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## *Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Candlemas Day*

2<sup>nd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> February 2025

### THE BLESSING OF THE CANDLES

*Before the Procession, the Priest, vested in a violet cope, blesses the candles, which are placed near the altar.*

V. The Lord be with you. R. And with thy spirit.

**FIRST PRAYER.** Holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God, who hast created all things out of nothing, and by Thy command hast caused this liquid to become perfect wax by the labour of bees: and who, on this day didst fulfil the petition of the righteous man, Simeon: we humbly entreat Thee, that by the invocation of Thy most holy Name and through the intercession of Blessed Mary ever Virgin whose feast is today devoutly observed, and by the prayers of all Thy Saints, Thou wouldst vouchsafe to bless and sanctify these candles for the service of men and for the health of their bodies and souls, whether on land or on sea: and that Thou wouldst hear from Thy holy heaven, and from the throne of Thy Majesty the voices of this Thy people, who desire to carry them in their hands with honour, and to sing Your praises; and that You would look with favour on all who call upon You, whom You have redeemed with the precious blood of Your Son, who being God, lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. R. Amen.

**SECOND PRAYER.** Almighty and everlasting God, who on this day didst present Thine only-begotten Son in Thy holy temple to be received in the arms of holy Simeon: we humbly entreat Thy clemency, that Thou wouldst vouchsafe to bless and sanctify and to kindle with the light of Thy heavenly benediction these candles, which we, Thy servants, desire to receive and to bear lighted in the honour of Thy Name: that, by offering them to Thee our Lord God, being worthily inflamed with the holy fire of Thy most sweet charity, we may deserve to be presented in the holy temple of Thy glory. Through the same our Lord. R. Amen.

**THIRD PRAYER.** Lord Jesus Christ, the true Light who enlightenest every man that cometh into this world: pour forth Thy blessing upon these candles, and sanctify them with the light of Thy grace, and mercifully grant, that as these lights enkindled with visible fire dispel the darkness of night, so our hearts illumined by invisible fire, that is, by the splendour of the Holy Spirit, may be free from the blindness of all vice, that the eye of our mind being cleansed, we may be able to discern what is pleasing to Thee and profitable to our salvation; so that after the perilous darkness of this life we may deserve to attain to never-failing light: through Thee, O Christ Jesus, Saviour of the world, who in the perfect Trinity, livest and reignest. R. Amen.

**FOURTH PRAYER.** Lord Jesus Christ, who appearing on this day among men in the substance of our flesh, wast presented by Thy parents in the temple: whom the venerable and aged Simeon, illuminated by the light of Thy Spirit, recognized, received into his arms, and blessed: mercifully grant that, enlightened and taught by the grace of the same Holy Ghost, we may truly acknowledge Thee and faithfully love Thee; Who with God the Father. R. Amen.

**FIFTH PRAYER.** Almighty and everlasting God, who by Thy servant Moses didst command the purest oil to be prepared for lamps to burn continuously before Thee: vouchsafe to pour forth the grace of Thy blessing upon these candles: that they may so afford us light outwardly that by Thy gift, the gift of Thy Spirit may never be wanting inwardly to our minds. Through our Lord. R. Amen.

### THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE CANDLES

*The Priest sprinkles the candles three times with holy water, saying the Antiphon, Asperges me, and also incenses them three times. During the distribution and lighting of the candles, the Canticle of Simeon is sung.*

### ANTIPHON

A light for the revelation of the Gentiles: and for the glory of Thy people Israel. *This Antiphon is repeated after each verse of the following Canticle: THE CANTICLE OF SIMEON Luke 2. 29-32*

- ❖ Now Thou dost dismiss Thy servant, O Lord, according to Thy word in peace.
- ❖ Because mine eyes have seen Thy salvation.
- ❖ Which Thou hast prepared, before the face of all peoples.
- ❖ Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
- ❖ As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*On entering the church, the choir sings:*

RESPONSORY *Luke 2. 22-24*

They offered for Him to the Lord a pair of turtle doves, or two young pigeons: \* As it is written in the Law of the Lord. After the days of the purification of Mary, according to the law of Moses, were fulfilled, they carried Jesus to Jerusalem, to present Him to the Lord. \* As it is written. Glory be to the Father. \* As it is written.

