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Charity Number: 234092

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD – 01/02 FEBRUARY.

World Day OF Prayer For Consecrated Life

Dear Parishioners,

In the Gospel, Jesus' parents are doing what their faith requires: offering their first-born to God in a service of dedication in the Temple. While they are there, two elderly people, Simeon and Anna, who've been waiting for God to act for his people, recognize that Jesus is the one they've been waiting for. They recognise that He is the 'genuine article.'

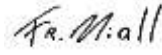
On the face of it, there doesn't seem to be a whole lot happening in the Temple that day; it's a very ordinary scene, there's nothing to make headlines. Someone prone to excessive enthusiasm might have written: 'Elderly man interrupts Temple service. He is understood to have threatened to pierce the soul of an infant's mother with a sword.' In reality, however, it took discernment on the part of the two elderly people to notice anything different or unusual that day.

It's very often that way with our faith and our efforts to live it. At face value, there may be little going on that is newsworthy, but that is not the whole story. More often than not, the real 'action' is happening in the ordinary, and it can take discernment and wisdom to see it. Conversely, the most 'newsworthy' action can sometimes be far from the most important. It seems fair to suggest that in our society, what makes news is when God's plan gets reversed, rather than when they progress.

Headlines can carry much truth, but from the perspective of faith, they may not necessarily deal with what is most important. Even with all that challenges us, there is a very great deal of goodness in our church, in our society, in our young

people. We need to be a little like Simeon and Anna in the Temple: we need discernment to spot where God is working. The Gospel tells us that Simeon was moved by the Holy Spirit, and that Anna spent her time in prayer. We would do well to give a little more time to prayer, and to try to be moved more by the Spirit of God rather than by the spirit of the times.

Have A Blessed Week

 (Fr. Niall)

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MARRIAGES: By appointment. At least six months' notice is required. Please speak to one of the priests for more information. The next marriage preparation course Monday and Tuesday 17th and 18th of February 6:50pm to 9:00pm in the parish hall. To book your place email : marinaandvincenzoolsg@olsg.co.uk

Fr John is available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in Malayalam and Tamil languages.

On Sunday 29th of March, 2020 England will be rededicated as the "**Dowry of Mary**". This will happen in Westminster Cathedral, in Walsingham, in every Catholic Cathedral, in every parish church and in as many homes as possible. Bishop Alan will celebrate the 11:30a.m. Mass on that Sunday in Brentwood Cathedral.

STEWARDS OF THE GOSPEL The 'Vision Document- Shaping Our Future' grouped our parish of Our Lady and St George (OLSG) with St Joseph, Leyton and Our Lady of the Rosary and St Patrick, Blackhorse Road. Our new Parish Partnership was asked to make plans for our shared future based upon the long-term future. OLSG submitted its Partnership Plan to the Diocese during Advent. A copy of our Plan is on the SOTG notice board and copies are available in the Church porch. Please email conrad.sotg@gmail.com if you would like a copy emailed to you.

Monthly Praise and Worship Evening: Sion Community, on behalf of the Diocesan Service Team, hold a monthly Praise and Worship evening on the last Sunday of each month. The next one is Sunday 23rd February. Everyone is very welcome to join us at Sion Community, 'SENT', Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood CM15 9BX at 7.30pm for an evening of contemporary Christian worship. If you have any queries, contact us on admin@sioncommunity.org.uk, call 01277 215011 or see our website: www.sioncommunity.org.uk. Looking forward to seeing you.

Our parish safe guarding officials are Jenny Richmond and Marina Tuddy.

YEAR OF THE GOD WHO SPEAKS Our third study day for the Year of the Word will be held at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Brentwood Road, Gidea Park (RM2 6DH) at 10.30 on Saturday 29th February, when Fr Victor Darlington, lecturer on John's Gospel at St John's Seminary, Wonersh, will give two talks entitled 'John Among the Gospels', providing a fresh reading of the Fourth Gospel. The day will conclude at 3 p.m. Admission is free, but please book by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com or by phone to 01708 449914. During the day there will be the chance to buy copies of the 'Revised New Jerusalem Bible' at the discounted price of £30 (RRP £39.99). Refreshments will be available but please bring your own packed lunch. There is ample free parking at the church, which is three minutes' walk from Gidea Park station. Easy connections by bus and by TfL to Stratford, Liverpool Street, and Brentwood.

Annual Pilgrim Dinner In Celebration of 20 years of Pilgrimages from Our Lady and St. Georges Parish for all pilgrims, the annual pilgrim dinner will be held on Friday 28th February 2020 @8.00pm at Filika Restaurant, 62 High Street, Wanstead E11 2RJ. Please confirm asap, if you can attend by email Stella.Kearns@outlook.com or on 02085273879.

Mass Booklet The Simple Prayer Book is on sale for £3.50 from the Repository which has the Order of Service for the Mass, basic prayers, the Rosary and much more which will help your prayer and spiritual journey.

