



The Parish Newsletter

"Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit". Mt. 28:19

Sunday 27th January 2019 - Sunday 3rd February 2019

The Presentation of the Lord in the Temple

This Feast is celebrated on February 2nd (next Saturday this year). How was this date chosen?

At the end of the fourth century, a woman named Etheria made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Her journal, discovered in 1887, gives an unprecedented glimpse of liturgical life there. Among the celebrations she describes is the gala procession in honour of his Presentation in the Temple 40 days later—February 15.

This feast emphasizes Jesus' first appearance in the Temple.

The observance spread throughout the Western Church in the fifth and sixth centuries. Because the Church in the West celebrated Jesus' birth on December 25, the Presentation was moved to February 2, 40 days after Christmas. At the beginning of the eighth century, Pope Sergius inaugurated a candlelight procession, which has become part of the celebration, giving the feast its popular name: Candlemas.

After celebrating the Nativity of our Lord, with its splendour in both the Church and the popular culture, it would be easy to overlook the significance of this feast. Yet Joseph and Mary's presentation of the baby was no pro forma event. They did this to conform with the Law and in doing so God enters the Temple. The words of the prophet Malachi are fulfilled in the poor parents presenting their firstborn son along with their humble sacrifice of two turtledoves.

Simeon and Anna, having spent their lives in prayer and waiting in the Temple for the Messiah, have their 'moment' with the glorious Nunc Dimittis of Simeon. With Candlemas we celebrate the coming of the Light of the World. But a shadow also passes. Simeon not only proclaimed that he had seen his salvation, but also told the Mother of our Lord that her share would include a sorrow-pierced heart.

There is much here for reflection and prayer when February 2nd comes this year.

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Our Churches

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St John's, St John's Close, Mildenhall IP28 7NX

Masses this week:

Please note that there will be at Mass on Wednesday but **there will not be Mass on Thursday** this week. However, Mass will be said at Mildenhall on Friday and at Brandon, for the Feast of Candlemas, on Saturday Morning.

Liturgy Matters:

A reminder that from the beginning of last Advent, in compliance with the General Instruction of the Roman Missal Fr Luke will purify all vessels during or after the Mass, not the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion as was previously the case.

Clarification over bowing/genuflecting:

A reminder that during the celebration of the Eucharist the appropriate act of reverence for any minister approaching the altar (reader/cantor/etc) is to bow to the altar *and not*, as has previously been the practice here, the celebrant. Genuflection is reserved almost exclusively for the Blessed Sacrament (not the altar) on entering and leaving the main body of the Church and on reception of Holy Communion should you so wish.

Confessions

Confessions are heard each Sunday before Mass at Mildenhall and after Mass at Brandon. Fr Luke is happy to hear confessions at other times either before or after Mass or by appointment.

Diocesan Celebration for Our lady of Lourdes

Annual Celebration of Our Lady of Lourdes, February 9th in St Johns Cathedral, Norwich. 11:30 am Mass with anointing of the Sick. The Narthex will be open for refreshments before and after Mass – tea and coffee will be provided. We shall be praying for all who work with the sick

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

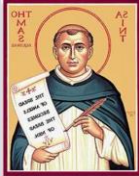
Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community: Marion Arkell, Sue Dunleavey, Mary Gillen, Bridhe Heron, James Parr, George Pearson...**and all those in our intercession books.**

May the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace, especially: Leila Batey, Barbara Blong, Nora Breen, Catherine Bruce, Margaret Burrell, Sally Cheung, Rosemary Chisholm, Michael Clifford, James Collins, Robert Condon, Doreen Corr, Jim Cottrell, Patricia Ann Day, Philip Dean,, Connie Doyle, Bernard English, Ronald Emery, Margaret (Peggy) Farr, Ronald Farr, Eileen Foulger, Brendan Fulham, Egilda Rosina Gooch, Fr Ben Grist, Patricia Hardy, Queenie Harwood, Michael Hassey, Eileen Hazard, Ellen Hood, Basil James Hood, Irene Human, Janina Janiszewska, Chester (Czestaw) Jureko, Julian Jureko, Violet Jureko, Helen Kaznowski, Charles Keatkey, Krzystov Lewandowski, Peter Lynham, Annie McCafferty, Bridie McGowan, Daniel McKenna, Eileen McLoughlin, Patrick MacLoughlin, Dorothy Matthews, Mary Mulvihill, John Murray, Bridie O'Brien, Anna O'Grady, Josef Palik, Beverly Pierce, Kenneth Pullen, Nuala Putnam, Margaret Rose, Fr .Ivan Rudkin, Michelle Sansom, Peter Seekings-Foster, Paulo Silva, Eira Sims, Mollie Starr, Patricia Townsend, Fr Paul Trinder, Mavis Tristram, Brian Vallack, Rosamund Wass, Robert Wyndhan.

