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**Newsletter for the week commencing 1st/2nd February 2020**

**The Presentation of the Lord**

**First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4**

**Psalm 23 Response:**  6pm & 8.30am - Who is the King of glory?  It is the Lord.

 (There is a printed service sheet for the hymns, Gloria and Psalm at 10.30)

**Second Reading: Hebrews 2: 14-18**

**Gospel: Luke 2: 22-40**

**Father John writes:**

Today the feast of the ’Presentation of the Lord in the Temple ‘takes the place of the Fourth Sunday of the Year, because it falls on the 2nd of February.

Whenever we use candles in Church, they are a reminder of Christ the Light of the world. But especially today, which is forty days after the birth of the Lord in Bethlehem, we celebrate the infant Jesus, the light of the world, being taken by Mary & Joseph into the holy Temple in Jerusalem, where he is recognised by Simeon and Anna. Both of these two are deeply faithful Jews of the Old Covenant welcoming Christ the Lord of the New Covenant. “My eyes have seen the salvation which God has prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans, and the glory of your people Israel”

On this Sunday there is a second collection for the poor parishes in our diocese

**Your Prayers are asked for:**

**Those recently deceased:**

**Those ill or infirm:** Joe Adams, Ellie Lawrence, Anne Bryant, Eric Booth, Patricia Hook, Elena Peck (senior), Marjorie Dumbleton, Josie Payne, Joe Venables and David Ainsworth

**Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:** Charles Priggy, Leslie & Edith Cave, Billy Benies, Kenneth Francis, Edwin Knott, Joan Freeman, Kathleen Lewis, Lady Sheila Bates, John McDonald, Dorothy Castle, Adele Sherston, Michael Cahill, Norma Dayborn and Anne Page.

**This week’s events**

The funeral of Mr Ted Turner RIP will take place on Friday 7th February at 12 midday, followed by burial.

 **New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week.** As we follow the daily news, it’s hard to remember the presence of good in the world. And yet it is constantly around us. The world is full of everyday heroes and true stories of transformation. They have helped sustain life down the ages in a multitude of ways, small, simple and profound. The DailyGood website leverages the internet to promote positive and uplifting news from around the globe to more than 100,000 subscribers through the daily and weekly newsletters. Visit DailyGood at www.newpilgrimpath.ie

**Finance Committee meeting:** The Parish Finance Committee will meet at **7.00pm this Monday (3rd February)** in the Parish Room. Its main business will be to review the draft parish accounts for 2019 before their submission and to examine progress of the Parish Refurbishment Programme.

**This week’s services**

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| **Day** | **Date** | **Feast** | **Time/Detail** |
| Saturday | 1st February |  | 10am – 11am Sacrament of Reconciliation6:00pm Vigil Mass of Sunday |
| Sunday | 2nd February | The Presentation of the Lord | 8:30am Mass10:30am Mass *people of the parish* |
| Monday | 3rd February | St Blaise, Bishop & Martyr | 10:00am Mass |
| Tuesday | 4th February |  | 10:00am Mass- *O’Mahoney &Black families RIP* |
| Wednesday | 5th February | St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr | 10:00am Mass followed by Adoration |
| Thursday | 6th February | St Paul Miki & companions, Martyrs | 9:00am Mass- *Fr Huebert Miranda RIP* |
| Friday | 7th February |  | 10:00am Mass followed by Adoration |
| Saturday | 8th February | St Jerome Emiliani | 10:00 to 10:45 Reconciliation6:00pm Vigil Mass |
| Sunday | 9th February | Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 8:30am Mass10:30am Mass |

**Next week’s responsibilities (8th/9th February)**

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|  | **6:00pm Saturday** | **8:30am Sunday** | **10:30am Sunday** |
| **Reader** | Sue Kent | Tony Mallett | Maria Palin |
| **Extra-ordinary Ministers** |  | Peter LonerganMaria Milton | Liz DumbletonFrances Lawrence |
| **Flowers** | Kathy Gibbs | **Cleaners** | - |

**Regular activities**

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| Event | Where | When |
| Mothers’ Prayers | The Parish Room | Tuesdays at 4.30pm |
| Choir practice | St Andrew’s Church | Wednesdays at 6.30pm |

**Forthcoming events**

**Come and join us!** The **Parish Shared Lunch on Sunday 23rd February** is getting closer! In the porch there are two lists for you to fill in: one is to let us know that you will be there and how many will be in your party; the second is to list the food you will bring to share (and how much!). Please bring your own liquid refreshment – wine, soft drinks etc. The lunch will start at 12 midday in the Parish Centre.

**During Lent** there will be **Lent lunches** each week, run by the churches in Tenterden. Each will run from 12 noon until 2pm. Details will be in the newsletter each week. There will also be **Stations of the Cross** every Sunday during Lent at 4pm.

If you are the parent of a child who is seven years old or more who has not made their **first Holy Communion** and you would like them to do so, would you please **let Fr. John know**. The preparation for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion usually runs between February and May/June and takes school term times into account.