

**THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD YEAR C**

**2 February 2025**

The story of the Presentation of the child Jesus in the Temple is dominated by Simeon's welcome, 'a light to enlighten the gentiles and the glory of your people Israel', and by his warning to Mary, 'a sword will pierce your heart'. Simeon reiterates the angel's promise that the child would fulfil the destiny of Israel and Israel's task to the nations. Much like any family life, the promised future included the delights of the growing, developing child, and the background fear that the great destiny of each child may include sorrow and even heartbreak. How much did Mary and Joseph know about the precious child they were nurturing? As he grew to independence did he become more loving and supportive? How did his contemporaries find him? Was he a leader? Did he stand out from the pack? Each of us has a private picture of the child, the boy, the adolescent, the young man. All we know for sure is that 'the child grew to maturity', and that Mary 'pondered all these things in her heart', with Simeon's welcome and warning before her mind.

**PARISH NOTICES & EVENTS**

**PARISH OF DIVINE MERCY PRAYER**

**1.** Lord Jesus Christ, help us never to abandon your ways. As you have loved and shown us your mercy, may we sincerely express our love for God by loving our neighbour and being merciful to them. Jesus, King of Divine Mercy, we trust in you.

**2. READINGS**

**First: Malachi 3:1-4-** God will send his messenger .. the God you are seeking will enter his Temple ... who will be able to remain standing, for he is like the refiner's fire and the fullers' alkali.

**Psalm - 24 -** Who is the King of Glory, it is the Lord / O gates, lift up your heads

**Second: Hebrews 2:14-18:** Jesus took to himself descent from Abraham ... he became completely like his brothers.

**Gospel: Luke 2:22-40-** On the day of purification, Jesus parents took him to be presented in the temple. Simeon was prompted by the Holy Spirit and recognised Jesus saying, "my eyes have seen the salvation ... a light to enlighten the pagans...". Anna the prophetess also recognised him and prayed over him. ... when they had done what the Law required, they went back to Nazareth to raise Jesus.

**3. CORPUS CHRISTI COFFEE MORNING:**

Come and join us for our First Monthly Coffee Morning of 2025. This Sunday 2nd February 2025 after the 9.30am Mass. Teas, Coffees, Fruit drinks and a selection of Homemade Cakes will be available. Everyone is invited!

**4. PARISH SVP MEETING:** There will be a meeting of the Parish SVP today, Sunday, 2 February at Corpus Christi's presbytery after the 9.30 am mass.

**5. PARISH SVP FOOD PANTRY:** will take place at Corpus Christi's Presbytery on Friday, 14 February

from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm. Please spread the word to those who might benefit from it. Thank you.

**6. PILGRIM'S PASSPORT:** Create new family traditions this Jubilee year by picking up our family-friendly guide to Jubilee churches in the Diocese of Salford. With fast facts, thought-provoking questions, and different activities, our Pilgrim's Passport is the ideal companion to help families pray and journey together this Jubilee Year. Find out more at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/pilgrims-passport/> or visit one of our Designated Churches to begin.

**7. OLDHAM DEANERY – DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: Saturday**

**3rd May 2025:** It's time to book your place on the Pilgrimage to Walsingham. Day Pilgrimage £ 40 (£20 deposit). Overnight £143-£159 (£70 deposit) the overnight trip will depart early morning of Friday 2nd May and returns Saturday evening 3rd May. A coach will be going from St Edward's Lees on 3rd May and will leave at 7am and return at 10pm.

Subject to demand there will be another coach leaving from the area. Pick up place will be confirmed nearer the date. Details and the booking form are available on the Diocesan website. It is essential that firm places are booked as soon as possible using the correct form.

For further details and to confirm your interest please speak to Father Callum Brown, St Edwards or Janet Rathburn 07989558248 (St Edwards).

A wonderful opportunity to take part in a Pilgrimage in celebration of the 2025 Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee. Fr Callum Brown

**HYMNS**

**CORPUS CHRISTI:** Entrance: 194; Offertory: 557, 443; Communion: 425; Recessional: 644.

**ST HERBERT'S:** Entrance: 622; Offertory: 153; Communion: 4; Recessional: .

**8. FEAST OF ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA:** The feast day of St Josephine Bakhita, the patron saint of victims of human trafficking and modern slavery, takes place on 8th February. There are 50 million victims of human trafficking across the world and as many as 130,000 in the UK.

