

The Presentation of the Lord

The Feast of the Presentation, often called Candlemas, commemorates the purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the presentation of Christ in the temple, which took place 40 days after his birth as Jewish law required. According to Mosaic law, a mother who had given birth to a boy was considered unclean for seven days. Luke tells us, quoting [Exodus 13:2,12](#), that Mary and Joseph took Jesus to Jerusalem because every firstborn child was to be dedicated to the Lord. They also went to sacrifice a pair of doves or two young pigeons, showing that Mary and Joseph were poor. Once in the temple, Jesus was purified by the prayer of Simeon, in the presence of Anna the prophetess. Simeon, upon seeing the Messiah, gave thanks to the Lord, singing a hymn now called the *Nunc Dimittis*:

*Lord, now you let your servant go in peace,
your word has been fulfilled:*

My own eyes have seen the salvation,

which you have prepared in the sight of every people:

a light to reveal you to the nations

and the glory of your people Israel.

Simeon told Mary, "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against, (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed." Simeon thus foreshadowed the crucifixion and the sorrows of Mary at seeing the death of her Son.

The name Candlemas comes from the activities associated with the feast. It came to be known as the *Candle Mass*. In the Western Church, a procession with lighted candles is the distinctive rite.

Saint Paul the Apostle, Tottenham

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Hymns this week

Preparation : 395, 452

Mass: 301, 83, 300, 509, 288, 292, 336 ,293

The week at Saint Paul's

Mon 1	weekday	7.30am	Mass
Tue 2	weekday	7.00pm 7.30pm	Rosary Healing Mass
Wed 3	S. Blaise	12noon	Mass Coleraine Club
Thu 4	weekday	9.15am	School Mass
Fri 5	S. Agatha	7.30pm	Mass Social Club
Sat 6	Of Our Lady	9.00am	Mass
Sunday 7	5 th Sunday of the year	8.00am 10.30am 5.15pm	Mass Parish Mass Mass

NOTICES THIS WEEK:

Spurs Cafe Rota: Fr James is organising the rota which he will publish in early January. It is not too late to add your name to this if you are interested in helping out.

Social Committee: our social committee has now been formed. Its first meeting will take place on Friday 26 February at 8.00pm.

Pancake Party: on Tuesday 16 February after the 7.30pm Mass.

Deanery Synod: will our deanery synod representatives please make a note of the next meeting, which is on Thursday 25th Feb at Christchurch Waldeck Road. Mass will be at 7.30pm and then coffee and the meeting to follow at about 8.15pm.

Healing Mass on Tuesday with anointing and laying on of hands.

Eucharistic Ministers' Morning on Saturday 20 February, beginning with Mass at 9.00am and finishing at 11.00am. This is for all of our Eucharistic Ministers, so do please make it a priority to be here.

Looking ahead: Ash Wednesday is early this year, falling on 17 February. Sorry to mention this so soon after Christmas has ended, but please put this date into your diary. Please sign up for the Lent Groups to give us an idea of how many of the Lent Course books to order.

For your diary: Quiet Afternoon before Holy Week will be on Saturday 27 March, starting at 10.00 with Mass. There will be no 9am mass that day.

Collection last week: **plate:** **£109**
 Envelopes: **£351.50**

Rotas next week:

Eucharistic Ministers:	Danny & Camille
Sidespersons:	Edna, Celis, Serwah & Pauline
Teas & Coffees:	KiBeverley & Myrtle
Cleaning:	Monica & Kim
Readers & Intercessor:	Richard, Katherine & Jide

IN YOUR PRAYERS:



The Church: The Coptic Church in Egypt

The World: Haiti

The Community: The North Middlesex Hospital

In Hospital or Sick:

Dennis Hurley, Gwen Bailey, Vincent Wheatle, John Davy, Valerie Munroe, Anetha Langford, Hilary Stoughton, Rita Mason, Grace Adjekum, Norma Campbell, Hilary Robinson, Ruth Williams, Edna Henry, Myra Lea, Pat Nurse, Magdalen Octave, David Brown, Mary Edwards, Benjamin Browne, Hugh Davis, Ken Lovell, Joe Salmon, Pearl Welsh, Mary White, Franklin Farrington, Chanel Jones, Rheama Ivy Nhyira Wimfrey-Dallas, Ama Achiah, John Duah, Francis Layne, Olajumoke & Toyin, Charles Bryceland, Mary White, Cynthia Myers, Veta James, Henry Robinson, Tumpa Rahman, Denise Robotham, Cheryl Codrington, Baby Freddy Hearn, Jacob Sear, Shenelle Dyal, Florence Lan-George, baby Josh, Oliver Lewis, Patricia Salmon, Winifred Gordon, Sharon Roberts, Edward Agyeman, Shaun Tyrell, Selvin Grant, Elaine Mitchell, Fr Geoffrey Seabrook, Fred Dyer, Valerie, Neil Thompson, Judith Brown-Davis, George Blake, Cutie Binns

Please use the 'Prayer Request' card when commending someone for prayer.

Those who have asked for Prayers:

Olive Blagrove, Enid Davy, Jermaine, Sandra Davis, John Duah, Danah Grant-White, Sylvia Dabriel, Eunice Markum Riley, Marcia Ford, Hyacinth Brown, Gaynor Brown, Carl Sealy, Matilda-Owusu Ansah, Yvonne Tyrell, Stanley Hayes, Prince Lewis, Laura Regisford, Jurelle Hayles, Houston Jones, Daniel Stevens, Celis Jacobs, Kwame Fosu-Gyemsi, Cyril Layne, Mrs Ogunsikan, Paula Simms, Kim, Charlene, Daphne Hayles, the Schroyögg family, Fedora Karoma, Frank Piper, Yaw Antwi-Boasiako, Khalon Hayesman, Temitope Oluwa, Marietta Gilkes,, Elise Hayles, Ama Achiah, Kofi Appiah, Derrick McDonald, Suzanne McDonald, Pat Thompson, Christine Mullan, Anastasia Anstey, Sally Eyres, Zena Cudjoe, Osei Owusu, Brian Kennaby

Faithful Departed: **John Duah, Gilbert Stewart, Jessica Forester, Ivan (Sugar) McCallum**

Anniversaries: