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**4th Sunday
 in Ordinary Time**



28th January, 2024



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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

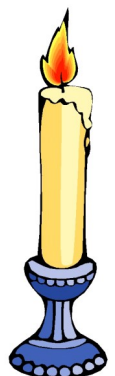
This coming Friday, 2nd Feb, brings us to the 40th day of the Christmas season, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This feast day is also known as Candlemas when the Church blesses the candles which will be used to proclaim, and to remind us, that Jesus is the Light of the World, and on this day, the Light began to shine, at long last, in the Temple.

At the heart of this celebration is the encounter of Simeon and Anna with the Christ Child in the Temple. It is in that holy encounter that Jesus' divinity is manifested by a human prophet for the first time. At His birth, the angels proclaimed His divinity to the shepherds, but in the Temple, Simeon was the first to understand and proclaim Jesus as the Saviour of the World. He also prophesied that this salvation would be accomplished by a sword of sorrow that would pierce the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Anna, a prophetess, also came forward and "gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem" (Luke 2:38). Thus, these ritual acts were also a moment in which Jesus' divine mission was made manifest to the world.

With prayers and best wishes,

Fr Gerard



This Sunday, 28th January, Ann Pearson will be visiting both churches to share something about her work with Hosanna House Children's Pilgrimage Trust. HCPT is a Catholic charity offering pilgrimage holidays, to Lourdes for disabled and disadvantaged people from around the UK and further afield. Charities, especially in these days of economic hardship, are always in need of funding, but more especially, they are always in need of volunteers who might become involved in their work. We welcome Ann to the parish, and once more we say, "Speak, Lord, your servants are listening!"

Francis Thornton, RIP.

Francis Thornton, husband of Esme, and father of Lucina, Andrew, and Aidan, died peacefully, at the age of 91, on Tuesday 16th January, at Brierfield House Care Home. We pray for the repose of Francis's soul, and a blessing of peace and consolation for his family at this sad time for them.

Francis's Requiem Mass will take place at Christ Church on Monday 12th February at 12.00 noon.

Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 29th January, 2024

Monday 29th Jan	Tuesday 30th Jan	Wednesday 31st Jan	Thursday 1st Feb	Friday 2nd Feb	Saturday 3rd Feb	Sunday 4th Feb
NO MASS	FUNERAL SERVICE H.S. 10.00am	MASS H.S. 7.00pm	MASS C.C 10.00am	MASS C.C 10.00am	NO MASS	C.C. 9.30am H.S. 11.15am

Children's Church: C.C. - Linda & Amanda H.S. - Annika, Irene, Amber

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This Sunday: 28th Jan	Luke Mendoza	Tony Finnan
Next Sunday: 4th Feb	Jeremiah Javed	Zechariah Javed

Alex Loughran, RIP

The Funeral Service for Alex Loughran, a former resident at Brierfield House Care Home, will take place at Holy Saviour's church, on Tuesday 30th Jan at 10.00am. We pray that the Lord will receive him into his heavenly home, and we hold his wife, Barbara, in our prayers at this sad time for all the family.

CHURCH COLLECTION

21st January: £377.30
Standing Orders: approx: £607 p/w

Thank you!

POUND DRAW

£10.00 Siobhan Fitzpatrick
£10.00 Chiara Fiorentini
£10.00 Janet Starkie
£10.00 Roger Veevers



£94.00 towards Parish Funds, thank you!

TODDLERS' CLUB

The Toddlers' Club meets every Wednesday at Christ Church in the upstairs room: 9.45—11.15am. All ages from babies to pre-school are welcome. The children find friendship; the adults find support and understanding!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

This coming Friday, 2nd Feb, there will be a meeting for all those who are involved in children's ministry at both Churches, whether that be the Sacramental Programme or the Sunday Children's Liturgy.

Please do come along to Christ Church at 7.00pm

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Feb 1st James Waterworth (1990)
Feb 4th Margaret Frodsham (1978)
Feb 5th John Spain (2019)
 Rachel K Connelly (2023)
Feb 7th Bernard Marsden (2019)



We pray for the repose of the souls of all who have died, that the Lord will receive them into the fullness of his resurrection life!

MASS INTENTIONS

Jim Jennings, b'day, anniv, 17th Jan
Michael Loftus, anniv, 30th Jan
McGuinness Family, anniv, 3rd Feb

Weekly activities at Christ Church

Tuesday 30th January 2.00pm – 3:30pm

Friendship Group

Singing, quiz, crafts, tea, coffee and cake.

No charge. All welcome!

Fridays : *Exercise Class*

11am - 12noon £5.00

Wednesday 31st January

Warm Space

Serving soup, bread, and hot drinks.

Christ Church from 12:30pm until 3pm.

St John Southworth School Visit

On Tuesday, at 1.30pm, we welcome a group of 55 children from the younger classes at St John Southworth's school, who will be finding out more about Christ Church and all that happens there.