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FEAST OF
THE PRESENTATION OF
THE LORD
1ST FEBRUARY 2025 TO
9TH FEBRUARY 2025

Welcome to this House
of God:
Talk to God before Mass
Listen to God during Mass
Talk to others after Mass

Today's
Mass Readings
Malachi 3:1-4;
Ps 23;
Hebrews 2:14-18;
Luke 2:22-40

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and National and Archdiocesan policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Contact is Fr. Jibu Mathew. He can be contacted at fr.jibu.mathew@rcaob.org.uk. Alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple. By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the old, pious, Spirit-filled Simeon and the very old prayerful, fasting widow, Anna, both of whom who had been waiting for the revelation of God's salvation, were present in the Temple the day Joseph and Mary brought Jesus to Present Him to the Father. Simeon recognized Jesus as the Lord's Anointed One, and in his prayer of blessing, he prophesied that Jesus was meant to be the glory of Israel and a Light of revelation to the Gentiles. This feast is also known as the Feast of the Encounter. Jesus goes to meet his people. Thus, this is the encounter between Jesus and his people, when Mary and Joseph brought their child to the Temple in Jerusalem; the first encounter between Jesus and his people, represented by Simeon and Anna took place. It was also the first encounter within the history of the people, a meeting between the young and the old: the young were Mary and Joseph with their infant son and the old were Simeon and Anna, two people who often went to the Temple. **Every Holy Mass in which we participate is our presentation.** Although we were officially presented to God on the day of our Baptism, we present ourselves and our dear ones on the altar before God our Father through our Savior Jesus Christ at every Holy Mass. Hence, we need to live our daily lives with the awareness, both that we are dedicated people consecrated to God, and that we are obliged to lead holy lives. Let us also remember and pray for our parents and godparents who presented us to the Lord on the day of our Baptism.

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PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Annette Keates, Arthur Lynch, Anis Kazmie, Brendan Grogan, Claire Harbutt, Carmen Mulholland, Enid King, Joyce Finch, June Pountney, Henry Miller, Maureen Hurley, Mary Harding, Katie Breen, Teresa Goddard, Bridget Green, Haydee Stanton, Linda Lowe, Jackie Tammam, Janet Chamberlain, Theresa Hayward, Rudolf and Irene Sampays, Grace Sharron, Bridget Whitfield and Patricia Lacey.

RECENTLY DEAD AND ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember all those who have died recently, especially **Sister Hanora, Catherine Brennan, Anthony John Woodhouse**. We also remember David Waldron, Johanna Phillips, Linda Bradley, Blanche Kirby, Maureen Dodd, John Hemmings, Kenneth Leven, Eamon Byrne, David Cvatis, Thomas Twoliet, Mary Breen, Catherine Lamb, Joe Kett, Mary Welford, Mary Nugent, Ernest Stretton, Norman Smallwood, Annie Chambers, Herbert Boon, Joseph McNamara and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Funeral service for Sister Hanora (Marist Sister) is on Tuesday 4th February 2025 in Kent. She was here in Marist Convent, Great Barr many years ago. She died on January 16th 2025.

Requiem Mass for Catherine Brennan is on Tuesday 4th February 2025 at Holy Name of Jesus Church at 9:30 am followed by burial at Rectory Road Cemetery at 11:30 am.

Funeral service for Anthony John (Tony) Woodhouse is on Friday 7th February 2025 at Holy Name of Jesus Church at 2:30 pm followed by Cremation at Streetly Crematorium. Reception into the Church is at 12:30 pm.

PIETY STALL

Confirmation date for Holy Name School is on Wednesday 5th February 2025. Cards and gifts are available from the Piety Stall.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE - SATURDAY 24 - FRIDAY 30 MAY

Booking is now OPEN for the Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes with the Archdiocese of Birmingham. More details are available in the Diocesan website.

To find out more about how your parish, family or school can celebrate the Jubilee Year in our Archdiocese, and how you can participate in events nationally and internationally, visit our Diocesan website:

www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jubilee-year (<http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jubilee-year>)



JUBILEE YEAR 2025
"Pilgrims of Hope"



To find out more, visit: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jubilee-year or scan:

