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Feast of the Presentation of the Lord [C]

2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025

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**St. Peter in Chains:** Saturday between  
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**St. Bride's:** 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month,  
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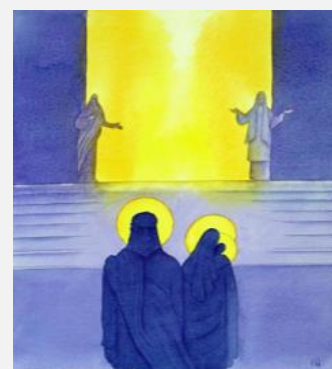
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### *Mustard Seeds*

#### ✠ HE IS COMING INTO OUR SOULS

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Together with Simeon and Anna we contemplate the Christ Child, the Word made flesh, who is brought to the Temple. That temple is not just the physical building but also the temple of our souls--that sacred space that is inside each of us. Today on this feast Christ is also presented to each of us, and it is up to us to open our doors and let his radiant light in. Today, forty days after the Lord's birth, we celebrate the coming of the Light of the World. This light is beautifully depicted by the yellow colour tonalities in our watercolour by Elizabeth Wang. We see the Holy Family from the back, about to walk up the steps, being greeted by Anna on the left and Simeon on the right. Note the smaller halo of Jesus in the arms of his mother set against her own halo. Beside the temple gate we see Anna on the left pointing towards the inside of the temple, whilst Simeon on the right has his arms outstretched, welcoming the Holy Family. At the centre of today's Gospel reading are two elderly people, Simeon and Anna. They were both blessed with the gift of recognition or insight. Both recognised the true identity of the child who was carried into the temple by his young parents. Simeon recognised Jesus as the light to enlighten the gentiles and as the glory of Israel. Anna recognised him as the deliverer for whom people had been waiting. They both went on to proclaim to others what they had come to recognise for themselves. Their gift of recognition was the fruit of their prayer. They were indeed people of prayer. Without prayer they would not have recognised who Jesus truly was! In fact Simeon's prayer has become part of the Night Prayer of the church, as we recite his words as part of our Divine Office. The time we spend with the Lord in prayer makes it easier for us to recognise him when he comes to us through other people.



**JUST FOR A LAUGH...** Father Duncan's Sunday sermon was "Forgive Your Enemies." He asked how many of the congregation have forgiven their enemies? About half held up their hands. He then repeated his question. Now about 80% held up their hands. He then repeated his question once more. All responded, except one elderly lady. "Mrs. McGregor, are you not willing to forgive your enemies?" "I don't have any." "Mrs. McGregor, that is very unusual. Please tell the congregation how a person cannot have a single enemy in the world?" Mrs. McGregor replied, "I'm ninety-three-years-old and I outlived every one of those witches."

