

Readings for The Presentation of The Lord

First Reading

Malachi 3:1-4

The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his Temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fullers' alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old. *The Word of the Lord.*

Ps: 23.7-10

[R]: *Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord.*

Second Reading

Hebrews 2:14-18

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, Jesus too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins. That is, because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted. *The Word of the Lord.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! The light to enlighten the Gentiles and give glory to Israel, your people. Alleluia!*

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. *The Gospel of the Lord.*

Mystery of Faith: *We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.*



Holy Souls' Catholic Church

The Reminder

Holy Souls' Presbytery, Frodingham Road, Scunthorpe, DN15 7TA

Sunday, 2nd February 2013

The Presentation of the Lord - Year A

Timetable for the Week

<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Intention</i>
Saturday 1st February 2014 <i>Our Lady</i>	9.30 am 10.30 am Polish 5.30 pm Roxby 5.30 pm	Pat Vickers RIP Polish Priest's Intentions People of the Parish Michael McGuone RIP
Sunday, 2nd February 2014 - <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>	9.30 am 4.30 pm Polish 6.30 pm	Don Blanchard RIP Polish Priest's Intentions Mary McInerney RIP
Monday 3rd <i>St Blaise</i>	9.00 am	Intentions Annie Doherty
Tuesday 4th <i>St Gilbert</i>	9.00 am 9.30 am Polish	Mary & Bernard Dooley RIP Polish Priest's Intentions
Wednesday 5th <i>St Agatha</i>	12.00 noon	Frank Prior RIP
Thursday 6th <i>Sts Paul Miki & Comps</i>	9.00 am 9.30 am Polish 2.00 pm School	Con O'Callaghan RIP Polish Priest's Intentions St A-W Class Mass
First Friday 7th <i>Feria</i>	9.00 am 9.30 am Polish 7.00 pm Polish 7.00 pm Luddington	Jack Egan RIP Polish Priest's Intentions Polish Priest's Intentions Patrick Joseph Byron RIP
Saturday 8th February 2014 <i>Our Lady</i>	9.30 am 10.30 am Polish 5.30 pm Roxby 5.30 pm	People of the Parish Polish Priest's Intentions Margaret Towey RIP Peter Carton RIP
Sunday 9th February 2014 <i>Fifth Sunday</i>	9.30 am 4.30 pm Polish 6.30 pm	Michael Hynes RIP Polish Priest's Intentions John & Anne Jackson RIP
Confessions	<i>Saturday 11.00 am to 12 noon; 4.30 pm to 5.00 pm</i>	
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<i>Wednesday 12.30-1.30 pm concluding with Benediction Holy Hour Thursday 7.00 to 8.00 pm Saturday 4.30-5.15 pm concluding with Benediction</i>	

Parish Clergy:

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This Week

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemass)

Is this Sunday and the readings and other texts for Mass will be of the Feast Day.

Parish Pastoral Council

A reminder to members that the next meeting is on Monday 3rd February at 7.30 pm.

Vocations Prayer Group

Tuesday, 4th February - 7.30 pm at 45 Holme Drive, Burton Stather. All welcome. For further details ring Peter or Mary on 01724 721125.

Annual Valentine Marriage Mass

Bishop Malcolm will be celebrating the annual "Valentine Marriage Mass" on Sunday 9th February at 3.00 pm at St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham. All married couples (and families) are welcome to attend this celebration. An integral part of the Mass includes a renewal of wedding vows before the Bishop. What a beautiful way to celebrate St Valentine's Day, with a renewal of the vows you made on your wedding day.

Scunthorpe General Hospital – For the ministration of a Catholic priest contact Fr Eddy Jarosz or Fr Benedict Abuo on (01724) 842197

Parish Statistics

During 2013 Holy Souls saw:

Baptisms - 77

Receptions into Full Communion - 3

Confirmations - 65

First Communions - 40

Marriages - 6

Deaths - 37

The average weekly Mass attendance during the month of October was 613. These numbers include the Polish and Lithuanian communities, and without their presence the statistics (especially for Baptisms) would look very different.

Sick and Retired Priests

Fund Appeal

Our recent second collection raised £508. Thank you for your ongoing support for this appeal..

Charity Dance

In support of 'Macmillan Cancer Support' and 'Marie Cure' at St Bernadette's Club on Saturday 15th February at 7.30 pm. Tickets available from Michael McInerney (271531) or St Bernadette's Club.

Concert

Scunthorpe Male Voice Choir are giving a concert at St Lawrence's on Saturday 15th February at 7.00 pm with proceeds in aid of The Forge. Tickets priced £7 can be purchased from the St Lawrence Parish Office or you can pay on the night.

Children's Pilgrimage to Walsingham

A pilgrimage is planned for Saturday 22nd February (end of half term week) particularly aimed for families with children. A coach will leave Holy Souls at 8.00 am and will return back to Scunthorpe at 8.00 pm. The cost of the coach is £12 per person. To book please contact Grazyna Anelay on 07507 606105 or email grazyna.anelay@gmail.com

Easter Retreat at The Briars

Young people in Year 11 or older are invited to spend the Easter Weekend at our Diocesan Youth Centre at the Briars. The cost for the weekend is £60. Further details from Bernie on 01773 852044 or email: bookings@ndcys.com

Repository Items

Thanks to Elaine and Paul Hemingway for looking after the repository stall during Deacon Bernard's absence. They have recently stocked up the stall with new items. Elaine and Paul are usually around after Sunday evening Mass and if you are looking to buy something from the stall on a Sunday morning then please ask Deacon Bernard if he is around or else whoever is serving tea and coffee in the Hall will be able to assist you.

Please come and join us in the Parish Hall for tea and coffee after the 9.30 am Mass