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THE SUNDAY 10.30AM MASS AND ALL WEEKDAY MASSES ARE USUALLY LIVESTREAMED

Date & Liturgical Celebration	Time	Mass Intentions
Sunday 2nd February The Presentation of the Lord	6.30pm (Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	Parish Community Sr Margaret Canny, RIP (J & A McG) Nelson Onuoha, Birthday Thanksgiving The Thomas Family, Thanksgiving
Monday 3 rd <i>NO MASS TODAY</i>	9.30am	NO MASS TODAY
Tuesday 4 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am	Barbara Owen, RIP (B & D D)
Wednesday 5 th <i>St Agatha, Virgin, Martyr</i>	9.30am 10.00am	Janet Blackburn, RIP (M M) Coffee Morning
Thursday 6 th <i>St Paul Miki & his Companions, Martyrs</i>	7.00pm	Janet Blackburn, RIP (A L)
Friday 7 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am	Donor's Thanksgiving Intention (E K)
Saturday 8 th <i>St Josephine Bakhita, Virgin</i>	10.00am	Holy Souls
Sunday 9th February 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30pm (Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am O/L Lamp	Parish Community Sue Crozier, Health & Spiritual Wellbeing (T H) Louisa Akujobi-Ibe (private intention) O/L Lamp: Judith Adams

CONFESSIONS: Saturday morning after 10am Mass, Saturday evening 6pm-6.15pm, and on request.

ADORATION AND BENEDICTION: Saturday morning after 10am Mass (Confessions also available)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Jenny Vanderhorst, Becky Webb, Janice Jones, Gareth Williams, Terri Jukes.

DYSLEXIA CLUB SWANSEA: One of our parishioners, Tina Law, runs Dyslexia Club Swansea. If you shop in Tesco, you can use the blue tokens you get at the checkout to vote for this club. You can vote for Dyslexia Club in Tesco stores throughout Swansea, including the one in Mumbles. Tina and the club would value your support.

JOHN PURNELL, RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Purnell, who passed on Friday 24th January. Funeral Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea on Friday, 21st February at 10.30am. May the Lord grant him eternal rest and rewards. Amen

PARISH LADIES' GUILD: Next meeting on **Wednesday 5th February** at 2pm in the Parish Hall. Topic: 'We celebrate St Agnes: who was she?'

SVP: Do you know anyone who would like a visit or phone call from the SVP? Or a lift to Mass? Please contact Eileen Waters or any member of the SVP. Thank you.

PARISH PRAYER GROUP: Now meeting every other week in the Church Hall. Please join our next meeting on **Tuesday 4th February at 7pm**. All are welcome.

PARISH BIBLE STUDY ONLINE: **Monday 10th February at 7pm**. Text: John chapter 10. Zoom Meeting ID: 585 166 8513.

HOOR OF GRACE: 6pm - 7pm every other Wednesday. Led by a Dominican priest, this is a solemn moment of prayerful encounter with Jesus in the Exposition and Adoration of the Holy Eucharist. It will include an Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Silent Adoration, Talk, Worship Songs, Intercessions for Various Intentions, and Benediction. **Next on Wednesday 12th February at 6pm**.

PRAYER INTENTION ENVELOPE (HOOR OF GRACE): If you would like us to pray for an intention during the Hour of Grace (Eucharistic Adoration), please collect a brown prayer intention envelope in the porch. It is NOT a Mass intention envelope. Thank you.

CATHOLIC ROUND TABLE: Explore Catholic teachings from a biblical background. The next meeting is on **Thursday 13th February** at 7.30 to 8.30pm in the Parish Hall. **Theme: Treasures of the Catholic Faith**.

PARISH BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT: Are you in need of confidential one-to-one support following a bereavement, whether a recent loss or one that occurred some time ago? A member of our Parish team is available to meet you and provide individual support. Whether

you need someone to talk to, listen, pray with or just some company for a coffee and chat, please don't hesitate to call Rose at 078131-57296. We are here to support you. You are not alone in this journey of grief.

WE REMEMBER THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND, AND THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS: Roy Miller, Frank Bowen, Teresa Plunkett, Kath Bowling, Frances Traylor, Mary Brearley, Angela Matthews, Yvonne Richards, Bill Gill, John Mannion, Jill Griffiths, Rachael Naylor, Michael Kinrade, Karolina Ashton, Andy Payne, Allan Jones, Noreen Hyden, Rita Power, Mary Richards, Pauline Howard, Elizabeth Williams, Mike Bickerstaff, Caroline Solomon, Maureen Dooley, Arthur Barragry, Angela Miller, Sarah Leaman.

THE CYCLE OF PRAYER: We are invited to pray for Peace on Earth; Openness to the Word of God; Christian Unity; Victims of Human Trafficking and Those Who Work to Combat it; The Sick and Those Who Care for Them; The Unemployed.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY: For the sick who are in the final stages of life, and that their families receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.

SUNDAY OFFERING: £854 Thanks for your generosity.

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St John Paul II on the Feast of the Presentation

[A] characteristic element of today's celebration is *the reality of the meeting*. Even if no one was waiting for Joseph and Mary when they arrived hidden among the people at the temple in Jerusalem with the baby Jesus, something most unusual occurs. Here they meet persons guided by the Holy Spirit: the elderly Simeon of whom St Luke writes: "This man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him and it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ" (Lk 2:25-26), and the prophetess Anna, who had lived "with her husband seven years from her virginity, and as a widow till she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day" (Lk 2:36-37). The Evangelist continues: "And coming up at that very hour, she gave thanks to God, and spoke of him to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem" (Lk 2:38).

Simeon and Anna: a man and a woman, representatives of the Old Covenant, who, in a certain sense, had lived their whole lives for the moment when the temple of Jerusalem would be visited by the expected Messiah. Simeon and Anna understand that the moment has come at last, and reassured by the meeting, they can face the last phase of their life with peaceful hearts: "Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation" (Lk 2:29-30).

At this discreet encounter, the words and actions effectively express the reality of the event taking place. The coming of the Messiah has not passed unobserved. It was recognized through the penetrating gaze of faith, which the elderly Simeon expresses in his moving words.

Together with the elderly Simeon and the prophetess Anna, let us go to meet the Lord in his temple. Let us welcome the light of his Revelation, committing ourselves to spreading it among our brothers and sisters...

May the Blessed Virgin,
Mother of hope and joy,
accompany us
and grant that all believers
may be witnesses to the salvation
which God has prepared in the presence of all peoples
in his incarnate Son, Jesus Christ,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for the glory of his people Israel. Amen!

- Taken from John Paul II's Homily on the Feast of the Presentation, 2 February 1997