

MASS PROPERS & READINGS

SUNDAY 10.30AM

Introit

Suscepimus (Cf Ps 48:8, 9, 1)

We have waited, O God, for thy loving kindness in the midst of thy temple; according to thy Name, O God, so is thy praise unto the world's end: thy right hand is full of righteousness.

(Ps) Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised: in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill.

GLORY. We have...

Collect

ALMIGHTY and ever-living God, we humbly beseech thy Majesty: that, as thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, in substance of our flesh; so we may be presented unto thee with pure and clean hearts, by the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

First reading

Malachi 3:1-4

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Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23(24):7-10

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Second reading

Hebrews 2:14-18

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Gospel Acclamation

Lk2:32

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 that 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 turtledoves, or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this

man was righteous and devout, looking 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,
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Prayer over the Offerings

O LORD, we beseech thee mercifully to hear our prayers: and that these gifts which we offer unto thy divine Majesty may be an acceptable offering in thy sight, do thou shower forth on us the succour of thy loving kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Preface

Preface of the Epiphany

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God; because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; ever more praising thee, and saying: Holy, Holy, Holy ☩.

Communion

Responsum accepit Simeon (Lk 2:26)

It was revealed unto Simeon by the Holy Spirit: that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Anointed.

Postcommunion

GRANT, we beseech thee, O Lord our God: that these holy mysteries, which thou hast given unto us for the assurance of our salvation; may, by the intercession of blessed Mary ever-Virgin, both in this life and in that which is to come, be profitable unto us for the healing of our souls; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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SUNDAY 2ND FEBRUARY

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (CANDLEMAS)

The Blessing of Candles and the Procession at the 10.30am Solemn Mass

The Lord be with you;

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who as on this day didst suffer thy only-begotten Son to be presented in the temple and to be received in the arms of Saint Simeon: we humbly beseech thy mercy; that like as we thy servants, taking these candles do seek to light them and bear them to the glory of thy Name, so thou wouldest vouchsafe to bless ☩ and sanctify ☩ the same; that we being made worthy of offering them unto thee, our Lord and our God, and being enkindled with the holy flame of thy most gracious charity, may be found meet to be presented before thee in the temple of thy glory; through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Today's feast marks the Presentation of the Lord Jesus in the Temple, forty days after he was born. As the firstborn, he belonged to God. According to the Law, Mary and Joseph were required to take him to the Temple and "redeem" him by paying five shekels. At the same time, the Law required the child's mother to offer sacrifice in order to overcome the ritual impurity brought about by childbirth. So the feast we celebrate shows a curious turn of events. The Redeemer seems to be redeemed. She who is all-pure presents herself to be purified. Such is the humility of our God. Such is the humility of the Blessed Virgin. They submit to the law even though they are not bound by it. However, the Gospel story nowhere mentions Jesus' "redemption," but seems to describe instead a religious consecration—such as a priest might undergo.

Saint Luke tells us that Jesus is "presented" in the Temple, using the same verb that Saint Paul uses to describe the offering of a sacrifice. The drama surrounding Jesus' conception and birth began in the Temple—when the Archangel visited Mary's kinsman, Zechariah the priest. And now the story of Jesus' infancy comes to a fitting conclusion, again in the Temple.

All the readings today concern Jerusalem, the Temple, and the sacrificial rites. The first reading comes from the Prophet Malachi, who called the priests to return to faithful service—and foretold a day when a Messiah would arrive with definitive purification of the priesthood. Christ now arrives as the long-awaited priest and redeemer. He is also the sacrifice. Indeed, as his life will show, He is the Temple itself.

SUNDAY MASS

6.00pm (Saturday Vigil), 10.30am (Solemn), 5pm

WEEKDAY MASS

12.45pm Tue-Fri

HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION

As advertised.

CONFESSIONS

Sat 5.15-5.45pm

A very warm welcome to Mass today, especially if you are new or visiting. This sheet contains information about the week's Masses, along with this week's readings and hymns. You are warmly invited to stay for coffee, tea and wine, which is served after the 10.30am Solemn Mass in the Bishop Challoner Hall downstairs.

NEWS & EVENTS

Carols for Candlemas

Tomorrow at 7pm, there will be a Carol Service for Candlemas, followed by Solemn Benediction. Please see the poster for details.

Tuesdays at 6pm

Guild of Warwick Street Rosary, with prayers especially for those who are homeless.

Congratulations...

to Hannel and Rachel, who joined in Holy Matrimony yesterday. May God bless their lives together for many, many years.

Congratulations, too,

...to Emilio Chiquito, who is receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation today

Order of Malta Conventual Mass

Tuesday 11th February: Sung Mass at 6.30pm. Although this is an Order event, everyone is welcome to attend!

Organ Fund

Please remember our Organ Fund, as the need to restore the organ remains urgent. You make a donation using the following bank details:

Sort code: 40-05-20;

Account number: 21848364

Please use the business account name **'Warwick Street Organ Fund'**.

Ash Wednesday 5th March

Ash Wednesday is late this year, but it is still best to get in the diary sooner rather than later!

Dates for the Diary—Ordinariate Festival

Tuesday 20th—Thursday 22nd May at the Church of the Precious Blood & All Souls Kingsland Avenue, Coventry CV5 8DX . Please note this date in your diaries.

Sunday 2 nd February	Presentation of our Lord in the Temple	10.30am (Solemn) 5.00pm	People of the Parish People of the Parish
Monday 3 rd February	St Blaise, Bishop & Martyr	No Mass	
Tuesday 4 th February	feria	12.45pm 6.00pm Rosary	
Wednesday 5 th February	St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr	12.45pm 6.30pm (Sung Latin)	Brendan McGinn & Family Agricultural workers
Thursday 6 th February	feria	12.45pm	
Friday 7 th February	feria	12.45pm	Sylvester Forya (RIP)
Saturday 8 th February	Of our Lady	12noon (Latin) 6pm	Foundation Mass

Please pray for:

THE SICK
Assumption Fernandez,
Charlie O'Donnell,
Norma Skeggs, Paul,
Jackie, Katherine Lewis.

FAITHFUL DEPARTED

WHO'S WHO AT OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

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MASS PROPERS & READINGS SATURDAY VIGIL & SUNDAY 5PM

Entrance Antiphon

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.

Collect

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,
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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.

Communion Antiphon

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

Luke 2:22-40

until he had been privileged to welcome the Christ,
so may we, going forth to meet the Lord,

Lk 2: 30-31