

February 2025	Time	MASS INTENTIONS	FEAST DAY
SAT 1st	6.00pm	Gerald Brown+	The Presentation of the Lord
SUN 2nd	8.30am	Parishioners	
	10.30am	Thanksgiving - Special Intention	
Mon 3rd	10.00am	Brenda Williams+	St Blaise
Tues 4th	10.00am	Elsa Casas Quispe+	
Wed 5th		NO MASS	
Thurs 6th	11.00am	Funeral Service— Gerald Francis Brown	
Fri 7th	6.30pm	Confirmations with Bishop Peter	
SAT 8th	6.00pm	Catherine Doyle+	5th Sunday of Ordinary Time
SUN 9th	8.30am	Parishioners	
	10.30am	George Thachil+	

READERS FOR WEEK 1st/2nd February 2025

Saturday 6.00pm Christine Burton
 Sunday 8.30am Felicity Larkin
 Sunday 10.30am Richard Hansen

8th/9th February 2025

Saturday 6.00pm Mary Jones
 Sunday 8.30am Amelie Olugbode
 Sunday 10.30am Robin Brereton

CLEANING ROTA

More volunteers for cleaning are needed.
Week Beginning 3rd February 2025
 Group 5: A Morris/S Reece
Week Beginning 10th February 2025
 Group 6: Barnes Family

CONTACTLESS DONATIONS - SCAN TO DONATE

There is a DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE in church to use your contactless debit/credit card or smart phone device to make a donation. You can now also donate via the parish website or by using this QR code.




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REST IN PEACE

Please keep in your prayers all those that have died at this time, praying especially for members of our own community. We pray especially for Gerald Brown and Brenda Williams who died recently.. We also remember to pray for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. *“Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

REFRESHMENTS

Tea and Coffee will be served in the Church Hall after 10.30am 
Mass Please come along for a drink and a chat after Mass.

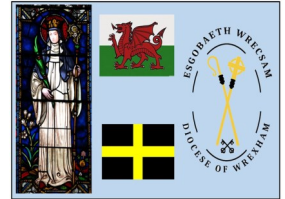
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 9.30am—4.00pm
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The Presentation of the Lord Cycle C Sunday 2nd February 2025



The Feast of the Presentation

A peasant girl, new mother, lost and tired,
 walks quietly in amidst the crowd, the noise.

Bears one small taper, with its tiny flame,
 unnoticed by the ones who gather close.

One breeze could end the light before it shines
 but husband hand, worn hard by hammer blow,
 Though rough, shields gently with a fost'ring love,
 and hopes to see this light develop, grow.

Two figures move from shadow to the light.
 One knows he now can lay his burden down.
 His waiting over, he has seen the hope
 which will repel the darkness, light the throne.

The other; ancient woman, full of prayer,
 whose decades wait has drawn her to this place;
 finds movement pulsing in her creaking limbs,
 her song renewed, this light floods worlds with grace.

By Fr Mark Skelton.

A priest of the Plymouth Diocese and a poet

First reading Malachi 3:1-4

Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his Temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the Lord. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Responsorial Psalm

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

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is this king of glory? The Lord, the mighty, the valiant; the Lord, the valiant in war.

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.

Second reading Hebrews 2:14-18

Since the children share in flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for

the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted

Gospel Acclamation Luke 2:32 Alleluia, alleluia.

A light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel. Alleluia.

Gospel Luke 2:22-40

'The child grew, filled with wisdom.' When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, 'Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord') and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves, or two young pigeons'.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the Temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, 'Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.' And his father and his mother marvelled at what was said about him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed — and a sword will pierce through your own soul also — so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.'

And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the Temple, worshipping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks

to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favour of God was upon him

DIOCESAN EVENTS

World Day for the Sick - Mass for the Sick

Saturday 8th February 2025 at 12noon Wrexham Cathedral

Annual Mass in Celebration of Marriage and Married Life

Saturday 15th February 2025, 12noon Wrexham Cathedral

Annual renewal of vows with Bishop Peter Special blessing for engaged couples due to be married in 2025 from Bishop Peter Buffet lunch afterwards

The Jubilee Year 2025

A Year of Hope: Introduction to the Jubilee Year

How can we respond to Pope Francis' call to be "tangible signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year? Find out by watching [this inspirational event](#) (find it and other Jubilee resources at cafod.org.uk/jubilee). Featuring Fr Jan Nowotnik, Director of Mission at the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, CAFOD Director Christine Allen and more. Discover how we can act in faith and in love as pilgrims of hope this Holy Year.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025

The dates for the Parish Day will be:-

Saturday 8th February 2025

From 10am—12 noon in the Church Hall.

All children must attend.

For those children not in St Mary's Primary School the next meeting will be on Sunday 16th February after 10.30am Mass

BAPTISM

This weekend we have two baptisms. First we welcome Louie Peter into our parish community and his parents Nerys & Liam Second we welcome Nathan into our parish community and his parents Katarzyna & Ryan. Please keep them and all their family in your prayers.

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

Sunday February 2nd, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, is the **World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life**. On this day the Church thanks God for the gift of the different forms of consecrated life and prays for an increase in vocations to the consecrated life, so that the life and witness of monks and nuns, religious brothers and sisters, will continue to enrich our Church.

CYTUN

There will be a Soup and Speaker lunch at St John's on Wednesday 5th February at 12 noon. The speaker will be a member of the 'Blood Bikers'.

THE CRAFT GROUP

meeting will be on Thursday 6th February and every second and fourth Thursday of the month afterwards. Everyone is welcome to bring along their own project or come along to learn a new craft!

YEAR BOOKS

The Diocesan Year Books are available at the back of Church to buy. The are priced at £4.95 each. The money can be placed in the Repository Box.

CONFIRMATION 2025

There is a rehearsal on **Tuesday 4th February in the Church from 5.00pm - 6.00pm.**