



**Welcome to
St Margaret Mary Church
Birmingham**

**THE PRESENTATION OF
THE LORD IN THE TEMPLE
CANDLEMASS**

**2nd February, 2025
Jubilee Year**

'St Margaret Mary Church, a community where God's heart speaks to our hearts, to transform us to worship, to serve the needy and to make missionary disciples of all nations'

As candles are lit the antiphon the words of Simeon are sung:

**Nunc dimittis servum tuum,
Domine, secundum verbum
tuum, in pace** (*“Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised”*)

Priest: In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Lord be with you. **And with your Spirit.**

Dear brothers and sisters,

Forty days have passed since we celebrated the joyful feast of the Nativity of the Lord. Today is the blessed day when Jesus was presented in the Temple by Mary and Joseph.

Outwardly he was fulfilling the Law, but in reality he was coming to meet his believing people. Prompted by the Holy Spirit, Simeon and Anna came to the Temple.

Enlightened by the same Spirit, they recognised the Lord and confessed him with exultation. So let us also, gathered together by the Holy Spirit, proceed to the house of God to encounter Christ.

There we shall find him and recognise him in the breaking of the bread, until he comes again, revealed in glory.

Blessing of the candles:

Let us pray.

O God, source and origin of all light, who on this day showed to the just man Simeon the Light for revelation to the Gentiles, we humbly ask that, in answer to your people's prayers, you may be pleased to sanctify with your blessing + these candles, which we are eager to carry in praise of your name, so that, treading the path of virtue, we may reach that light which never fails. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Priest: Let us go in peace to meet the Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Antiphon: A light for revelation to the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel.

Lord now you let your servant depart in peace, in accordance with your word.

Antiphon: A light for revelation to the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel.

For my eyes have seen your salvation

Antiphon: A light for revelation to the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel.

Which you have prepared in the sight of all peoples.

Antiphon: A light for revelation to the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel.

Entrance Antiphon: Your merciful love O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the end of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Gloria in excelsis: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us, you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer, you are seated at the right hand of the

Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

First reading: Malachi 3.1-4. *The Lord whom you seek will come to his Temple.*

Psalm Response: *The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!*

Second reading: Hebrews 2.14-18. *Jesus had to be like his brothers so that he might be come merciful.*

Gospel Acclamation: (Please stand): *A light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.*

The Gospel: Luke 2.22-40
Jesus is presented in the Temple and Simeon offers a great hymn of praise, which acknowledges Christ as the light to the nations and the glory of Israel.

Homily

Apostles Creed I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only son, Our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

Bidding Prayers – see screen

Offertory Hymn

O Mother blest, whom God bestows
On sinners and on just,
What joy, what hope thou givest those
Who in thy mercy trust.

*Thou art clement, thou art chaste,
Mary, thou art fair;*

*Of all mothers sweetest, best,
None with thee compare.*

2. O heavenly Mother, mistress
sweet!

It never yet was told
That suppliant sinner left thy feet
Unpitied, unconsolated.

Thou art clement, thou art chaste...

3. O Mother, pitiful and mild,
Cease not to pray for me;
For I do love thee as a child,
And sigh for love of thee.

Thou art clement, thou art chaste.....

4. Most powerful Mother, we all
know
Thy Son denies thee nought;
Thou askest, wishest it, and lo!
His power thy will hath wrought.

*Thou art clement, thou art
chaste.....*

5. O Mother blest, for me obtain,
Ungrateful though I be,
To love that God who first could
deign
To show such love for me.

Thou art clement, thou art chaste.....

*St. Alphonsus Liguori (1696-1787)
Trans: E. Vaughan*

Pray Brethren that my sacrifice
and yours may be acceptable to
God the almighty Father. All:

**May the Lord accept the
sacrifice at your hands for the
praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of
all his holy Church.**

Sanctus:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord
God of hosts. Heaven and earth
are full of your glory. Hosanna in
the highest. Blessed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The Mystery of faith: When
we eat this Bread and drink this
Cup, we proclaim your Death, O
Lord, until you come again

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world, have mercy on
us.

Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world, have mercy on
us.

Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world, grant us peace,
grant us peace.

Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the
sins of the world. Blessed are
those who are called to his
supper of the Lamb. All: **Lord I
am not worthy that you should
enter under my roof, but only**

say the word and my soul shall be healed.