# Fourth Week of the Year [C]

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		<i>Fr. Duncan McVicar</i> <i>assisted by</i> <i>Fr. Gerry Hamill</i> <i>(Retired)</i>	<a href="http://www.stevenstonstjohns.com">www.stevenstonstjohns.com</a> <a href="http://www.rcsaltcoats.com">www.rcsaltcoats.com</a> <i>Canon Martin Poland</i> <i>assisted by</i> <i>Sr Ursula, Sr Anna</i> <i>&amp; Canon Matt McManus (Retired)</i>	
		ST. BRIDE'S	ST. JOHN'S	ST. MARY'S
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	<b>FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD [C]</b> (World Day of Consecrated Life) <b>Vigil Mass 5.30pm</b> <i>Offered for Josephine Atkins (A), Kevin Wallace (MM), Emily &amp; Jimmy McLaughlin (A)</i>			Vigil Mass 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	<b>FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD [C]</b> (World Day of Consecrated Life) <b>Mass 10.30am</b> <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass 12.15pm	Mass 11.30am (L)	Mass 10am (L)
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	<b>MEMORIAL OF ST BLAISE</b> (Blessing of Throats) <b>Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am</b> <b>Mass 10am</b> <i>Offered for Mattie Deeley (RD), Gay Cahill (RD)</i>			
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>REQUIEM MASS 10am</b> <b>BETTY CRAIG</b>	Morning Prayer of the Church 9.40am  Mass 10am		Mass 10am (L)
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>MEMORIAL OF ST AGATHA</b> <b>Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am</b> <b>Mass 10am</b> <i>Offered for Peter &amp; Margaret Mitchell (A), Michael, Ellen &amp; Frank Barrett (A)</i>		Mass 10am (L)	
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>MEMORIAL OF ST PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS</b> <b>Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am</b> <b>Mass 10am</b> <i>Offered for Danny Thornton (RD), John &amp; Catherine Cahill (A)</i>			Mass 10am (L)
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>4<sup>th</sup> WEEK OF THE YEAR</b> <b>Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am</b> <b>Mass 10am</b> <i>Offered for Cathy Tracy (RD), Mrs Louie Grier (RD)</i> <b>Benediction 10.30am</b> (Refreshments in our Café afterwards)	Mass 10am <i>Offered for</i> <i>Anastasia Palioungkas</i>	Mass 10am (L)	
	<b>REQUIEM MASS 12noon</b> <b>CATHERINE FINNIGAN</b>			
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [C]</b> <b>Vigil Mass 5.30pm</b> <i>Offered for Ann McDonald (SI), Catherine Finnigan (MM), Bill Kelly (RD)</i>			Vigil Mass 4.30pm (L)

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Michael McCulloch, Jim Donnelly, Veronica McAuley, Sarah Fitzgibbon, Rosemary Smith, Grant Mitchell, Wynter McNabb, Anastasia Palioungkas, Tony Smith, Jim McEwan, Cathie Currie, Margaret McDonald, Kirsty Benson, Louise Milligan.*

### ✚ Those who have died recently:

*Betty Craig, Kathleen Tracy, Carolyn McGinn, Catherine Finnigan, Alistair Ramsay, Mattie Deeley, Gay Cahill, Danny Thornton, Mrs Louie Grier, Bill Kelly (Glasgow).*

### ✚ Those who died at this time of Year:

*Rachel Cairnie 1988, Canon Shaun Crowley 2001, Joseph Foran 1994, Jessie Flynn, Rena Heneaghan 1976, Mary Kelly 2006, Marie Matthews 2005, Emily McLaughlin 2014, Ronnie Sliwinski 2016, Pamela McIntosh 1999, Janet Cunningham 1999, Father Joe Davie SDB 2002, James Meehan 2019, Sister Margaret of Jesus (Theresa Campbell) 2016, Tony Tourish 1993, Sadie Burns 2009, Monsignor Joseph Boyd 2021, Frank McKane 2021, Mary C McManus 1973, Margaret Mitchell 2004, Mae Murray 2018, Josephine Atkins 2021, Joseph Brodie 1961, Paul Hamilton 2020, Catherine McIlroy 2009, Archie McLaren 2009, Michael Barrett 1972, Peter Mitchell 1973, Eileen Busbridge 1978, Lilli McCulloch 2011, Marjory O'Connell 1986, Sarah Cunningham 1977, Patrick McGinn 1999, Rachel Cairnie 1998, Malcolm McLean 2022, Marie Pellegrini 2020.*

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AT ST BRIDE'S

Fr Gerry will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation after morning Mass on the 1st Friday of each month, or by request.



## SACRAMENT OF THE SICK AT ST BRIDE'S

If you are going in to hospital or require the Sacrament of the Sick, Father Gerry will be also available as above.

## **St. Bride's & St. Peter's Notices**

- **THANK YOU** St Bride's have received an anonymous donation of £500 towards the replacement of the Church organ. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.
- **REQUIEM MASS FOR BETTY CRAIG AT ST PETER'S** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Betty Craig, who died on 4th January 2025, aged 86 years. Her Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday, 4th February at 10am, followed by cremation at Holmsford Bridge Crematorium. Many she rest in peace and rise in glory!
- **REQUIEM MASS FOR CATHERINE FINNIGAN AT ST PETER'S** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Catherine Finnigan, who died on 8th January 2025, aged 91 years. Her Requiem Mass will be on Friday, 7th February at 12 noon, followed by interment at St Kentigern's Cemetery, Glasgow at 2pm. Many she rest in peace and rise in glory!
- **SUNDAY TEAS AT ST PETER'S** Tea and coffee will be served by SSVp today (Sunday) after Mass.
- **CHAIR DANCE WITH LOUIE AT ST PETER'S** Chair Dance on Thursdays at 12.15pm till 1pm in the Parish Centre, £3.00 entry.