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This Week's Saints
St Thomas Aquinas
January 28th

Doctor of the Church



Your House Blessing

If you would like Fr Luke to visit you in your home and invoke God's blessing upon your home and family, please speak to him after Mass or call the presbytery.

It's also an excellent way for priest and parish to get to know each other!

Proposed New Catholic School in Swaffham

Diocesan consultation is taking place. Information is available at the back of the churches.



Prayer Group St Thomas'

The next meeting of the Prayer Group will be on February 1st at 12 Noon at Janice and Graham Whitaker's -
26 Nursery Lane Hockwold
IP26 4ND

Prayers for the Sick

Under new legal guidelines we **must** have written permission of each person named in the Prayers for the sick. **Please** use the form at the back of the church to make your request and give it to Tom Caple or

Fr Luke.

St Edmunds Primary School, Bury

Was your child born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015? Apply for a school place using a pack available from St Edmund's for any child wishing to apply for the next academic year. Contact the school office

This Week's Saints
St Thomas Aquinas

January 31st

St John Bosco



Children's Liturgy: If you would be willing to help run a children's liturgy group at Mildenhall or Brandon please speak to Fr Luke

Altar Servers:

If you have made your first Holy Communion and would like to serve at Mass at either Brandon or Mildenhall, speak to Fr Luke.

We need you!



**St Patrick's Day
Dinner**

**Is it in your
diary?**

**Saturday March
16th**

**St John's
7 for 7.30 pm**

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Sick Visits

If you are unwell or know someone who is unwell and would like Fr Luke to visit, please contact him, either by phone or email. If you do not let anyone know then it is hard to visit you. Please do not assume that Fr Luke knows that someone is sick or wants a visit.

The Medaille Trust.

Buckets are in place at the back of our churches. Any spare change will be appreciated (notes and cheques too!) and Jacinta mentioned that gift cards from places like Sainsbury's, Tesco', M&S etc are useful as people can begin to take control of their lives again and rebuild their self-esteem by choosing their own clothes, toiletries etc

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Jan 21/29 - World Youth Day Panama (Fr Luke away)

Feb 8 - World Day of Prayer for Victims of Trafficking

Feb 10 - World Day of Prayer for the Sick

February 17th - Racial Justice Day & St Patrick's Day

March 6th -ASH WEDNESDAY

March 16th - St Patrick's Day Dinner at St John's

Dates for SECOND COLLECTIONS

January 20th Pax Christi

February 17th Catholic Association for Racial Justice

February 24th SPUC White Flower Appeal

Ecumenical Prayer Meeting

Christians in Mildenhall meet up monthly to pray together for the Church in Mildenhall. The next Meeting will be Saturday 2nd February at 9:00 am at St Mary's Anglican Church in Mildenhall. All are welcome to attend.

PARISH DIARY

Date <i>(Readings wk 3, Y1 (C) and Psalter Week 3)</i>	Feast	Time, Place, Service M: Mildenhall: B; Brandon	Mass Intention/Details
Sunday, 27 January 2019	3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	M: 9.00 AM Mass B: 11.00 AM Mass	<i>Lilian Leahy RIP People of the Parish</i>
Wednesday, 30 January 2019	Feria	B: 9:30 Mass	<i>Patricia Townsend RIP</i>
Thursday, 31 January 2019	St John Bosco	NO MASS	<i>No Mass Today</i>
Friday 1st February	Feria	M: 9:30 Mass	<i>Sarah Waters</i>
Saturday, 2 February 2019	PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	B: 9:30 Mass	<i>Ignite Prayer Partners</i>
Sunday, 3 February 2019	4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	M: 9.00 AM Mass B: 11.00 AM Mass	<i>People of the Parish May Malloy RIP</i>