



St Patrick's Catholic Church

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD 2 FEBRUARY 2025

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Presentation of the Lord

9.30am - Holy Mass
11.30am - Holy Mass

Monday - St Blaise

8.30-9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass

Tuesday - Feria

8.30-9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass

Wednesday - St Agatha

6pm - Exposition & Conf.
7pm - Holy Mass

Thursday - St Paul Mikki & Comp.

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass
5pm - **Vigil of Reception**

Friday - First Friday - Sacred Heart

9.30am - **Requiem Mass**

Saturday - Our Lady's Saturday

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass
10 - 10.30am - Confessions
5.15 - 5.45pm - Confessions
6pm - Vigil Mass

Rosary 25 mins before Mass exc. Sun

His remains will be received into the church on Thursday at 5pm and the Requiem Mass will be offered on Friday at 9:30am. ✠*Requiescat in pace*✠

All Welcome - Tea & Coffee in Hall after the 9.30am on Sunday & Monday.

First Holy Communicants 'The Presentation of the Our Father' will take place today at the 11.30am Mass. Before Mass, parents should have the pamphlet and be familiar with it. Kindly tick the register at the back on arrival.

Confirmations The Presentation of the Creed will take place next Sunday at the end of the 11.30am Mass. We keep the *confirmandi* in our prayers.

The blessing of throats Monday is the memorial of St Blaise who is the patron saint of throats. There will be the blessing of the throats after Mass.

Prayers are requested for all our sick, elderly, and housebound. **Remember that the church is open every day for visits to the Blessed Sacrament.**

Your Gift to God and His Church including standing orders: £1495 and fabric £318.

The Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday at 6.00pm in the chapel house.

Next Baptismal Course for parents and godparents will be on Wednesday from 7-8pm in the hall. Email the chapel house to book.

Volunteers, we are looking for some volunteers who could spare a couple of hours a month to help with cleaning the brasses in the church. We will be cleaning them on the first Friday of every month at 1pm in the sacristy. Please consider helping.

First Friday Divine Mercy will be prayed in the Mortuary chapel at 3pm.

Parish Events This Week

Sun 10.30am - Tea & coffee in the hall
Mon 10am - Tea / coffee in the hall
10.30am - Men's Group
2.00pm - Women's Guild

Wed 12 noon - Welcome Group
Thu 6.30pm - Youth Group

Readers' Meeting a short meeting will take place in the hall on Saturday, 1 March after the 9.30am Mass.

Save the date! The parish summer outing is on Saturday, 14 June to North Berwick. Details to follow.

Dates for the Diary

February

9 - Presentation of the Creed - P7
13 - Youth Group Valentine's Party
24 - Tour of the Church - P3
28 - Mass at Craig en Goyne

March

1 - Readers' Meeting
5 - Ash Wednesday
6 - 7.30am Lenten Masses begin
15 - St Patrick's Night Social

World Day for Marriage is next Sunday. The Church prays in particular way for all married couples, that God may daily give them the graces to support one another and their families. We especially pray that those who are experiencing difficulties in their marriages. For information, there is a diocesan marriage counsellor (marriage.counsellor@staned.org.uk) and there are other organisations such as Retrouvaille that are available to help Christian married couples (www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

Valentine's retreat for couples from 2-5pm on Saturday, 15 February at St Kentigern's Church, 26 Parkgrove Avenue, EH4 7QR. The speaker is Father Andrew Garden and the event is free. Register at bit.ly/valretreat25

Workshop for Children's Liturgy Leaders

If you are involved with the Children's Liturgy, the Archdiocesan Catechetics Commission invites you to the Gillis Centre, Edinburgh for a workshop on Children's Liturgy of the Word. The day takes place on Saturday, 22 February from 9:30am-12:00pm and will include Mass, discussion groups, a presentation on resources, and a presentation on the Liturgy of the Word within Mass. Registration and full event schedule at <https://forms.office.com/e/YRxbbsJ5kL>.

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple (Candlemas) falls on a Sunday this year so we are able to mark it together as a parish. On this feast the Church, like Simeon in the Gospel, acknowledges that Jesus is the true Light of the World and that we, as the Christians of today, are the bearers of that Light in our time. For this Mass, make sure you have a candle from the back but do not light it. **Please just take one per household.** You may blow your candle out when we sit for the readings. Please take the candle home with you so that you can have a blessed candle in the house for prayer time or to light if ever the priest is coming with the Blessed Sacrament. Feel free to bring your own candles to Mass to be blessed.

Fr Deeley is at an event in the Cathedral today.

Of your charity pray, for the happy repose of the soul of Mr Hugh Young RIP of the Kingston Flats who has died aged 80 years.

'Hope Eternal' St Mary's Catholic Cathedral's celebrated Schola Cantorum will perform a hope-filled concert of choral music at Our Lady of Loretto and St Michael Church, Musselburgh on 17 February, 7.30pm. All are welcome, Tickets are £10 / £8 concession, available from Eventbrite or on the door: <https://tinyurl.com/hopeschola>

Rise in Faith, Live in Hope The Archdiocese invites high school pupils to 'Rise in Faith, Live in Hope' at St Francis Xavier's Church, 11am-3pm on Saturday 15 March. The event will provide encouragement and inspiration to help our young people grow in their faith amidst the challenges they face. Includes Mass with Archbishop Cushley. Register at bit.ly/archyouth

Aid to the Church in Need Scottish Conference 'Courage to be Catholic'

Hear from inspiring speakers, meet representatives of Catholic organisations from around Scotland, and help build Catholic community. 9:30am - 4:00pm, Saturday 29 March, Glasgow Royal Concert Hall. Register at <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EHSR>

Mens' Spiritual Exercises 30 March – 4 April 2025 at Stoneyhurst College, Lancashire. A 5-day version of the Ignatian Exercises offered specifically for men, this retreat will be preached by the Benedictine monks of St Joseph's Abbey, Flavigny. One-to-one direction will be offered alongside the talks. For more information and to book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/mens-spiritual-exercises/>

Assisted Pilgrims for Lourdes Do you know someone who is ill or infirm and would enjoy the opportunity to experience a life-changing trip to Lourdes? The Archdiocese is seeking Assisted Pilgrims to join them on the pilgrimage 11-18 July. They will receive 24hr support from the brilliant doctors, nurses and volunteers in the Medical/Helper Team and stay in specially equipped accommodation. It will be an unforgettable week with a full spiritual and social programme. Please contact Bernadette on 0131 441 1939 or visit edinburgh-lourdes.com/lourdes24

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD SACRED SCRIPTURE

[Always read through the scriptures prayerfully before Holy Mass].

Entrance Antiphon

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple.

Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

First Reading

Malachi 3:1-4

Thus says the LORD God: Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his Temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 24

R. The LORD of hosts, he is the king of glory!

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! **R.**

The LORD of hosts, he is the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? The LORD, the mighty, the valiant; the LORD, the valiant in war. **R.**

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! **R.**

Who is this king of glory? He, the LORD of hosts, he is the king of glory. **R.**

Second Reading

Hebrews 2:14-18

Since the children share in flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. Therefore, he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

A light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, 'Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord') and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves, or two young pigeons'. Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the Temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, 'Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; or my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.' And his father and his mother marvelled at what was said about him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed — and a sword will pierce through your own soul also — so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.' And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the Temple, worshipping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favour of God was upon him.

Prayers of the Faithful Response

Lord, hear us

R. Lord Graciously hear us

Communion Antiphon

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.