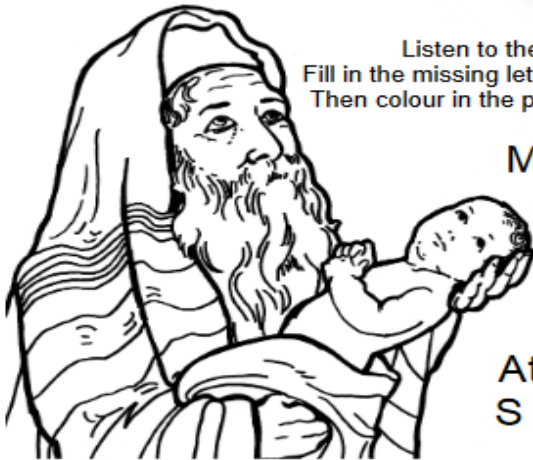


St. Anthony's Little Church

When the day came for them to be purified the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord - observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord - and also to offer in sacrifice, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.

JESUS the LIGHT of the WORLD



Listen to the story told in today's Gospel.
Fill in the missing letters to complete the sentences below.
Then colour in the picture of Simeon holding baby Jesus.

M ___ and J _____
presented Jesus in
the T _____.

At the Temple they met
S _____ and A _____.

Today we also bless candles that give light. These remind us that Jesus is the Light of the world. Draw a picture or write about how to live in Jesus' light.



St Anthony of Padua

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The Refiner of Silver

The Feast of the Presentation is at its core a feast of longing. It is longing that is behind Mary and Joseph's fulfilling the law; it is longing behind Anna's asceticism; it is longing that is behind Simeon's piety. Jesus is brought to the temple as the embodiment of his Father's longing for humanity. Who among us has not had his or her life characterised by expectation, anticipation, longing and waiting? We get up each morning, wondering if today is the day and we have to decide whether we will give up or whether we will continue to trust that God is present and working in our lives even if we can't see or clearly understand how this can be. Like Simeon and Anna do we continue to 'show up' and wait for the miracle?

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CAFOD in Zimbabwe

Millions of families across Zimbabwe and Zambia have greeted the new year facing hunger. Crippling drought and spiralling food prices continue to worsen the food shortages in both countries. CAFOD along with our local Church aid workers have been working around the clock to get food and clean water to communities in need. CAFOD's Zambia representative, Mwila Mulumbi, has said "People have run out of ways to cope, and are forced to survive on wild fruits and leaves". CAFOD has already given £50,000 to the emergency response and through our local Church network, we have intensified our efforts to provide families in need with emergency food and safe, clean water.

The Presentation of the Lord Year A

2nd February 2020

Missal: p1118

Eucharistic Prayer: 2

DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 1st February 2020

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Anthony</i>	Gerard Mason	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Anthony</i> <i>Holy Family</i>	Tom & Marie Hooper Bernard Moore	<i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>
Mon 9.15am 10.30am	<i>Holy Family</i> <i>St. Anthony</i>	For our parish Funeral Service: Marion Barton	
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Anthony</i>	Tony Castaldo	
Wed 10.45am	<i>St. Anthony</i>	Funeral Mass: Irene Mary Cottam	<i>Feast: St. Agatha</i>
Thur 9.15m	<i>Holy Family</i>	<i>Eucharistic Service</i>	<i>Feast: St. Paul Miki & Comp</i>
Fri 9.15am 6.30-7.30pm	<i>St. Anthony</i> <i>Holy Family</i>	Special Intention (K & D H)	<i>Feast: St. John Bosco</i> Exposition & Holy Communion
Sat: 6.00pm	<i>St. Anthony</i>	Bill Moon	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Anthony</i> <i>Holy Family</i>	Peter Sullivan James Townshend, Penny & Martin Townshend & family.	<i>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>

Last Weekend: Offertory £654.41; Attendance 208 (6pm: 106; 9.30am 102).
Thank you for your continued generosity.

