



Newsletter

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
Sunday 2nd February 2025

MUSIC FOR ORDINARY TIME

Children's Liturgy Dismissal Song:

- Share the light of Jesus.
- Share the light that shows the way.
- Share the light of Jesus.
- Share God's spirit today.
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Lourdes Gloria

- Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo (x2)
- Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of good will.
- We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
- Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo (x2)
- Lord Jesus Christ, only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.
- Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo (x2)
- For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father, Amen.
- Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo (x2)

Gospel Acclamation:

- Jesus Christ, you are my life, alleluia, alleluia.
- Jesus Christ, you are my life, you are my life, alleluia.

Mass Setting:

- Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
- Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
- Hosanna in the highest.
- Hosanna in the highest.
- Hosanna in the highest.
- Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
- Hosanna in the highest.
- Hosanna in the highest.
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Mass of the Holy Trinity

- Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world.
- Have mercy on us.
- Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world.
- Have mercy on us.
- Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world.
- Grant us peace.

What is Candlemas?

Candlemas is a celebration to commemorate the purification of the Virgin Mary, after childbirth, according to Jewish law and the presentation of Christ in the Temple. Candles were traditionally blessed at this festival hence its name, Candlemas.

When is Candlemas and how is it observed?

Candlemas is observed on February 2nd each year. Rarely are we able to celebrate this as whole community. In many Eastern European countries, the Feast of the Presentation officially closes the celebration of Christmas. For this reason, St John Paul II began the custom of keeping the Nativity scene in St Peter's Square, Vatican City, until February 2nd.

The origins of Candlemas:

According to the Book of Leviticus (12:1-4), the Mosaic Law stated that a mother, like Mary, who gave birth to a male child was considered unclean for seven days and was to spend an additional 33 days "in the blood of her purification", for example, outside the temple. The mother was instructed to "bring to the temple a lamb for a holocaust and a young pigeon or turtle dove for sin" when the time 40 was up. The priest then prayed for her. Mary followed this command of the law 40 days after the birth of Christ. In the presence of Anna the prophetess, she redeemed her first-born from the temple and was made pure by Simeon the just's prayer.

When did Candlemas processions begin?

Egeria, a fourth-century pilgrim to Jerusalem, was the first to describe the celebration. A solemn procession and Mass would commemorate the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple. Over the following centuries, the celebration spread to other churches.

What does it mean for us today?

The feast, as the procession highlights, features two themes: light, Jesus is the light to all the nations. At a time when there is much darkness around us in our world, we need this feast. It also celebrates the encounter between the Lord and his Church. How do I enter God's Temple to worship?

Praying at home

Canticle of Simeon, Nunc Dimittis, is said at the Church's Night Prayer or Compline. Why not pray this pray as you go to bed?

*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.*

Be thankful-Looking forward: Thank you for your amazing response last week. We are sharing what you are thankful for. God has been blessing us in an amazingly way personally and also as a church family. In the prayers of thanksgiving, you will discover how God is actively at work in all our lives. It is good to pause, to have a sense of gratitude and like Simeon in the Temple to see with our own eyes the salvation of God each day.

NOTICES

Line Dancing Classes: SCCYP (former St Cyril's Church) Southbrook Rd, L27 1YW. Tuesdays 10.30-11.30am Free of charge.

Relaxed Yoga: SCCYP (former St Cyril's Church) Southbrook Rd, L27 1YW. Fridays during term time 10.30-11.30am. Please feel free to bring a mat or pillow. All welcome, no need to book.

Directories: The Archdiocesan Directories have arrived, £4 in the Piety Shop. With up to date information of Masses and churches in the diocese and much more.


Eucharistic Ministry Training Day: Saturday 15th March. It is always good to encourage more people to serve as Ministers of the Eucharist to assist at Mass. Your commitment would be once a month. For so many people this deepens faith, gives an increased love of the Eucharist and can be an opportunity to serve those who cannot come to Mass. Please speak to Fr Stephen if you feel you could take up this invitation this year.

Mass of celebration of the miraculous cure of Jack Traynor: Mass Tuesday 18th February at 7pm at the Cathedral followed by a drink reception. Archbishop McMahon invites you to this historic occasion for the Archdiocese of Liverpool.

Share the Love: Social Night and Lourdes Youth Fundraiser. Saturday 15th February, Our Lady's Club, Tickets £10 each. Bar, food, entertainment, music and much more. Our parish is all about sharing love and in Lourdes young people share their love of others in a unique way. All are welcome to this social night. Tickets are available after all Masses and on-line at <https://bit.ly/3POD4Dr>. You can also visit the 'What's On' section of our website ourladygateacre.org.uk for a link.

Marriage and Family Life Mass - Sunday 9th February: Archbishop Malcolm will celebrate the Marriage and Family Life Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral on Sunday 9th February at 11.00am. The Mass will include the renewal of marriage vows and a special blessing for those married in a Jubilee year. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Gibberd Room. For those couples who are celebrating a significant wedding anniversary, please register online for a certificate through this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/LLbcUJpL85?origin=lpLink> For more information, please contact Moses at: m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

How to give support to God's Mission through the Parish
On-Line: Scan the QR
Text:
 Text OLA to 70450 to donate £3.
 Text OLA to 70460 to donate £5.
 Text OLA to 70470 to donate £10.
Standing Order:
 Forms at the back of church and on website.



Weekly Collections
26th January 2025
 Envelopes & Cash: £527.30
 S/O online: £908.00
TOTAL: £1435.30
THANK YOU!

Sacrament of Confirmation: For those parents of children in year 8 registration is now open until 17th March. Register at liverpoolcalled.co.uk The sacrament will be celebrated in summer.

Parish Liturgy and Activities for the Week

Date / Time	Intention	Parish Events
Saturday 1st February 12:00noon	The Holy Souls and all who Mourn	10:00am: Choir Practice (in Church) 10:00am: Leadership Team Meeting 11:30am-11:55am: Confessions & Exposition 12:30pm: Tea/Coffee after Mass (Romero Room)
The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord 5:00pm	Sr Florence & Mary Nolan Thanksgiving	
Sunday 2nd February 9:30am 11:00am	People of the Parish Dermot Hurley	12:00noon: Tea/Coffee after Mass (Romero Room)
Monday 3rd February		12:00noon: Mass at Bishop Eton 12:00noon: Over 50's Club (OLA Club) 2:30pm: Legion of Mary (Romero Room)
Tuesday 4th February 12:00noon	Rosemary Gower RIP 1st Anniversary	6:00pm: Baptism Preparation Session (Romero Room)
Wednesday 5th February 9:30am	Patrick Melia	4:30pm: SVP Meeting (Romero Room) 7:00pm: Lourdes Social & Fundraising Meeting (Romero Room)
Thursday 6th February 9:30am	Funeral Mass for John Hart	7:30pm: AA Meeting (Romero Room)
Friday 7th February 12:00noon	Funeral Mass for Julie Lewis	
Saturday 8th February Mass 12:00noon	Tony Kirwin RIP	11:30am-11:55am: Confessions & Exposition
5th Week in Ordinary time 5:00pm	Thanksgiving for safe delivery	
Sunday 9th February 9:30am 11:00am	People of the Parish Mary Nolan	12:00noon: Tea/Coffee after Mass (Romero Room)
<i>We pray for all those enrolled in the Mass Guild: James Carter</i>		
<i>Monday: Calderwood Park Tuesday: Caldway Drive Wednesday: Capstick Crescent Thursday: Chainhurst Close Friday: Chester Park Saturday: Christ Church Centre</i>		

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