



2 February 2025

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Year C)

The Lord whom you seek will come to his Temple. (Malachi 3:1)

Faith in Focus

Today the Church celebrates the feast of the Presentation of the Lord which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus and is also known as Candlemas day. Before the revision of the General Roman Calendar this marked the end of the Christmas season.

The feast was first observed in the Eastern Church as 'The Encounter.' In the sixth century, it began to be observed in the West: in Rome with a more penitential character and in Gaul (France) with solemn blessings and processions of candles, popularly known as 'Candlemas.' The Presentation of the Lord concludes the celebration of the Nativity and with the offerings of the Virgin Mother and the prophecy of Simeon, the events now point toward Easter.

In obedience to the Old Law, the Lord Jesus, the first-born, was presented in the Temple by Mary and Joseph. This is another 'epiphany' celebration insofar as the Christ Child is revealed as the Messiah through the canticle and words of Simeon and the testimony of Anna the prophetess. Christ is the light of the nations, hence the blessing and procession of candles on this day. In the Middle Ages this feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, or 'Candlemas,' was of great importance.

Christ himself says, 'I am the light of the world'. And we are the light, we ourselves, if we receive it from him.... But how do we receive it, how do we make it shine? The candle tells us: by burning, and being consumed in the burning. A spark of fire, a ray of love, an inevitable immolation are celebrated over that pure, straight candle, as, pouring forth its gift of light, it exhausts itself in silent sacrifice.
(*Pope Paul VI*)

Votive lamps

This week, at Holy Name, the votive lamps burning either side of the Blessed Sacrament are for the **intentions of the Leyland family and Billy Moran.**

This week, at Our Lady & St Philomena, the votive lamp burning before the relic of St Philomena is for the **intentions of Joe Stone.**

Mass times in our family of parishes

Holy Name

Saturday 6 pm and Sunday 11 am

Our Lady & St Philomena

Sunday 9.30 am

Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 4.30 pm and Sunday 10 am

Archdiocese of Liverpool
Parishes of Holy Name and
Our Lady & Saint Philomena

Clergy:

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Serving the Churches of:

Holy Name, Moss Pits Lane, L10 9LG

Our Lady & Saint Philomena, Sparrow Hall
Road, L9 6BU

Parish office at Holy Name: Open Monday,
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9.00 am
to 12.30 pm, and 1.30 pm to 5.00 pm.

Baptisms: By prior arrangement.

Confessions: Holy Name on Saturday from
5.30 pm, Our Lady & St Philomena on
Wednesday from 6.30 pm or by request.

Funerals and Marriages: By arrangement.

Rosary: Before each weekday Mass.

Novena: After Wednesday evening Mass at
Our Lady & St Philomena.

Exposition: Holy Name, Thursday at 9.15 am

Visits to sick and housebound: Please
contact the parish office.

Hospital visits: If you wish to see a priest,
please let the hospital staff know.

Mass requests: Please complete the pre-
printed envelopes and place in the Mass
intention box. Please also specify the reason
for the intention, i.e. lately dead, anniversary
etc. For a particular day, please request early.
To enable more Mass intentions to be said in
the parish and not sent away, the Mass may
be shared unless you request otherwise.

Newsletter notices: Please e-mail to
holyname@rcaol.org.uk or hand in to the
Parish Office by Thursday morning.

Repository: Open before and after Mass.



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Readings at Mass

Scan the QR code for the Mass readings.

1st reading: Malachi 3:1-4

2nd reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40



Psalm response

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

Thank you

Your offerings this week total £1,012.84

Fr Patsy

This weekend, we welcome Fr Patsy to
Mass on Saturday at Holy Name. This
provides us with an opportunity to thank Fr
Patsy for his services to our parishes and to
pray for his continued good health.

Baptism preparation meeting

The next baptism preparation meeting is
Saturday 1 February at 11 am at Holy Name
Church.

First Communion

For children in year 4 or above who want
to make their First Communion next year,
the meetings restart on Wednesday 12
February at 6 pm in the Russell Room at
Our Lady & St Philomena.

The meeting is for children and parents,
grandparents or carers.

Children who attend Holy Name or St
Philomena Catholic Primary Schools do not
need to attend – preparation takes place in
the school.

Sacrament of confirmation

If you would like to receive the sacrament
of confirmation, register at the Liverpool
Archdiocesan confirmation website
<https://liverpoolcalled.co.uk>. Registration is
open until to 17 March.

