

Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, 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, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.

Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said:

'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.'

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem. When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

Newsletter Items by Wednesday am. Thank you

Weekly Devotions
Wednesdays after Mass until
10.00am at St. Theresa's
Friday 9.15am at Sacred Heart

RECONCILIATION

"Be courageous and go to confession! Jesus will receive you; he will receive you with so much love" (Pope Francis)
5.45 to 6.15 before Saturday Mass or by Appointment.

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PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

SATURDAY	Feria 6.30 pm St Theresa's	Grace Lilian Drake (RIP)
SUNDAY	The Presentation of the Lord 9.15 am St. Theresa's 9.30 am St. Theresa's 11.00 am Sacred Heart	Angelus and Rosary Helen Murphy (RIP) Mass
MONDAY	Feria 9.00 am St Theresa's	John Murphy (RIP)
TUESDAY	Feria 9.15 am Sacred Heart	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
WEDNESDAY	St. Agatha 9.00 am St. Theresa's	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
THURSDAY	St. Paul Miki and Companions	
FRIDAY	Feria 9.15 am Sacred Heart 9.45 am Sacred Heart 7.00 pm St. Theresa's	Adoration Mass Mass
SATURDAY	Feria 6.30 pm St Theresa's	John Murphy (RIP)
SUNDAY	5th Sunday of Ordinary Time 9.15 am St. Theresa's 9.30 am St. Theresa's 11.00 am Sacred Heart	Angelus and Rosary John Murphy (RIP) Brian Healy (RIP)

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**SAFEGUARDING
OFFICERS**
St Theresa's
Lucy Joyce
Sacred Heart
John Mumford

Can we all make a big effort to be silent in Church before the start of Mass so as to establish an atmosphere of prayer prior to our celebration of the Eucharist. Thank you

FIRE ASSEMBLY POINTS – For your own safety, will you please note where your Fire Assembly Points are situated.

St. Theresa's is by the wall in the front of the garage.

Sacred Heart is at the top end of the car park fence side, past the hall.

CHANGE OF MASS TIMES AFTER EASTER – Sundays only, St. Theresa's 9.15 am not 09.30, Sacred Heart 11.15 am not 11am

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 21st 7PM – St. Theresa's will be hosting a Mass to celebrate Father Ted's 50th Anniversary of his ordination. Refreshments will be provided afterwards. Everyone is welcome to join this wonderful celebration.

SUNDAY MORNING WELCOMERS – Could you please consider joining this rota it would only be about every 6th week. You just need to arrive about 30 minutes before mass on that day. Please give your name and phone number to Father if you are able to help. Thank You

FLOWERS AT THE CHURCH – If at any time you would like to make a contribution to the flowers for an anniversary or special occasion, please speak to any of the flower arrangers.

MOBILE PHONES – Please ensure your phones are turned off/silent prior to Mass starting.

THEMES OF CATHOLICISM – Fr. Ted will be running a course of 10 DVD's on themes of Catholicism by Bishop Robert Barron, Thursday 27th February and Thursday 19th March from 7.00 pm to 8.30 pm in the Parish Hall at St Theresa's.

MATTHEW'S GOSPEL – There are now in the Narthex of both churches copies of Matthew's Gospel at £1.00 each.

FAMILY HUB - Friday 7th February. 7.30pm to 9pm St Theresa's. Come and get to know your fellow parishioners in a relaxed atmosphere. Everyone welcome from the youngest to the oldest. Refreshments provided.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE – If you find that your deceased loved one's name is not in the book please PRINT their name on a piece of paper and hand it in through the presbytery door. We will then add them to the list. PLEASE DO NOT WRITE ON THE SHEETS IN THE FOLDER. Thank you.

FOR SALE - St Patrick's Mothers' Day, Easter and 1st Communion cards are now in stock at both Churches. Get first Choice by buying early. Also a lovely selection of paper weights. They make lovely gifts

THE NATIONAL SCRIPTURE TOUR - A day with Scripture. Saturday 22nd February 2020. Holy Trinity Parish Centre, Newark Notts. NG24 4AU Visit anytime between 10am and 4.30pm Pete Codling will be showcasing his work.

32nd ANNIVERSARY MASS FOR THE VENERABLE MARY POTTER – Bishop Patrick will be presiding to pray for the beatification of the Venerable May Potter at the Cathedral on Saturday 8th February at 11.30. All are invited to come along to this event. Light refreshments

BOOK OF REMBERANCE – There is a book of Remembrance in both churches. There is a photograph, prayers and readings chosen by family and friends. This is a way of remembering those that have gone before us but are very much in our memories and prayers. If you would like to include a loved one in the Book of Remembrance, Please contact Father Ted or Danuta Lloyd

ROSMINI CENTRE – Saturday 8 February, 2-4.30pm Rev Bill Myers will be talking on St John Henry Newman – “Praise to the Holiest” Newman’s struggle. All are welcome.

ST PATRICK’S DAY MASS at St Patrick’s Church, Beaumont Leys Lane on Tuesday 17 March at 11.00am. The main celebrant is the Rt Rev Ralph Heskett, Bishop of Hallam. Refreshments afterwards in the parish centre. All are welcome.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS – Saturday 4th July Sacred Heart Summer Fayre. Further details to follow

JANUARY CHARITY CLUB WINNERS – 1st Peter Cumberworth, 2nd Anthony Cross, 3rd Jenny Cluley, 4th Pat O’Connor. Next draw will take place on Sunday March 1st at Sacred Heart. Good Luck

PASSOVER TICKETS – are now on sale from Hazel at Rothley, Daphne or Gordon at St Theresa’s. If you have never been to this event please consider coming as it is a lovely start to our Easter preparations.

FAITH IN FAMILY BOXES – It is time for the boxes to be counted it would be much appreciated if these could be returned, Thank you Joan Holmes

MINUTES FROM THE PARISH MEETING – are now available in both church porches

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 13th February - Fish and Chip Supper at Sacred Heart. Please Book Early
Friday 21st February - 50th Anniversary Mass for Fr Ted at 7.00pm.
Wednesday 8th April - Passover Supper – 6.30 pm St. Theresa’s
Wednesday May 13th - Parish Council Meeting in Father Keating Hall
Saturday 4th July - Sacred Heart Summer Fayre
Saturday 5th December - Christmas Bazaar