

Parish of St. Mary's

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Presentation of the Lord - 2nd Feb 2025

This Weekend	Feb 1st / Feb 2nd
7.00 p.m.	1. Paddy Kelly (Month's Mind). 2. Ciara Conefrey (7 th Anniv.)
11.00 a.m.	1. Ciaran Duffy and deceased members of the Duffy family, Rhennyeny & Monadara. 2. Michael Greene, Devine Crescent and deceased members of the Greene family, St. Patrick Terrace, and Terry Ellis.
Weekday Masses @ 11.00 a.m. - Our Lady's Manor	
Wed 5 th Feb	People of the Parish.
Next Weekend: Feb 8th / Feb 9th	
7.00 p.m.	No Intention.
11.00 a.m.	1. Mary Rooney, Ballymahon Road. 2. Liz Hughes (4 th Anniv.). 3. Deceased members of the Mulhare and Hughes families.

Offertory Collection: Sat 25th / Sun 26th - €740 - sincere thanks.

• Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel •

1. What started out as an ordinary day turned out to be a day with a meeting Mary and Joseph would remember for a long time. Perhaps you too have had significant meetings on what you expected to be just an ordinary day?
2. Simeon gave thanks because his eyes saw the salvation God had prepared. In what ways have you experienced God's salvation in your life: an experience of being loved, or discovering a sense of purpose in life, or being touched by the wonders of creation? Give thanks for those memories.
3. Simeon also acknowledged that not all would accept the light that would shine through Jesus, and this rejection would be a cause of pain to Mary. It can be a source of pain to parents, teachers, church ministers, and all who work for others when some reject values, projects, advice which would be for their good. Perhaps a sword has sometimes pierced your soul as well. What has helped you to maintain hope in such times?
4. Even within ourselves we can be aware of division, at times being open to the light of God and at other times resisting it. Have you known the pain of the struggle? What has helped you to keep seeking the light of God in your life?
5. The final sentence speaks of Jesus as one who grew and became strong and was filled with wisdom. What has helped you to grow in wisdom? Have you seen others grow in wisdom through the experience of life? Recall times when you had a sense of growing up in some way. What brought that about? Think also of how you have seen growth in another person - John Byrne OSA (INTERCOM)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - Eucharistic Adoration - Sat mornings from 10.00 to 11.00. All are welcome to partake in this devotional prayer to Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament.

• Thought for the Day •

The interior reality of each person is frequently concealed behind a great deal of 'foliage', which makes it difficult for us not only to understand ourselves, but even more to know others: 'The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse, who can understand it?' Mere appearances, dishonesty and deception harm and pervert the heart. Despite our every attempt to appear as something we are not, our heart is the ultimate judge, not of what we show or hide from others, but of who we truly are. It is the basis for any sound life project; nothing worthwhile can be undertaken apart from the heart. False appearances and untruths ultimately leave us emptyhanded. - Pope Francis, *Dilexit Nos* (INTERCOM)

Sunday Reflection - Our Gospel today describes two very old people - Simeon and Anna - who are very attractive in their old age. They have lived prayerful lives of faith and, in particular, of hope and expectation. Being wise, they are people of discernment and they recognize the moment of grace, the coming of the Messiah. Wouldn't it be wonderful to be like them in old age? The secret is to be now what we hope to be then. If we wish to be serene, wise, discerning, full of faith - then now is the time: See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation!

Prayer

Lord Jesus, 40 days after your birth,
you were taken to the Temple
and presented by your parents
to God our Father.

Make us aware that we are the Temple
of your Holy Spirit who lives in us.

May your light be reflected in us.

Simeon's eyesight grew dim,
But he recognised who you were.
Open our eyes that we may always recognise
you in our midst.

May your light be reflected in us.

Simeon prophesied
that Mary would be pierced
to the heart.

As Mary stayed with Jesus
In his suffering,
we pray that we may help
those who are part of our lives.

May your light be reflected in us.

You said
that you are the light of the world.

May your light be reflected in us.

Present moment

The great spiritual leaders of all religions have themselves practiced and taught mindfulness. To be mindful is to live in the present moment, not to be imprisoned in the past nor anticipating a future that may never happen. When we are fully aware of the present, life is transformed and strain and stress disappear. So much of modern life is a feverish anticipation of future activity and excitement. We have to learn to step back from this into the freedom and possibility of the present. - Dom Bede Griffiths OSB

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - FEBRUARY

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Pat Appleford.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Noreen Grant.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - FEBRUARY

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Catherine Tracey, Sandra Durkan.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Kathleen Dowler, Mathew Family.

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.

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- Fr Tom Healy -