

### **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> of February is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Forty days after the celebration of Christmas, in accordance with the Jewish tradition, the Church remembers the presentation of the newborn Jesus to the Temple. Joseph and Mary make the journey from Bethlehem to Jerusalem in order to fulfil the Law. There in the Temple they meet Simeon and Anna, the representatives of those who were looking forward to the coming of the Messiah. These two holy Israelites recognise in the infant Jesus the Saviour and light of all nations. Traditionally on this day candles are blessed and carried in procession before Mass as a symbol of Jesus who is the light of all nations.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February is the feast of St Blaise. During Mass we shall use candles to bless the throats of the faithful asking for deliverance from all diseases of the throat.

### **60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

We thank all those who have sent in suggestions. Prominent among the suggestions were the following:

1. Brainstorming session on how to move the parish forward
2. Anniversary Mass and Dinner
3. Pilgrimage to Lisieux or Iona
4. Charity project or Collection for the missions
5. Book of memories/Photo Album

We have to note that the Solemn Opening of the Church took place on 21<sup>st</sup> February 1960. We hope to kick start activities around that date. How wonderful it will be if all the parishioners are passionate about this and get involved. More updates next week.

### **Preparation for Sacraments**

Last week we met with the parents of the pupils who this year will be eligible for the sacraments of **First Reconciliation** (24<sup>th</sup> March) and **First Holy Communion** (10<sup>th</sup> May). We emphasised the role of the parents in the preparation process to be complemented by the school and the parish. On the part of the parish we insist as a minimum criteria that the children put up attendance at Mass on weekends and join the Children's Liturgy Group where special themes will be treated with them. It will be very inappropriate to administer the sacraments to anyone who only shows up on the d-day. The children will therefore receive the Parish attendance cards to be marked each Sunday by the priest. Grandparents and....

neighbours can help to bring the kids to church when their parents are unable to do so.

### **Sick List**

It is our obligation to always pray for the sick. The practice of having the names of sick parishioners in the bulletin was dropped some time in the past over concerns with data protection. We are open to reintroduce the list but only the names of those who themselves or their family members request will be included.

### **Senior Citizens Dinner**

The parish senior citizens dinner will take place on Sunday at 3pm. It promises to be a yummy event.

### **Catholic Papers**

We are encouraged to buy and read our Catholic newspapers to get the Catholic perspective on various news items. We have been forced to cancel our subscription for the Catholic Universe Newspaper because of the five copies we receive weekly only two copies get sold. We shall however continue having the Scottish Catholic Observer.

### **Fr Bernardine's Mobile Number**

The parish number is very functional but Fr Bernardine has decided to put his mobile number on the bulletin to further facilitate quick access to him any time any day. The number is 07775982416.

### **Exits before the Mass ends**

Many more people seem to be leaving the church even before Mass ends. This practice is very inappropriate and should be discouraged except for very urgent reasons. Our parish weekend Masses normally fall within the 45 minutes range. That doesn't seem too much a time to dedicate to God weekly. The Mass is one single prayer that begins with the sign of the cross and ends with the final blessing.

***Response to the Psalm:  
The Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory!***

# Prayer for the Week

## *The Canticle of Simeon*

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,  
world without end.  
Amen

**Pray for the Sick:** *Fernando Marco Antonio Menoscal*

**Months Mind:** *Brian McCluskey,*

**Anniversary:** *Mary Clarke,*

Last Week's Collection: £579.84

**Thank you to the parish for their generosity**



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## *The Presentation of the Lord*

Weekly Schedule	Time	Intention
Sunday 2nd Feb.	10:00am	Special Intention
Monday 3rd Feb.	8:30am 9:30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Special Intention
Tues 4th Feb.	8:30am 9:00am 9:30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Holy Rosary Mary Clarke
Wed 5th Feb. <i>St Agatha</i>	8:30am 9:30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Special Intention
Thurs 6th Feb. <i>St Paul Miki and Companions</i>	8:30am 9:00am 9:30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Holy Rosary and Benediction Special Intention
Friday 7th Feb. <i>First Friday</i>	8:30am 9:30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Brian McCluskey
Sat 8th Feb.	4:00pm 4:30pm	Holy Rosary Special Intention

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday 8th Feb.	C Scullion	M Duff, C Dabernig, C Morrissey
Sunday 9th Feb.	F McQuade	J Mullen, P Mackle, M Green