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## **The Presentation of the Lord**

**2 February 2025**

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Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, especially: Karen Andrew, Martin Tasker, Terry George, Mary Cooper, Mary Broomhead, Sonia Prince, Jade Goodinson, Alan Charlesworth, Harley Bond, Pauline Sheppard, Jackie Whelan, Ann Parkinson, Lol Hodges, Joyce McGowan, Heidi Howson, Audrey Rodgers, Sylvia Hayden, Janette Taylor, Reece Wilson, Liz Moran, Elizabeth Dodson, Eunice Mannion, Sue & Frank Rodgers, Andy Mitchell, Marie Montgomery, Rita & Vin Todd, Georgina Shirt, Maria Tarnowski, Susan De Couto, Jacqueline Wagland, Sr. Teresa Paschal, Tom Bryant. *If you would like anyone included on this list, and the individual concerned or a family member has consented to it, simply write the person's name down and hand it in. Thank you.*

<i>Mass Intentions</i>	
<b>Sunday 2 February</b> <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>	<b>8.45am</b> For the People  <b>10.00am</b> Mariamma Scaria
<b>Monday 3 February</b> <i>St Blaise</i>	<b>9.00am</b> Marie Connelly <i>followed by the Blessing of Throats</i>
<b>Tuesday 4 February</b> <i>St Gilbert of Sempringham</i>	<b>10.00am</b> Carol Holt
<b>Wednesday 5 February</b> <i>St Agatha</i>	November Memorial Dead List
<b>Thursday 6 February</b> <i>St Paul Miki &amp; Companions</i>	<b>9.00am</b> Intentions of Paddy Clarke
<b>Friday 7 February</b> <i>Ordinary Time feria</i>	<b>9.00 – 9.55am Exposition</b>  <b>10.00am</b> Intentions of Ann Burgin
<b>Saturday 8 February</b> <i>Ordinary Time feria</i> <i>Vigil Mass of Sunday</i>	<b>4.00 – 4.30pm Confessions</b>  <b>5.00pm</b> Roy Vardy
<b>Sunday 9 February</b> <i>Fifth Sunday</i> <i>in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>8.45am</b> For the People  <b>10.00am</b> Angela Lewis & Paulette Hutchinson

**Last week's collection was £694.70** (£360.50 in offertory envelopes and £334.20 in loose). Many thanks for your continuing support.

**Please pray for Fr Michael O'Connor *RIP*,  
for all who have died recently &  
for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.**

The **Piety Stall** has a selection of suitable items for Lent and, looking ahead, also cards, etc., in anticipation of Easter.

## **The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick**

The feast of Our Lady of Lourdes on Tuesday, 11 February, is also the occasion of the annual World Day of Prayer for the Sick. This is an observation that was introduced by Pope St John Paul II as a way for believers to offer their prayers for those suffering from illnesses. As we established a couple of years ago, this means that I will offer the **Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick at the conclusion of the 5.00pm Mass next Saturday, 8 February, and at the end of the Sunday morning Masses, 9 February.**

### ***Dates for your diary:***

**Ash Wednesday, 5 March, a *Day of Fasting & Abstinence*:** our annual observance of Lent begins with Masses and the distribution of Ashes at 10.00am - with St Joseph's School - and 7.00pm.

**Saturday, 8 March, A Lenten Recollection:** with a Talk, *Keep Lent and Carry On*, at 10.00am, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 10.30-ish with Confessions available, Benediction at 11.20am and concluding with Mass at 11.30am.

**Sunday, 13 April, Palm Sunday, Holy Week begins.**

**Sunday, 20 April, Easter Sunday.**

**Volunteer Welcomers needed for Padley Chapel:** The Historic Padley Chapel near Grindleford is a Designated Pilgrim Place in the Diocese of Hallam for the 2025 Jubilee Year. Therefore, more people are needed to help with the Chapel opening on Sunday afternoons and the occasional weekday during the "Pilgrim Year of Hope". You will be part of a team of 2, 3 or 4 volunteers and will be given full guidance and support. Please email: [friendsofpadley@hallam-diocese.com](mailto:friendsofpadley@hallam-diocese.com) or ring Sheila on 07855 039711 for more information.

**Community of Our Lady of Walsingham - House Appeal:** 'In honour of the Presentation of the Lord on 2 February - the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life - could you help a new, growing, religious community? The Community of Our Lady of Walsingham seeks assistance to establish a mission house in Walsingham where they can expand their work of spiritual accompaniment, hospitality and supporting young people to grow in faith. The community will pray for all benefactors and are grateful for donations of any amount which can be made at our website at: [www.walsinghamcommunity.org/maryshouseappeal](http://www.walsinghamcommunity.org/maryshouseappeal)  
Thank you and may God bless you!'

**Free Wellbeing Course for Men:** In Person at St Gerard's Church Parish Room,, Thrybergh, Rotherham. Starting, 4 March, Tuesdays, at 6.30 - 7.30pm. Join the group to explore:

Emotional Self-care – Emotional self-care allows us to take to take time for the benefit of our health and well-being.

Thinking about putting your own needs first - building your resilience.

Being more assertive and setting boundaries – so that you can communicate better and more effectively at home and work.

Stress and relaxation techniques – learning new skills for a more relaxed you. Build resilience and recover from trauma – To move forward in our life. Come and join us for these relaxed, friendly and supportive sessions!

For more information and to book in please contact Janet Kent on 07927 657462 or email [jkent@hallam-diocese.com](mailto:jkent@hallam-diocese.com)

### **Prayers for the Presentation of the Lord**

My saving Lord, your loving parents offered you to your Father in the Temple in accordance with the Law you revealed to Moses. In that offering, our souls are purified, and we are offered to Your Father with You. I thank you for the gift of salvation and pray that my soul will always radiate your light as you dwell within me. Jesus, I trust in you.

O Glorious Virgin, ever blest,  
Sublime above the starry sky,  
Who nurture from thy spotless breast  
To thy Creator didst supply.

What we had lost through hapless Eve,  
The Blossom sprung from these restores,  
And, granting bliss to souls that grieve,  
Unbars the everlasting doors.

O Gate, through which hath passed the King.  
O Hall, whence Light shone through the gloom;  
The ransomed nations praise and sing  
Life given from the Virgin womb.

All honour, laud, and glory be,  
O Jesu, Virgin-born, to Thee;  
All glory, as is ever meet,  
To Father and to Paraclete.

*Hymn: O Gloriosa Virginum*