### **BLESSING OF ST BLAISE ON MONDAY**

St. Blaise was a physician and Bishop of Sebaste, Armenia. He lived in a cave on Mount Argeus and was a healer of men and animals. According to legend, sick animals would come to him on their own for help, but would never disturb him at prayer. Agricola, governor of Cappadocia, came to Sebaste to persecute Christians. Blaise was arrested, and Agricola tried to get him to recant his faith. While in prison, Blaise ministered to and healed fellow prisoners, including saving a child who was choking on a fish bone; this led to the blessing of throats on Blaise's feast day. On his feast two candles are blessed with a prayer that God will free from all such afflictions and every ill all those who receive this blessing.

### **ASSISTED DYING LEGISLATION AND THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

An event will be held on Saturday 8th February at St. Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock. Fr Dan Fitzpatrick (Diocese of Paisley) will speak in the morning about what the Catholic Church teaches. This will be followed by Mass and lunch. The afternoon session will be led by representatives from Care not Killing ([carenokilling.scot](http://carenokilling.scot)) and will be structured to allow people to discuss the issue in more detail, and to learn more about how we can respond to the proposed legislation. The day will begin with refreshments being served from 10:30 am, and will end by 16:00. Please sign up to attend by using the form at <https://forms.office.com/e/zQkEtN9nr2> or by scanning the QR code. Alternatively, please contact Helena at [prolife@rcdg.org.uk](mailto:prolife@rcdg.org.uk) or 07961 130493. It is important that everyone who wishes to attend signs up, so that online attendees receive their link to attend in good time, and so that those attending in person receive lunch and refreshments.

### **STORM DAMAGE**

As you will be aware there are many buildings that have been damaged by the recent storm. St Peter's being at the shore front has severe damage to the Church roof, fascia, tower, signage, lighting and also presbytery. We have approached our insurance company and we have some funds in the building fund but don't expect this to cover the cost of repairs. We would be grateful if you can, help by donating what you can afford to the building fund.

### **BINGO NIGHT AT ST PETER'S**

Andrena Hughes is holding a Bingo night in aid of our Parish Lourdes Group and Youth for Lourdes on Saturday 1st February in the Parish Centre at 7pm. Tea, coffee and cake included in the cost of the tickets, however BYOB and snacks are also an option. Adults £2 and children £1 pay at the door.

### **EPIPHANY BLESSING**

#### **IN THE MIDST OF DEVASTATION**

Deadly wildfires have raged the Los Angeles area within the last week, leaving countless people without a home. The fires ravaged 40,000 acres, destroyed entire communities, and burned more than 12,300 structures. At least 24 people died as a result of the fires. Catholic author, radio host and evangelist Jesse Romero described one California homeowner's experience. A man told him he believes the Epiphany Blessing saved his home from burning to the ground. The man prayed the Epiphany Home Blessing on the Feast of the Epiphany, just before his family evacuated their Altadena home. "My friend took his family and all his kids, and they evacuated. He comes back home ... and guess what? As he looked around, every house around him was burned to the ground except his house. His house was unscathed. He did the Epiphany Blessing over the doors of his house on Monday before he was evacuated. And remember, the Epiphany Blessing is a prayer asking for divine protection for your house. Coincidence? No." Here's how someone responded: "We've done the Epiphany Blessing every year for many years. Four years ago, we had a very strong hail storm. I got to my house just before the hail got to our part of town. I prayed the prayer against storms in my front yard. Every single house in my neighbourhood had severe damage to their houses and roofs, except mine. My roof had minor damage to 10 slates!" In other prayers, prayer counts and if we trust



God we will do mighty deeds!

[from  
Jacqueline  
Burkepile].

### **ST PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

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