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The Presentation of the Lord

2nd February 2020

Year A

Psalter Week 4

**“The Lord you are seeking will suddenly
enter his Temple”**
from the first reading

We can see in the solemnity of the Presentation of the Lord another ‘epiphany’ moment; another moment of ‘showing’ Christ the world. We witnessed this epiphany moment at His birth, with the visit of the Magi, as well as His baptism in the River Jordan. Today’s feast celebrates the moment of Our Blessed Lord’s presentation in the Temple, as prescribed by the Law. In this solemnity, we find ourselves looking back to the Nativity of the Lord at Christmas. One commentator noted:

“In obedience to the Old Law, the Lord Jesus, the first-born, was presented in the Temple by his Blessed Mother and his foster father. 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.”

This is the reason for keeping the nativity scene up at the Cathedral for so long. Its presence has been the source of great grace and blessing for us. Even though the nativity scene will be taken down this week, we are reminded that, as we continue to ponder upon the miracle of Christmas, we continue to make our own spiritual journeys. As Pope Francis said, we are “*drawn by the humility of the God who became man in order to encounter every man and woman. We come to realise that so great is his love for us that he became one of us, so that we in turn might become one with him*”.

CTS

Sunday Missal

The text of the Mass is available to follow in the front of the CTS books, available at the back of the Cathedral.

The Order Of Mass begins on p. 11. In particular:

The ‘**I confess**’ can be found on p. 13.

The ‘**Glory to God**’ can be found on p. 25.

The **Nicene-Constantinople Creed** can be found on p. 35.

The **readings** for this weekend’s Mass can be found on p. 238.

SERVICES DURING THE WEEK

Saturday	4:30pm 5:30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 5:15pm</i> Sung Mass: the Cathedral Community
Sunday <i>Presentation of the Lord</i>	11:00am 4:30pm 5:30pm	Solemn Mass: Holy Souls <i>Teas and Coffees will be served on the <u>Mezzanine floor</u> of <u>the Cornerstone</u> after the celebration of Mass</i> Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction Quiet Mass: Halbot and Haines Families
Monday <i>St. Blaise</i>	12:00pm 12:30pm 12:45pm 6:00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 12:25pm</i> Midday Prayer Mass: Val & Edie McCarthy, <i>RIP</i> Mass: Holy Souls
Tuesday	12:00pm 12:30pm 12:45pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 12:25pm</i> Midday Prayer Mass: Christine Wheatley, <i>RIP</i>
Wednesday <i>St. Agatha</i>	12:30pm 12:45pm	Midday Prayer Mass: Outpouring of the Holy Spirit
Thursday <i>Ss. Paul Miki & Companions</i>	12:00pm 12:30pm 12:45pm 6:00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 12:25pm</i> Midday Prayer Mass: Holy Souls Mass: Theresa & Michael Collins, <i>RIP</i>
Friday	12:00pm 12:30pm 12:45pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 12:25pm</i> Midday Prayer Mass: Intentions of the Holy Father <i>followed by Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.</i>
Saturday <i>Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	10:00am 10:30pm 4:15pm	Mass: Holy Souls <i>followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 4:15pm</i> Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 12:00pm</i> Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday	4:30pm 5:30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 5:15pm</i> Sung Mass: Joan Sweeney, <i>RIP</i>
Sunday <i>5th in Ordinary Time</i>	11:00am 4:30pm 5:30pm	Solemn Mass: Bro. Michael Strode, <i>RIP</i> Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction Quiet Mass: the Cathedral Community

INFORMATION

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Sacred Heart Sanctuary Lamp

This week, we remember in our prayers **Canon Matthew Jones**, Parish Priest of St. Bridget, St. Paul's & Christ the King, Cardiff.

There is a prayer for our priests at the Sacred Heart shrine.

Stewardship and Formation

Teas and Coffees continues *after the 11:00am Mass* on the Mezzanine floor of the Cornerstone, opposite the Cathedral. All are welcome. If parents/guardians are taking children over to the Cornerstone, it is your

responsibility for the supervision of your children.

12 Faces of Hope - The City United Reformed Church at Windsor Place, will be hosting *12 Faces of Hope*, a travelling exhibition by The World Council of Churches. The exhibition shows 12 stories from people on both sides of the Palestinian – Israeli crisis and shares their hopes for justice and peace in the Holy Land. The exhibition runs from 8th February through to 16th February. More information can be found on the website at <https://www.oikoumene.org/en/what-we-do/12-faces-of-hope>.

Prayer & Worship

Of your charity - Please pray for the repose of the souls of Christopher Mottram and Catherine Neil who have died recently. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Year of the Word - *'God has given us the gift of the Bible. We want to see more people reading it, more people understanding it and more people changed by it'* - The Bible Society

Monday is the memorial of St. Blaise - He is invoked for all throat allocations, and on his feast two candles are blessed. After the Masses on Monday, the blessing of throats will take place, praying that God will free us from all afflictions and every evil. Let us seek his intercession this week.

First Friday Devotions in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

According to the popes of the last century, there is no devotion more important than devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Our Lord said to St. Margaret Mary:

“I promise you, in the excessive mercy of my Heart that my all powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the first Friday for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance; they shall not die in my disgrace nor without receiving the sacraments; my divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in that last moment.”

Devotions to the Sacred Heart take place this Friday (the first Friday) after Mass, beginning with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and will continue until 3:00pm.

Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction - The Liturgy of the Hours continues to be celebrated at different times in the Cathedral throughout the week. Please see the liturgy schedule.

Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes - On Tuesday, 11th February there will be a special Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes, beginning at 6:00pm in the Cathedral, and concluding with a candlelit procession around the Cathedral, and the dedication of our diocese into her maternal care.

Cathedral Council Meeting - There will be a Cathedral Council meeting

coming up soon. The date will be made available in the coming weeks.

St. David's Day - To celebrate our patronal feast, **Monday, 2nd March**, I am privileged to be able to be able to welcome the staff and students of St. David's College to the Cathedral, with whom we share this wonderful solemnity, who will lead the music and the liturgy at Mass.

Pilgrimage to Penrhys - takes place on **Saturday, 23rd May 2020**. If you are interested in attending, please telephone or email me at Clergy House.

Social & Fundraising

Sunday Lunch at the Cornerstone - After the success of the Sunday lunch last November, I have booked another parish Sunday lunch - a pre-lenten celebration - to take place on Sunday, **16th February 2020** from **1:00pm**, after the coffee morning. If you would like to reserve your place at the Sunday lunch, please contact the Cornerstone directly, either by telephone on (029) 20 49 44 25, or email the office at cornerstone@spiros.co.uk. The lunch is priced at £14.95 per person.

St. Patrick's Day - To celebrate the feast day of St. Patrick, an evening celebration of food and entertainment has been planned at the Cornerstone. Ticket prices are £25 per person. If you would like to book a ticket, please ring Margaret Hazel at Archbishop's House on (029) 20 220 411 before Friday, 13th March.