This Week Saturday 1st February – Sunday 9th February (Psalter Week 4)	Holy Mass Intentions	Devotions & Other Events
Saturday 1st February Feria in Ordinary Time	12:30pm Ints Susan Grantham & Keates Family	12:00pm Confession
Sunday 2nd February FEAST OF THE PRESENTA- TION OF THE LORD RETIRING COLLECTION FOR BUILDING FUND	8:30am RIP Mary Spratt 10:30am RIP Arabella Vallance	Coffee & Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass by Holy Name Choir 12.00pm Baptism
Monday 3rd February Feria in Ordinary Time	11:30pm RIP Sr Hanora	11:00am Divine Mercy
Tuesday 4th February Feria in Ordinary Time	9:30am Requiem Mass for Catherine Brennan	
Wednesday 5th February Memorial of St Agatha, Virgin, Martyr	11:30am RIP Sinead Sullivan 7:00pm Holy Mass and the Sacrament of Confirmation	11:00am Rosary
Thursday 6th February Memorial of St Paul Miki, and Companions, Martyr	9:00am Mass in St Mark School 9:15am RIP Tom Corrigan	
Friday 7th February Feria in Ordinary Time	11:30am RIP Kitty Freeman 2:30pm Funeral Service for Anthony John Woodhouse	11:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12:30pm Reception into the Church for Anthony John Woodhouse
Saturday 8th February Feria in Ordinary Time	12:30pm RIP Joe McNamara	12:00pm Confession
Sunday 9th February FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME RETIRING COLLECTION FOR CHURCH MAINTENANCE	8:30am Tom and Pat Brennan 10:30am Kathleen McDermott	Coffee & Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass by SVP 12.00pm Baptism

**Last Week's
Offertory
Collection:
£479.44**

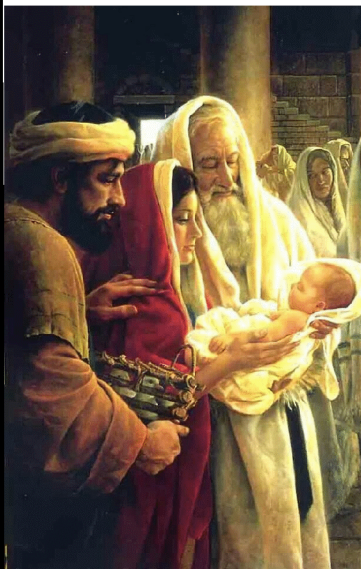
**Gift Aid Envelopes:
£151.00**

**Parish
Levies:
£185.85**

**Standing Order for
the month of
August: £1,680.00**

**Mass Attendance
Last Sunday: 261**

**Thank you for
supporting our
Parish.**



**Next Sunday's
Mass Readings:**

Isaiah 6:1-8;

Ps 137;

1 Corinthians

15:1-11;

Luke 5:1-11

ST JOHN BOSCO FEAST

Holy Name of Jesus parish appreciates St John Bosco Academy for the celebration of St John Bosco Feast in the Parish on January 31st 2025. It really encourages our parishioners. Thank you to St Mark's School for the opportunity.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Our parish pastoral council meeting was conducted on 23rd January 2025 at 6.00pm in our Parish Office. Jubilee Year Plan and Annual plan for our Parish are decided in the meeting.

Jubilee Year plan for the parish

- a. Parish Pilgrimage
- b. May Procession
- c. Parish Mission by Fr Royston (4th-10th October)

Yearly Plan - Diary dates 2025

- a. Confirmation (Holy Name school 5th Feb; St Marks 22nd May.)
- b. First Communion (Holy Name School 17th May; St Marks 22nd June.)
- c. Multi-Cultural evening: Saturday 7th June 2025
- d. Multi-Cultural Mass: Sunday 8th June 2025
- e. Birmingham Male Voice Choir Concert: Saturday 21st June
- f. Summer Fayre: Saturday 12th July 2025
- g. Christmas Fayre: Saturday 15th November 2025
- h. Senior Citizens Party: Saturday 6th December 2025
- i. Parish Feast Day: Sunday 4th January 2026

THANKSGIVING MASS FOR MARRIAGE - REGISTER NOW

The annual Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate love and commitment. Are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2025? Are you engaged to be married this year? Or would you simply like to give thanks to God for your marriage, and ask for His ongoing blessings? If so, you are invited to attend this year's Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage to be held on **Saturday 3 May**, 12noon, at St Chad's Cathedral celebrated by Bishop Richard Walker. Registration for this event is now open. **The deadline for booking is Sunday 13 April.**

SUPPORT CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY IN PRISONS

This Jubilee Year, as you journey as a Pilgrim of Hope, please consider an involvement in prison chaplaincy. Deacon Peter Tibke, the Archbishop's Advisor on Prison Chaplaincy, is inviting people to support this area of work in the Archdiocese - which has 13 prisons across the patch. The Chaplaincy is open to both clergy and lay people. If you might be interested, please email Deacon Peter Tibke on dcn.peter.tibke@rcaob.org.uk.