



## The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple Mass times, intentions + the week ahead

Sat 1st February	6.00pm	Steven Roberts John Kirkwood Parishioners Intentions
Sun 2nd February <b>The Presentation</b>	10.30am	John Molloy Michael Flannery
Mon 3rd February St Blaise	9.10am	Jane Chambers, Joey Evans <i>Blessing of throats after Mass</i>
Tues 4th February	9.10am	In thanks to Divine Mercy - prayers answered + for on going treatment In thanks to St Jude
Wed 5th February St Agatha	11.30am 12 noon 1.00pm	<i>Confessions</i> Philip Craven, Eamonn McBearty <i>Funeral Service: Anne McGlone</i>
Thurs 6th February St Paul Miki + Comp.	9.10am	Josie Thomson David Lea
Fri 7th February	9.10am	Jude Gerrard, James Tuck
Sat 8th February	6.00pm	Owen Kelly Maisie, John Snr + John Jnr Leamey
Sun 9th February <b>5th Sunday</b>	10.30am	William Long Parishioners Intentions

### Confessions

Wed 11.30am or by appointment with Fr Philip.

**PRAYING THE PARISH:** WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO LIVE IN  
ORIEL DRIVE + RADLEY DRIVE

**Praying the Sunday Missal:** The readings are on **Page 981** in the new Sunday Missals - and on page 1009 In the blue missals.



### Parish of Holy Rosary

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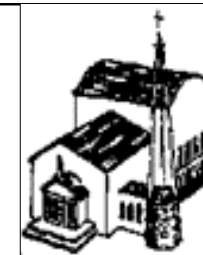
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## The Presentation of Jesus 2nd February

Forty days after Christmas, we observe the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple (the feast of Candlemas), when we celebrate Christ as the light of the world. In many places candles are blessed in church and carried in procession to welcome him. This day also marks the end of Christmastide, and the slow return of longer daylight hours.

Today's First Reading is a prophecy in which we can recognise the Messiah. His coming will be a challenge, but also good news for

those who welcome him. We sing the Psalm as we follow the Lord, our King of glory.

Christ has come to live among us as one of us. Although he is God's Son, he was tempted in every way that we are, and so is able to help us in our temptations (Second Reading). The Gospel reminds us of the first time the Lord entered the Temple, with Mary and Joseph. There he meets Simeon, an old man who recognises Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah; together with Anna, a prophetess who tells everyone she meets about him.

As we read Simeon's warning to Mary that her Son will be rejected, and that a sword will pierce her own soul, we might bring to mind and pray for all mothers, particularly those who witness and suffer the loss of their children, whether we know them personally or not.

**Monday: St Blaise:** At Mass on Monday morning the traditional blessing of throats will be given invoking the intercession of St Blaise.

**St Josephine Bakhita:** Saturday 8th February is the feast day of St Josephine Bakhita. She is the patron saint of victims of trafficking. The newly amalgamated parish in Litherland of Our Lady and English Martyrs Church, St Roberts Church and the former St Elisabeth's Church is now called St Josephine Bakhita parish. We pray for this new parish and for Fr Mark Madden the priest and all the people who are facing many changes at this time.

**Foodshare:** The foodbank are short of tinned + packet soup, tinned fruit and cereals.

**Warm Lunch:** You are invited to join us, in the Parish Hall, on Friday 7th February from 12 noon for the next warm lunch of 2025.

**St Kentigern:** The former parish on Melling is now part of Holy Rosary Parish. If any former parishioners of St Kentigern wish to continue ministering in their new parish please let Fr Philip know.

The Archbishop of Liverpool, Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP invites you to an historic occasion for the Archdiocese of Liverpool as we celebrate **the miraculous cure of Jack Traynor** with Mass and a drinks reception on Tuesday 18th February at 7pm at the Metropolitan Cathedral. If you would like to attend, please fill in the form linked below. As we are expecting it to be a popular event, we need to know numbers in advance for both health & safety and catering purposes. To make it easier for more people from across our archdiocese to attend, we are looking into the prospect of sending free coaches from each deanery area. If you are interested in this, please let us know on this form so we can gauge interest from every area. Please include your contact details for further details. <https://forms.office.com/e/U9Vg0WK4pW>

**Parish Hall:** Thank you for those who have indicated that they are willing to be part of the work needed to help us move forward. Watch the newsletter for details of a meeting!

**Sacrament of Confirmation:** For those parents (or grandparents) of young people in year 8 registration is now open until 17th March. Register at [liverpoolcalled.co.uk](http://liverpoolcalled.co.uk) The sacrament will be celebrated in summer. During this time Animate will be visiting the schools and the RE classes for Year 8 will focus on the sacrament of Confirmation. It would be good for parents and grandparents to encourage our young people to celebrate this important sacrament.

**New Shutters:** We have recently had to fit new shutters on the former parish club and on the parish hall. Thank you to the Christmas raffle a third of the cost of these has been raised. The total cost was £2400.

**SHARe Knowsley Trustee Recruitment;** SHARe Knowsley is a local grassroots organisation supporting people seeking asylum and refugees. We are looking for people with skills and experience in Business, Accounting, Campaigning or Fundraising to join our Trustee Board. We also wish to widen the diversity of the Board and would welcome applications from those with the lived experience of being an asylum seeker or refugee. Could you be our next Board member? Visit the website to find out more: [www.shareknowsley.org.uk](http://www.shareknowsley.org.uk) and get in touch to discuss more about the role you could play in furthering the aims of our small yet perfectly formed charitable organisation!  
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**The Men of St Joseph:** A chapter of the National Organisation "The Men of St Joseph" will be launching in Liverpool and is looking for members. They aim to engage men across the archdiocese in prayer, study, and fellowship in the image of St Joseph - a model of fatherhood, courage, and purity. They will be holding a meeting at St. Helen's Church, Crosby, L23 7TQ on Wednesday, 5th February, 7pm - you are welcome to join. To learn more about the group, visit: [www.mosj.co.uk](http://www.mosj.co.uk)

**Upcoming events at the Christian Heritage Centre:** The Search for Truth: Edith Stein, 14 – 16 March 2025 Fr Matthew Blake, OCD will offer a weekend exploring the life and teachings of Edith Stein, or St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, and her indomitable search for truth that led her to the Catholic faith. For more information and to book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-search-for-truth-edith-stein/>