*After Benediction and the Procession, Mass begins, omitting the prayers at the foot of the altar. The candles are extinguished.*

## Announcements

✠ **Daily Mass translations on our website:** [www.icksp.org.uk/newbrighton/liturgical-calendar-2023](http://www.icksp.org.uk/newbrighton/liturgical-calendar-2023)

✠ **Choir Practices:** on **Monday at 7.15pm**. Gregorian Chant Rehearsals: Every 2 weeks. **Next Practice:**

Polyphonic Choir Rehearsals: Every 2 weeks. Please contact Clare Tucker: [tuckerobertson@gmail.com](mailto:tuckerobertson@gmail.com) or 0151 639 19 99 / 0771 471 02 75. **Next Practice: 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb**

✠ **Piety Shop:** Mass Booklets available: £5 each. Mass cards, rosary beads, books, gifts, all at very reasonable prices. All profits go to Ss. Peter & Paul. Also support Wirral Foodbank and Ss PPP 200 Club at the piety shop.

✠ **Brown Scapular Enrolment:** Please ask a Canon to enroll you in the Brown Scapular so that you can take part in this beautiful devotion of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

✠ **Last Sunday Collection:** £766.98 - Boxes: £153.12 - Bank transfers: £ Heating n/a Shop £47.50- Total: £967.60 - Thank you very much for your continued generosity! If you wish to donate via bank transfer, please use the following: Sort Code: 40-45-14 - Account number: 01805061 - For the credit of ICKSP / SSPPP

✠ **Church Cleaning.** Can you spare an hour every Saturday morning to help clean our beautiful church? The Cleaning Team meets from **11-12am every Saturday morning after Mass**. Coffee and biscuits afterwards! Please contact Joyce at 07887580547 if you would like to join us. *Thank you to all who generously give their time to the upkeep of the church.*

✠ **Second Collection.** This will be taken for the heating of the church. 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month.

✠ **Donations for refreshments after the 10.30 Mass** in January in aid of the Good Counsel Network amounted to £87.80. Many thanks for your generosity! [www.goodcounselnet.org.uk](http://www.goodcounselnet.org.uk) This month we will collect for another worthwhile cause called **The Mother of Mercy**, a Marian charity which provides care to the homeless in Liverpool through providing food and clothes. *Please note that all refreshments after the 10.30 Mass are donated by members of the congregation. Help and donations towards the purchase of disposable cups is always welcome!*

✠ **The Canon's Reading List:** Would you like to get to know St. Francis de Sales better? After the *Introduction to the Devout Life*, the faithful may find much to edify them spiritually in his sermons. As we approach the great season of penance, I recommend his *Sermons for Lent*. TAN books offers other convenient little volumes by theme, e.g. *Advent and Christmas*, on *Our Lady*, on *Prayer*.



## Forthcoming events

✠ **First Thursday Adoration** 1-6pm in the Day Chapel. 1pm: Rosary for priests followed by a mediation. 2-6 pm silent prayer. Benediction 6:10pm.

✠ **Preparation to first Confession and first Holy Communion (age 7+):** Please contact Canon Post. **8<sup>th</sup> February** following 10.30 Mass.

✠ **First steps in Faith (age 5-6):** Please contact Canon Montjean. Bring your pencil crayons! **8<sup>th</sup> February** following 10.30 Mass.

✠ **Catechism Class from scratch:** For anyone wishing to learn more about the Catholic Faith or considering reception into the church/baptism. If you cannot make this for whatever reason, please contact Canon Montjean for individual tuition. **Next class, Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> February.**

✠ **Liturgical practices for servers:** Canon Post will be organising practices for those serving at the altar. **Saturday, following the morning Mass on 15<sup>th</sup> February.** This practice will be for servers who want to learn the role of acolyte at Sung Mass.

