pay for major projects and minor repairs. The maintenance and development of the parish is costing a lot of money and we are struggling financially to keep up. Thank you, as always, for your generosity.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (SUN, 2ND FEB)

Sunday, 2nd February is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord - Candlemas. There will be four, Masses in the parish, Sat 6.30pm, Sun 9.00am, 11.00am & 6pm. The 9am Mass will start with the blessing of candles in the Old Chapel and procession to the Church. All are welcome!

BLESSING OF THROATS (3RD FEBRUARY)

The optional memorial of St Blaise is traditionally marked with the blessing of throats. This will be done at the end of the Mass.

LENTEN PROJECT 2025 EVENTS

A number of exciting events are already being planned for this year's Lenten Project. These are listed on the Parish website and will be highlighted in the Parish Newsletter in due course.

One of the first events is to be the **Lenten Project Sponsored Walk** Led by Fr Michael, on **Saturday 8 March 2025**, there is going to be a challenging 43 km (27 mile) sponsored walk. The plan is to walk from Tower Bridge along the South side of the Thames (through Battersea, Putney, Mortlake, Richmond and Kingston) and then heading towards the finish at OLI Church. It will be a fascinating – and challenging - walk! Please contact Elspeth (elspeth.casey@virginmedia.com) if you are interested in taking part in the sponsored walk event. We will give you information on how to sponsor us in due course.

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLAME 2025

The OLI Youth Ministry is going to Flame 2025! If you or a young person you know are interested in coming to Flame 2025, please register your interest by sending an email to the OLI youth ministry inbox (tolworthyouth@rcaos.org.uk) by end of day 15th February. This will be a ticketed event and each ticket will cost £31.

SAFEGUARDING ALERT

Please ensure that **ALL** children are accompanied to the toilet at all times during Mass. Notices have been placed on the door but, it seems, are not being adhered to. There have been a couple of incidents where non-Mass goers have gained access to the toilet next to the RDJ room. The exit door cannot be locked during Mass for Fire and Safety reasons. **Your children's safety is your responsibility.** No untoward incident has occurred but the potential risk remains.

INFORMATION & REMINDERS

JUBILEE YEAR 2025

'Hope does not disappoint' Romans 5:5
 One of our churches in our Deanery, St Ann's Catholic Church, Kingston Hill, KT2 7LX, is one of the designated Pilgrimage Churches for the Jubilee Year 2025. St Ann's Church has been inaugurated as our Deanery Pilgrimage Church. The Pilgrim's Guidelines Booklet, is now available online - click Jubilee Year 2025 to see it on our website, where you will also find details of the many activities at St Ann's. The booklet will serve as a guide for pilgrims visiting St Ann's and help them experience a meaningful spiritual journey. If anyone doesn't have access to the internet and needs a hard copy, please let Denise know. See future newsletters for more details. Contact details for St Ann's are as follows: 020 8546 8732, kingstonhill@rcaos.org.uk, www.stannskingstonhill.org.uk, St Ann's Catholic Church, Kingston Hill, Surrey, KT2 7LX.

BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE

This is a one-day marriage-enrichment course aimed at couples with average-to-good marriages who would like to try and make them better. There is no charge and no group sharing. Couples have the opportunity individually to explore their relationship and levels of communication, which is the key to relationship. These BABM days start at 9.30am and finish by 4.30pm. Dates and venues for 2025 are: March 15, East Sheen; April 12, West Croydon; June 28, Kingston-upon-Thames; and September 13, Amigo Hall, Southwark. More details – T: 07983 524 727 or E: mflkent@rcaos.org.uk

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

LAST WEEKEND

Gift-aid: £ 302.25

Non-Gift-aid: £878.12

Total: **£1,180.37**

Thank you for your generosity to your parish.

Please make **cheques** payable to: **RCAS Tolworth**

Kindly consider making your regular contribution to the Church via standing order (form available at olionline.co.uk), or by online banking:

RCAS Our Lady Immaculate Church, Account Number: 06467032; Sort Code: 60-21-05.

IMPORTANT: Please include your Gift Aid number in your online instruction to your bank. Non-Gift Aid donors, please include the letters NGA in the instruction to the bank. Any queries? Please contact Lance Louis: toworthgac1@rcaos.org.uk or 07851 070036.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

"More people than ever are being driven to food banks and the sharp increase in people needing help is outstripping food donations."

These are the recent words of the Trussell Trust. Your donations are vital to ensure food banks in our community can continue to help everyone referred to them. Thank you.

OBITUARIES

JOHN EDEM: Fr Joseph's father sadly passed away suddenly on Friday 17th January. Please pray for John Edem, Fr Joseph & Family.

A man realised he needed to purchase a hearing aid, but didn't want to spend a lot of money. "How much do they cost?" he asked the salesman. "Anything from £2 to £2,000." "Can I see the £2 model?" said the customer. The salesman put the device around the man's neck, and said: "You just stick this button in your ear and run this little string down into your pocket." "How does it work?" asked the customer. "For £2, it doesn't work," said the salesman. "But when people see it on you, they'll talk louder."

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God	Promise
Happy	See
Heart	Simeon
Jesus	Song
Joseph	Sword
Love	Thanks
Mary	