This week to view

Sat 1st February. St Brigid. 11am
Baptism of Carter Pritchett.
5.45pm Confessions. 6.30pm
Mass (Jack Scully RIP).

Sun 2nd February th **THE
PRESENTATION OF THE
LORD IN THE TEMPLE.**
9.30am Mass (Teresa Murphy
RIP). *Voluntary litter pick after mass
in the car park.* 11am Mass

Monday, 3rd 7.30am Mass

Tuesday, 4th 8.55am Rosary.
9.15am Mass). 1.30pm Visit of
students from Hive College.
7pm Finance committee.

Wednesday, 5th St Agatha.
8.35am Adoration and
Benediction. 9.15am Mass
(Alekutty Joseph RIP). 5.30pm
Sycamore course.

Friday, 7th 9.15am Mass. 5pm
SVP Meeting the Newman
Gallery.

Sat 8th St Josephine Bakhita.
10.30am Servers rehearsal.

5.45pm Confessions. 6.30pm
Mass.

Sun 9th February **The 5th Sunday
in Ordinary Time.** 9.30am
Mass. 11am Mass.

Notices *Figures for **26/1/25**
Gift Aid: £122; Loose:
£217.28; Attendance: 218

*Jo Brough's Requiem Mass will
be on Friday, 14th March at
10.30am. Please continue to pray
for Kira and Rhianne and all the
family.

*Portal Magazine is out on 1st
February, visit portalmag.co.uk
There is also the portal podcast
on:
<https://soundcloud.com/ordariateportalpodcast>

* Confirmation Mass with
Bishop David Waller will be on
26th November at 7pm.

*Escorted Tour to Westport,
Knock & Co Mayo, 10th March
2025. £799.00 pps. Price
includes flight, 10kg hold
luggage, 4 nights' in 4*
Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with
Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch
on three days. Single
supplement on
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*Aid to the Church in Need report on persecution of Christians in Nigeria:
<https://acnuk.org/news/nigeria-dozens-of-christians-killed-last-month/>

*Apostleship of Prayer, Praying with the Holy Father for February: For vocations to the priesthood and religious life
Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

*Care for the Family Conference for parents, 'Big Parenting Questions' is in Birmingham on 13th March. Tickets etc,
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/big-parenting-questions-birmingham-tickets-1049439009327?aff=BPQwebpage>

* Veronica Starkie is an Ordinariate member needing sponsors to work for a year as a missionary in Canada. If you can help please go to:

<https://www.netcanada.ca/missionaries/veronica-starkie/>

* **Jubilee Year Pilgrimage** to St John Henry Newman's Littlemore College and Chapel is on Saturday, 10th May. Details to follow.

***Sycamore Course Autumn 2025** Meetings take place in the Newman Gallery in Church (upstairs) on Wednesdays at 5.30pm – 6.30pm.

5/2, Power of Prayer
12/2, Finding Freedom
Half term begins on 14th Feb
26/2, The Sacraments
19/3, Forgiveness
26/3, Vocations
2/4 The Mass
9/4 The Light of Christ

* Lourdes Pilgrimage 2025 in the Year of Jubilee and Archbishop Bernard invites you to come on this very special occasion in the life of the Archdiocese: **Saturday 24 – Friday 30 May 2025**
www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes.

***Prayers for the departed:**

Justus Aghedo, Paul Shorters,
Loi Mou Yau, Margaret Lloyd,
John Cook, Tom Regan, Revd
John Brownsell, Thomas Poku,
Mandy Lane, Margaret Mary
Drewett, Grazyna Juszkiwicz,
Peter Duffy, John Ryan, Michael
Cregan, Paul Pascal Fitzgerald,
Ralph Joseph Lloyd, Joan
Hargan, Innocent Obi, Mary
Keogh, Patrick Murphy, Linda
Smith, Ken Hunter, Jennifer
Alexander, Mary Kingdom,
Margaret Rose Murtagh,
Catherine Boyle, Bob Hall,
Patrick McLoughlin, Ann
Mitchell, Angela Hillman, Rachel
Kay Banks, Imre Balazs, Edith
Gifford, Sinead Sullivan, Jan
Miguel, Brian Crawford, Jo
Brough, Freda Simpson,
Raymond Griffiths, Patricia
Charles, Mary Veronica Rodgers,
George Aideyan, Stephen Ferns
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