Charities across the UK and our diocese are working hard to raise awareness and take action on what Pope Francis describes as “a crime against humanity”. Resources to help you find out more can be found at [santamartagroup.org/resources](http://santamartagroup.org/resources)

**9.MERCY BROTHERS:** Join us for a family-friendly night of musical entertainment with clergy band, The Mercy Brothers. The concert will raise funds for our Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund, which supports our sick pilgrims and medical team. The concert will take place on Friday 21 February at Hough End Centre, Chorlton. Doors open at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £20 (free for under 16s) and includes a hot supper.

Book now: [www.salfordlourdes.co.uk/fundraising](http://www.salfordlourdes.co.uk/fundraising) or phone the pilgrimage office on 0161 817 2209.

**10. SCHOOL NEWS:**

**Corpus Christi:** On Wednesday, classes enjoyed learning more about the celebration of 'Chinese New Year'. We all enjoyed an amazing Chinese feast for dinner, which was delicious!

This week, children in EYFS and KS1 enjoyed their annual visit off Freddie Fit. As always, they enjoyed their session with him, learning about the importance of looking after our body and keeping fit and healthy. Next week, our children in LKS2 and Year 5 will also enjoy a session with Freddie Fit.

**11.LAUDATO SI' CENTRE GARDENING CLUB:**

The Diocese of Salford's environment hub, The Laudato Si' Centre, is delighted to announce a regular gardening club, taking place on Fridays. Parish groups and volunteers are invited to join the team at the Centre to explore sustainable gardening techniques, top tips, and to come together in shared faith to care for our common home. Email [laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) to find out more.

**WEEKDAY CALENDAR**

<b>MONDAY:</b>	Both churches closed
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	<b>Corpus Christi:</b> Private Prayer at 6.30 pm; Mass at 7.00 pm
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	<b>St Herbert's:</b> Divine Mercy Prayer 9.30 am; Mass at 10.00 am
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	<b>Corpus Christi:</b> Private Prayer at 9.00 am; Mass at 9.30 am
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	<b>St Herbert's:</b> Private Prayer at 9.30 am; Mass at 10.00 am
<b>SATURDAY:</b>	<b>Corpus Christi:</b> Private Prayer at 5.00 pm; Mass at 5.30 pm
<b>SUNDAY:</b>	<b>Corpus Christi:</b> Private Prayer 9.00 am; Mass at 9.30 am <b>St Herbert's:</b> Private Prayer 10.30 am; Mass at 11.00 am

**CONFESSIONS AVAILABLE BEFORE OR AFTER MASS ON REQUEST**

**MASS REQUESTS**

**Missa pro populo**  
**Special Intention:** Mary Swann  
**Anniversary:** Kevin McPhillips (1<sup>st</sup> anniversary), Owen McDonnell, Edward Dervin, Anna Giuseppina Gaeta,  
**R.I.P:** Holy Souls  
**Thanksgiving Mass:** Private Intention  
**Birthday Anniversary:** Mary & Fred Adams, Mary Morgan

**PRAYER FOR SICK & HOUSEBOUND**

Father, we place before you all the sick and housebound of the parish:  
 Noreen Butterworth, Margaret Lawless, Sheila Cavey, Stuart Williams, Peter Stone, Wade Stevens, Luke Burke, John McCarthy, Mary Gowran, Mrs Monica Anne Turner, Angela Delph, Dorothy Buckley, Nora Hickey, Nancy Pinto, Mrs H Fallas, Anthony McDermott, Jean Winterbottom, Maxine Bennett, Dominic Boardman, Angela Fairgrieve, Peter Wooldridge, Pauline Powell, Phillip Lees, Andrew Lees, Mary O'Connor, Louise Knotman, Shirley Pryce.



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**ARE YOU...**

- New to the Parish?
- Know someone who is sick or in hospital?
- Can you help the parish or us you?
- Like a visit from the priest?

Please speak to Fr Lawrence after mass or at any convenient time.