



St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield



The Presentation of the Lord – A 2nd February 2020

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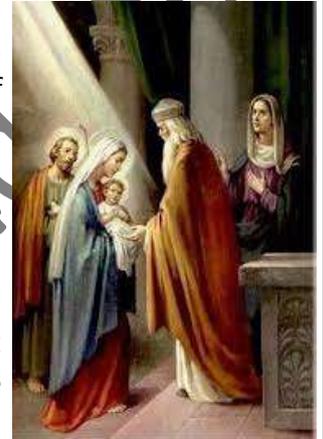
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Today we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord which is also known as Candlemas Day. If we count the number of days from Christmas day until the 2nd of February, today is the 40th day. In the book of Leviticus, a Jewish woman was required to live in isolation or seclusion for forty days after giving birth to a son. In the past, a similar tradition was observed in the Catholic church, which required women to be 'churched' within a specified period after giving birth. A practiced that was often misunderstood.

As devout Jews, Mary and Joseph knew this tradition and so they brought the infant Jesus, their first-born male son, to the temple on this day to be consecrated to the Lord and to offer a sacrifice as the ancient law of Moses had requested.

Simeon was a noble and devout figure in the community. He spent much of his time in prayer in the temple waiting for the one to come who would establish Israel's comforting as the prophet Isaiah had predicted. Furthermore, Simeon believed that he would not die until he had set his eyes on the 'Christ of the Lord'. The Holy Spirit prompted him to come to the temple and as soon as Mary and Joseph enter with Jesus, Simeon takes him into his arms and thanks God that the light of the world that had been foretold had now been revealed to all humanity.

As we leave mass on Candlemas, we are asked to carry his light into, our homes, our community, our world and help to enlighten the lives of those we love and meet.



Fr. Gerry Corcoran.

Prayer to St. Saint Brigid

You were a woman of peace.
You brought harmony where there was conflict.
You brought light to the darkness.
You brought hope to the downcast.
May the mantle of your peace
cover those who are troubled and anxious,
and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts
and in our world.
Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made.
Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the weary.
Strengthen what is weak within us.
Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.
May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body
and spirit. Amen



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

on which our faith is built, continues each week

Monday to Thursday
from **10:30am - 12noon**
and

Monday and Wednesday evenings
7pm – 8pm.



Jesus invites us to come before
him in prayer and adoration.

Please consider devoting ½ hour or 1 hour each
week to adoration and its prayer. You will find
a book on the table where you can indicate the
day and the time you can be present.

Mass Times

Saturday : 6 pm Vigil
Sundays : 10:30 am & 12:30 pm
Weekdays : Mon, Wed, Thu & Fri. 10 am
Service of the Word with Communion : Tuesday 10am

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You Shall Be My Witnesses

You Shall Be My Witnesses is the Parish Preparation Programme for Confirmation.

The programme for the children continues in the Pastoral Centre, on the following dates.

- **Monday 3rd February 2019 8:00pm – 9:00pm**
- **Monday 10th February 2019 8:00pm – 9:00pm**
- **Monday 24th February 2019 8:00pm – 9:00pm**

Parents and guardians are invited to join us for the final prayer each evening at 8:50pm in the church.

If you have any queries regarding the programme you may contact Freda in the Parish Office at 01-8160984.

Outdoor Family Offering Collections

The outdoors collection envelope boxes are available in the Parish Office for collection and distribution.

A sincere thank you to all our dedicated collectors, counters and contributors each year. Thank you also to those who contribute by standing order, this method is most convenient.

This collection, as you know, is crucial for the practical running of our Parish and its maintenance and assistance to the Schools. Spare envelopes are available on the church stands.

If any parishioner would you like to contribute regularly to the Family Offering Collection, either by a **Family Offering Envelope** or by a **Standing Order**, please contact the Parish Office on 01-8160984.

Pilgrimage to Fatima and Estoril September 2020

Some parishioners have approached me about organising a trip to Fatima and Estoril this coming September.

If you are interested in travelling on pilgrimage to Fatima (4 nights) and Estoril (3 nights) in late September please contact **Fr. Gerry Corcoran** on **087 240 8428**, **St. Pauls Parish Office** on **01 816 0984** or **Holy Trinity Parish Office** on **01 847 9822** as soon as possible.

Places will be limited so it's important that you express an interest early to secure a place on the Pilgrimage.

Fr. Gerry Corcoran

Ministers of the Word & Eucharist

The new rosters for February, March & April are available for collection from the sacristy, on the notice board and on our website.

*We remember at Mass
and in our prayers
those who
have gone before us*



<i>Saturday 1st</i>	<i>(Vigil Mass)</i>	<i>6:00 pm</i>
Adolphus Chendo		Anniversary
Fr. Tom Colreavy		3 rd Anniversary
Tony O'Neill		1 st Anniversary

<i>Sunday 2nd</i>		<i>10:30 am</i>
Mary Ryan		Anniversary
Gretta & Denis Farrell		Anniversaries

<i>Sunday 2nd</i>		<i>12:30 pm</i>
Florrie Byrne		3 rd Anniversary
May Meehan		Birthday Remembrance
Jane McDonald		15 th Anniversary

<i>Wednesday 5th</i>		<i>10:00 am</i>
Maura Cunneen		Recently Deceased

May they rest in peace. Amen

Saturday 1st February is the Feast of St. Brigid.

Sunday 2nd February is the feast of the **Presentation of The Lord** also know as Candlemas Day or the Festival of Light.

Monday 3rd February is the first Monday, mass will be offered for all those on the **Mass Bouquet List** at 10am

Monday 3rd February is the **Memorial of St. Blaize**. Blessing of the Throat will take place during mass at 10am.

Tuesday 5th February is the 1st Tuesday. Service of Word with Eucharist and devotion to **St. Pio** at 10am.

Wednesday 3rd Feb, is the **Memorial of St. Agatha**, Virgin & Martyr

Friday 7th February is the 1st Friday. 10am mass will be offered for all those on the Altar List of the Dead.

Thursday 6th February
First Reconciliation Service at 7:30pm
for children making their First Holy Communion this year.



Notice to Coeliacs: *If you have been advised to abstain from Gluten, at communion time, there will be a ciborium placed on a small table at the side of the altar containing consecrated hosts with very low traces of gluten in them. You are invited to help yourself to receive this instead of the congregation hosts.*