✠ **Craft Group:** Knitting, crochet, patchwork, tapestry. Beginners welcome. Contact: Dorothy McCarthy 0776 775 2671 **Next Meeting Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

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✠ **Society for the Protection of Unborn Children – YOUTH CONFERENCE .** Friday 21<sup>st</sup> – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025 Barnfield Park Training & Conference Centre, Stone, Staffordshire ST15 0NL. £140 Accommodation and Meals Included: <https://spuc.org.uk/youthconference/>

✠ **For Life Matters and helplines:** see <https://lifecharity.org.uk>; for prolife helpline <https://www.goodcounselnet.co.uk> and for abortion recovery see <https://www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk>

Ordo	Mass	Mass intentions		Devotions	Confessions
		Canon Montjean	Canon Post		
Offer a Mass for your intentions using the Mass Offering envelope (narthex). Write name (living or deceased) or intention. Enclose donation. Place envelope in collection box or give to a Canon. The earliest available date for a Mass at the moment is: 21 <sup>st</sup> March				Confessions can also be arranged privately by texting a Canon (see front page)	
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Candlemas) <i>White</i>	8.30am Low Mass 10.30am Sung Mass	Mark Dalton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Msgr Wach</li><li>William Post RIP</li></ul>	5.30pm Vespers 6pm Rosary and Benediction Compline	9.30am–10.15am
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February St. Blaise <i>Red</i>	6.30pm Low Mass	Maisie Harris RIP	Marilyn Post RIP	5.30 Adoration 6.10pm Benediction	5.40pm–6.10pm
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February St. Andrew Corsini <i>White</i>	6.30pm Low Mass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Holy Souls in Purgatory</li><li>Heather Hesketh</li></ul>	Novena for Kath Geldard	5.30 Adoration 6.10pm Benediction	5.40pm–6.10pm
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> February St. Agatha <i>Red</i>	6.30pm Low Mass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ann Swettenham</li><li>Ed Jamieson</li></ul>	Novena for Kath Geldard	5.30 Adoration 6.10pm Benediction	5.40pm–6.10pm
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> February Votive Mass of Our Lord the High Priest <i>White</i>	6.30pm Low Mass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>John Hunt RIP</li><li>Tamsin Allsopp RIP</li></ul>	Novena for Kath Geldard	1-6 Adoration 6.10pm Benediction	5.40pm–6.10pm
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus <i>White</i>	6.30pm Low Mass	T.Y	Novena for Kath Geldard	5.15pm Vespers 5.40 Adoration 6.10pm Benediction 7.10pm Compline	5.40pm–6.10pm
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> February St. John of Matha <i>White</i>	10am Low Mass	For the salvation of the UK	Novena for Kath Geldard	9.00 Adoration & Benediction 6.30pm Vespers 7pm Compline	9am–9.40am
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> February Fifth Sunday after Epiphany <i>Green</i>	8.30am Low Mass 10.30am Sung Mass	Thanksgiving for graces received.	Novena for Kath Geldard	5.30pm Vespers 6pm Rosary and Benediction Compline	9.30am–10.15am
<p>“My Jesus, give me the grace to be very faithful to the examination of conscience. Every day, I will come before You and look at You and see what I should be. And I will look at myself and see what I am not. Please, give me the light to know my faults and the courage to overcome them.”</p> <p>St Francis de Sales (<a href="https://salesianliterature.wixsite.com">https://salesianliterature.wixsite.com</a>)</p>				<p>Try an examination based on either the 10 Commandments, 7 Capital Sins or Faith, Hope and Charity: <a href="https://mycatholic.life/catholic-prayers/examination-of-conscience/">https://mycatholic.life/catholic-prayers/examination-of-conscience/</a> <b>Children:</b> <a href="https://www.ncregister.com/info/confession-guide-for-children">https://www.ncregister.com/info/confession-guide-for-children</a></p>	

**Prayers for the sick:** Anne, Patricia, Joan, Vera, Lesley, Chris, Andrew, Madeleine, Sarah, John, Kathleen, Olivia, Lynne, Angela, Helen, Stuart, Jacqueline, Lindsey, Edward, Tracy, Mary, Vitali, Peter Joseph, Janet.