Masses received this week:

Veronica Lily Riley, Special Intention (E.D), Special Intention (K & D H), James Townshend, Penny & Martin Townshend & family.

Please pray for: Joan Anderton, Bill Embery, Lawrence Dunnagan, John Myerscough and Alice Myerscough, Mary Elizabeth Kellett, Chris Goldsmith, Frank & Norah Stanton, Teresa Clarkson, Carole Adnitt, Theresa Crook, Betty Murphy, Marie Gardner, Frances & Les Farrer;

... for those who have died recently:

Frank Burscough, Irene Cottam, Mary 'Marion' Barton, Helen McBride, Kathleen Devine, Ilena Taylor;

... and for those whose anniversaries are around now: Minnie Jackson, Martha Taylor, Gerard Mason, Maureen Thomas, Maria MacKenzie, Robert Taylor, Marie Starr, Frances Copp.

We keep in our prayers those who have been injured or lost their lives in conflict, especially those from our parish.

Happy Birthday St. Anthony's Church!

Our church is 60 years old this year. Ten years ago we had a big celebration for the Golden Jubilee. This year we'll make a special celebration out of our annual feast day on Sunday 7th June. As usual Parish Groups including the School, Scouts, Guides, SVP, CAFOD, Children's liturgy, servers etc. are invited to take part. Immediately after Mass, the plan is to gather in the Parish Centre for some form of breakfast, coffee, tea etc followed a little later with singers performances etc but things are not set in stone yet and so your ideas are most welcome.

Re-dedication of England as the Dowry of Mary

Our bishops have announced that we are to re-dedicate our country to Mary. The statue from Walsingham is visiting each of the Cathedrals. Below are details of our Cathedral events:

Thursday 6th February 4.00pm Exhibition opens with Rosary & Litany
6.00pm Angelus (Talk by Mgr. Armitage) 7.00pm Mass (Bp Paul)

Friday 7th February 9.45am Rosary & Sung Litany 10.30am Cathedral open for visits.
12Noon Angelus & Mass & Exposition 6.00pm Angelus. Private prayer
7.00pm Mass with Sacrament of Sick

Saturday 8th February 9.15am Rosary & Litany 10.45am Exposition & Reconciliation.
12noon Angelus & Mass (Bp Paul)

See also www.dowrytour.org.uk

"The God who Speaks!"

1. The Xaverian Missionaries invite you to share in our exploring of The God who Speaks, The first is on February 8th: Liturgy and the Bible 9.30am-2.00pm. Bring your own lunch, however, tea and coffee are provided.

There is no cost for the event, however, donations are welcome! Xaverian Mission Spirituality Centre, 169 Sharoe Green Lane, Preston, PR2 8HE. preston@xavs.org 717122

2. Metanoia's 'The God who Speaks' series resumes Thursday 6th February, 7:30-9.30pm at St Wilfrid's. This series will focus on the Gospel readings we hear at Sunday Mass, helping us to prepare for a deeper engagement at Mass as well as a greater understanding of the Scriptures as a whole. Details from Joe/Ruth on 07957 566741 or www.metanoiaproject.co.uk

Rosary Service

Tuesday 4th February, 2pm at Carmel on St Vincent's Road. To pray for expectant mothers and their unborn babies. Speaker: Fr Jim Clarke s.x.

CAFOD pre-Lent meeting

All supporters of the work of CAFOD are invited to discover more about and to support CAFOD's work. On Tuesday 4th February, 7pm in the Padua Room.

Lancaster Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2020

The pilgrimage will be led by Bishop Paul Swarbrick from 24-31 July 2020 with flights from Manchester. Please see poster and booking forms in the porch. Bookings and enquiries to Joe Walsh Tours. Tel: 0161 8208790. Email: info@joewalshstours.co.uk.

Lourdes Pilgrimage Youth Section 2020 from 23 July -1 August 2020 with coach travel from Keswick. See the events page at www.castleriggmanor.co.uk