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THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

SATURDAY VIGIL	1ST	18:00	Presentation of the Lord	Solemnity	Pro Populo
SUNDAY	2ND	08:30	Presentation of the Lord	Solemnity	Germain Burton
SUNDAY	2ND	10:00	Presentation of the Lord	Solemnity	Philomena
SUNDAY	2ND	12:00	Presentation of the Lord	Solemnity	Koudou Narcisse Family
SUNDAY	2ND	18:00	Presentation of the Lord	Solemnity	Pope Francis
MONDAY	3RD	10:00	St Laurence of Canterbury	Memorial	Colleen May Madden RIP
TUESDAY	4TH	10:00	Saint Henry Morse	Memorial	Jean Bishop RIP
TUESDAY	4TH	<u>18:00</u>	<i>Eileen Sheehan RIP</i>	<i>Funeral Mass</i>	
WEDNESDAY	5TH	10:00	Saint Agatha	Memorial	The Holy Family
THURSDAY	6TH	10:00	Saints Paul Miki & Companions	Memorial	John Bosco SJ
FRIDAY	7TH	10:00		Feria	
SATURDAY	8TH	10:00	Saint Josephine Bakhita	Memorial	United Kingdom

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY: 5PM - 5:40PM

TEA & COFFEE: AFTER 10AM MASS [SUN]

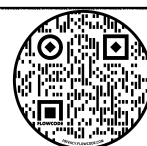
We pray for Irene Sheehan, Margaret Apea, Margaret Myerscough, Isey Wilson, Gary Russell and Margaret Gonzalez who died recently and all whose anniversaries occur around this time: Ellen Boyle, Michael Kirwin, Marina Barretta, Muriel King, George Alvarados, Alicia Dias De Zamorano, Samuel Kibbey, Antonietta Melotta, Patricia Donnelly and Cecilia Loizdes. May the souls of all the faithful departed - through the mercy of God - rest in peace!

This is a rare Sunday on which the feast of the Presentation of the Lord Jesus is celebrated. The feast is always on the 2nd February because it is 40 days after the birth of Jesus when families would visit Jerusalem with their new-born children for the ritual of purification. We experience a beautiful break from the norm in our liturgy too as the candles of the Church are blessed and we are reminded of the important symbol of light - of flame; of fire - within our Christian faith. This symbol is highlighted at a time when - in our readings - we will hear of Simeon who (after encountering Jesus) says that he has *seen* the salvation prepared for all nations. Simeon waited for this day above all and it was the encounter with Jesus that led to him rejoicing at having seen; gained insight and been enlightened. We are used to hearing the word "enlightenment" to describe secular philosophies and the bringing to birth of changes within society in recent centuries. Discussions continue about the consequences of these ideas and the degree to which they have been beneficial or detrimental. In Simeon, however, we see not a philosopher but a saint who is an example to us because he recognised that Jesus brings authentic enlightenment more than any other person, theory or system. It is only through our communion with Jesus: our speaking to Him and offering ourselves to Him, that we come to see (as our creator intended) in this life. We are brought to look upon what is most important and seek it: His presence in others and His example of the willingness to suffer out of love. When we lose sight of Him we are less and so we are each called to learn from Simeon today: to spend our lives longing to see the Messiah and not let our other concerns get in the way of this - our life's purpose - to be with Our Lord Jesus Christ.

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PARISH NEWS

PARISH BREAKFAST FAIR - THANK YOU!: I'm very grateful to the Justice and Peace Group for coordinating our fair last Sunday and to all parishioners who staffed stalls and helped people find out more about the different groups. If you didn't get to see the results of our Parish Survey they are on the noticeboard in the porch or you can see the results on our website homepage or by clicking [here](#).

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY: Archbishop John will celebrate Mass at St George's Cathedral - followed by a reception in Amigo Hall - on **Sunday 16th February at 10am**.

BUILDING WORKS - UPDATE: The repairs to the masonry are mostly complete with only the south-east turret remaining as we await carved stone to arrive. There is still some pointing to be completed and a part to be cleaned, however, it is hoped the scaffolding can begin to come down in the next couple of weeks. I am so grateful for the advice of our Parish Fabric Committee during this time.

INTERNATIONAL EVENING & DEDICATION OF FR TOM MEMORIAL WITH ARCHBISHOP JOHN: Please Save The Date of **Tuesday 4th March** when we welcome Archbishop John Wilson who will celebrate Mass, dedicate our new shrines to the memory of Fr Tom and join us for an international evening in the Hall. As with our previous International Evenings we want to celebrate the rich diversity of our community through food, dance and music: please [tell us how you can contribute](#).

CALLED TO BEAR FRUIT CONSULTATION: Read Archbishop John's Pastoral Letter to us all by clicking [here](#). The consultation on our future is now at the local level and you are encouraged to read the booklet about it which is available in the porch and can be read by clicking [here](#). Small groups can gather and submit responses: guidance on how to form a group and submit is in the booklet.

BEACON HEALTH TEAM: will offer free health checks after Masses on Sunday 16th February.

SPRING CONCERT: Performances of Schubert and Beethoven by the acclaimed Medea String Quartet on **Saturday 15th March at 7:30pm** in our Church. Light refreshments provided. It is being organised by Morgan - our organist - whose Advent Concert was such a success. Book a ticket [here](#).

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT: I am very grateful to Dominic for agreeing to be Master of our Parish Quiz Night on **Saturday 29th March**. Please Save The Date and assemble your teams. Details to follow...

MID-WEEK SENIORS' GROUP - VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED: I'm so grateful to John who has run our Seniors' Group Seated Exercise Class for many years. He is retiring from this and we're seeking someone (or a few people) to run the session on a fortnightly basis. If you feel you might be able to help - and make a difference - please [Email](#) or call the office: no special qualifications are needed!

SCRIPTURE COURSE RESUMES: Tuesday 11th Feb at 7:30pm in Hall. Reading - Luke 9:51-19:27.

HELP THE HOMELESS: a charity called Citadel is launching a project in Lambeth. If you are available to volunteer for at least 1-3 hours per week to meet with someone who has experience of or is at risk of homelessness, please email citadellondon@housingjustice.org.uk or click [here](#).