# THE PURIFICATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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## INTROIT *Psalm 47. 10-11*

We have received Thy mercy, O God, in the midst of Thy temple; according to Thy name, O God, so also is Thy praise unto the ends of the earth: Thy right hand is full of justice. *Ps.* Great is the Lord, and exceedingly to be praised, in the city of God, in his holy mountain. *V.* Glory be to the Father.

## COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, we humbly beseech Thy majesty; that as Thine only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in the substance of our flesh, so too Thou wouldst grant us to be presented unto Thee with purified souls. Through the same Lord.

## EPISTLE *Malachias 3.1-4*

Thus saith the Lord God: Behold I send My Angel, and he shall prepare the way before My face; and presently the Lord, whom you seek, and the Angel of the Testament, whom you desire, shall come to His temple. Behold He cometh, saith the Lord of Hosts; and who shall be able to think of the day of His coming? And who shall stand to see Him? For He is like a refining fire, and like the fuller's herb; and He shall sit refining and cleansing the silver, and He shall purify the sons of Levi, and shall refine them as gold, and as silver, and they shall offer sacrifices to the Lord in justice. And the sacrifice of Juda and of Jerusalem shall please the Lord, as in the days of old, and in the ancient years; saith the Lord almighty.

## GRADUAL *Psalm 47. 10-11, 9*

We have received Thy mercy, O God, in the midst of Thy temple: according to Thy name, O God, so also is Thy praise unto the ends of the earth. *V.* As we have heard, so have we seen, in the city of our God, and in His holy mountain.

**ALLELUIA**, alleluia. *V.* The old man carried the Child: but the Child governed the old man. Alleluia.

## TRACT *Luke 2. 29-32*

Now Thou dost dismiss Thy servant, O Lord, according to Thy word in peace. *V.* Because my eyes have seen Thy salvation. *V.* Which Thou hast prepared before the face of all peoples. *V.* Light to the revelation of the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.

*[The candles are lit before the Gospel and held lighted during the Gospel.]*

## GOSPEL *Luke 2. 22-32*

At that time, after the days of Mary's purification, according to the law of Moses, were accomplished, they carried Jesus to Jerusalem, to present Him to the Lord; as it is written in the law of the Lord: Every male opening the womb shall be called holy to the Lord; and to offer a sacrifice, according as it is written in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtle doves or two young pigeons. And behold there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Ghost was in him: and he had received an answer from the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. And he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when His parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, he also took Him into his arms, and blessed God, and said: Now Thou dost dismiss Thy servant, O Lord, according to Thy word in peace; because my eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all peoples; a light to the revelation of the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.

*[The candles now extinguished, are relit before the Preface.]*

## OFFERTORY *Psalm 44. 3*

Grace is poured abroad in thy lips: therefore hath God blessed thee for ever, and for ages and ages.

## SECRET

Graciously hear our prayers, O Lord; and that the gifts we offer in the sight of Thy majesty may be found worthy, extend to us the help of Thy mercy. Through our Lord.

## PREFACE FOR CHRISTMAS

It is truly meet and just, right and availing unto salvation that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto Thee, O holy Lord, Father almighty and everlasting God. Because by the mystery of the Word made flesh the light of Thy glory hath shone anew upon the eyes of our mind: that while we acknowledge Him to be God seen by men, we may be drawn by Him to the love of things unseen. And therefore with angels and archangels, with thrones and dominions, and with all the heavenly hosts, we sing a hymn to Thy glory, saying without ceasing:

*The candles, now lit, are not extinguished until after the Pater Noster.*

## COMMUNION *Luke 2. 26*

Simeon received an answer from the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, until he had seen the Christ of the Lord.

## POSTCOMMUNION

We beseech Thee, O Lord our God, that by the intercession of blessed Mary ever Virgin, Thou wouldst make the most holy mysteries, which Thou hast conferred upon us for the preservation of our spiritual life, both a present and future remedy. Through our Lord.