Alcoholics Anonymous meet on two occasions each week in the church meeting room Thursdays 12 noon to 1p.m. and Saturday evenings 8:00 to 9:30p.m. Anyone with an alcohol problem will receive a warm welcome.

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Sandra Frances Deason, Rest In Peace. The funeral service will be at Manor Park Crematorium on Tuesday 11th February at 10a.m

Mass attendance last weekend 733. Syro Malabar 175. The collection last week was £1431.97. Average weekly standing order collection is £350. Thank you.

<u>counting Rota</u>	19/01F	26/01E	02/02B	09/02F	15/02E	20/02B
<u>Hospital Rota</u>	19/01A	26/01B	02/02D	09/02A	15/02B	20/02D



Joke of the Week: Ever since I gave up bread, I have lost loaves of weight
(Attributed to Tim Vine)

Happy Birthday to Krisitna Klimmasauskaite

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

06:00pm	Special Intentions (Maume)
Sun 2 February	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
08:30am	Eva Santiano (Rest in Peace) (Aurora)
10:00am	Leslie Burton (Rest in Peace) (Bernice)
12:00noon	Bern William (Rest in Peace) (Kristina)
02:30noon	Syro Malabar Mass
Mon 3 February	FERIA
9:15am	Family Intentions (Maume)
04:00pm	Whipps Cross Hopital- Mass-(Parishioners)
06:00pm	Thanksgiving (Maume)
Tue 4 February	FERIA
09:15am	Patrick and Eileen Fouhy (Rest in Peace) (Jeff)
06:00pm	Special Intentions (Maume)
Wed 5 February	SAINT AGATHA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR
09:15pm	Special Intentions (Maume)
06:00 pm	Mary and Joe Quinn's Intentions (Clara)
Thu 6 February	SAINT PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS
09:15am	Sr. Noeleen's Intentions (Sr.Peggy)
06:00pm	Alan Kennedy (Rest in Peace)
Fri 7 February	FERIA
09:15am	Francesco Mortali (Rest in Peace)(Janet)
06:00pm	Deb William (Kristina)
Sat 8 February	FERIA
10:00am	Parishioners
06:00pm	Bernard Carey (Rest in Peace) (Family)
Sun 9 February	FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
08:30 am	John Mills (Rest in Peace) (Over 60's Club)
10:00 am	Carole Hodges (Rest in Peace)(Fawcett)
12:00noon	Josephine and Family (Jane Frances)
02:30 pm	Syro Malabar Mass

Prayer List

Christopher Browne, Rose Dennehy, Carol Hogermeer, Brian Keane, Ignatius Keane, Tony McCarthy, Rose O'Neill, Andrea Roberts, Promise Shinondo, Victoria Wyndham, Christine Conway, Nora Meades, Veronica Nolan, Mr and Mrs Charles, Esperanza Buenaventura, Joyce Ross, Christine Raymond, Jacky Boyrow, Thelma Lewis, Tasmin Sparks, Eileen Karim, Sandra Gibson, Archie Garrod, Martin Keane, Alix Charlery, Bridie Lacon, Peter Ikuptati, Mercy Fernando, Veronica Godsave, Oliver Gaynor, Marjorie Singh, Gunanesan Singarajah, Bill Walsh, Bridget Lyons, Kristina Klimasauskaite, Philomena Spranklen, Jeffrey Mitchell, Michelle Boyle, Carla Cornelius, Cecelia Gibbs, Arthur Gibbs, Ural Gibbs, Gilbert Gibbs, Archie, George and Issac, Luis and Lukas, Comfort Kwawu, Judith Hilton, Gloria and Tracy Joseph, Regina Jose, Kojo Gyebi-Ababio, Thampirajah Baskaran, Linda Campbell, Brid O'Halloran, Hazel Belizaire, Tina Henriques, Christopher O' Neill, Alan and Ross Smith, Stefan, Monica Baugh, Eileen O Kane, Louis Marie, Grace Mecaley, Jadwiga, Matthias Fredberg, Michael White, Bernadette Wilson, Fr. Jean Laurent Marie, Fr Paul Dynan, Roy and Margaret Bandhu, Maura Stone, Alma Willox, John Walsh, Chantale Wildman, Christopher Almeda, Aileen Mensah, Sr. Helen, Ted and Pat Howland, Brian Hames

Rosary: Weekdays after morning Mass Reconciliation (Confessions): Sat. 10.30am – 11.30am. 5.00pm – 5.45pm. During these times the priest is in the Reconciliation Room, inside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, to the left. Confessions are also available at other times on request. **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** Mondays: 10am-7pm; Wednesdays 10am-4pm; Fridays 9.45-10.45am; Saturdays 10.30-11.30am.

Bible Study: Mondays at 8pm, Church Meeting Room