Retreats

For details on retreats, courses and
resources available at the Christian Heritage
Centre at Stonyhurst, Clitheroe visit
<https://christianheritagecentre.com>

Pope's intention - February

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

Marriage preparation course

St Teresa's are holding four special sessions to prepare couples for their big day. The dates for the sessions are Wednesday 5, 12, 19 and 26 March from 7.15 pm to 9 pm. This is available to all couples in the deanery who are preparing for marriage in 2025. Donation £50. Meetings are held at St Teresa's parish social centre, Utting Avenue East, Liverpool, L11

For further information and to register, please contact Annie on 0151 226 1354 or email st.teresasng@rcaol.org.uk

The Men of St Joseph

A chapter of the National Organisation 'The Men of St Joseph' is launching in Liverpool and is looking for members. They aim to engage men across the archdiocese in prayer, study and fellowship in the image of St Joseph. They meet each Wednesday, the first meeting is on Wednesday 5 February at St. Helen's Church, Crosby, L23 7TQ. To learn more <https://mosj.co.uk>

BBC Sunday Worship

Mass for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on 2 February is broadcast at 8.10 am on BBC R4 Sunday Worship from Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m002711t>

Catholic Pic

The February edition of the Catholic Pic is on the parish website and Facebook page. Printed copies have not arrived.

Numbers galore

Numbers are 29 and 32. Double rollover.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Fr Seán Riley on his appointment as Canon.

Mass time

Please note, on Friday 7 February there is no 10 am Mass at St Philomena.

Mass for Jack Traynor

A Mass celebrating the declaration that the cure of John (Jack) Traynor in Lourdes in 1923 was miraculous is on 18 February at 7 pm at the Cathedral. A drinks reception follows in the Cathedral Crypt. If you would like to attend, please fill in the form

<https://forms.office.com/e/U9Vg0WK4pW>

The archdiocese is looking at sending free coaches from each deanery. If interested, please note this on the form. If you are unable to access the form, sign-up sheets are available in church. Names will be collated and a 'block bookings' for each church made online. **Please add your name to the sign-up sheets by Sunday 31 January.**

Flame 2025

Flame is the largest Catholic Youth Event in the country and takes place at Wembley arena on Saturday 15 March. More details at <https://cymfed.org.uk/flame/>

A coach will leave from Lowe House and return on the same day. Tickets and travel £60. Application forms and more information at admin@animateyouth.co.uk

Vocations weekend

A vocations weekend for women on the theme 'Discerning God's call in your life' from 21 to 23 February in Liverpool. You can stay for the weekend or just Saturday.

For more information contact Sr Lynne fcJ at fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com or go to <https://fcjsisters.org>

Recruitment

The archdiocese is recruiting a parish administrator and cleaner. To apply <https://liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/careers>

Day	Time	Church	Intention
Feast of the Presentation of the Lord			
Saturday 1st	5.30 pm	<i>Holy Name</i>	<i>Confessions until 5.50 pm</i>
	6.00 pm	Holy Name	Fr Patsy, thanksgiving and good health
Sunday 2nd	9.30 am	St Philomena	Shelagh Grundy, birthday intentions
	9.30 am	Hospital	Margaret Brabin
	11.00 am	Holy Name	People of our Parishes Frances, lately dead
Monday 3rd			No service
Tuesday 4th	10.00 am	Holy Name	Brian Boden, lately dead Rita Ready, lately dead
Wednesday 5th	10.00 am	Holy Name	Rita Kevin, lately dead Mary Garry, lately dead
	6.30 pm	<i>St Philomena</i>	<i>Confessions until 6.50 pm</i>
	7.00 pm	St Philomena	Ann and Tommy Kennady, intentions Frances Barton, RIP <i>Novena after Mass</i>
Thursday 6th	9.15 am	Holy Name	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	10.00 am	Holy Name	Philip Joseph Ellis, RIP Veronica Parker, RIP
Friday 7th	12 noon	St Philomena	Requiem Mass: Kathleen Clarke, RIP
Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time			
Saturday 8th	5.30 pm	<i>Holy Name</i>	<i>Confessions until 5.50 pm</i>
	6.00 pm	Holy Name	People of our Parishes Sheila and Dave Maher, 50 th wedding anniversary
Sunday 9th	9.30 am	St Philomena	Margaret Brabin, RIP Kathleen Clarke, lately dead
	9.30 am	Hospital	Bob Banks, lately dead
	11.00 am	Holy Name	Reginald Lacey, lately dead Maureen Amos, RIP
<p>We remember in our prayers those who have died recently Francis Melia, Linda Terese Brennan, Kathleen Clarke, Patricia 'Pat' Breen Carmel Louise Ventre, Fred Spike. May they rest in peace</p>			

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