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THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

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Masses during the Week

All Masses at Aldeburgh are live-streamed*

Saturday	1800 Aldeburgh*	
Sunday (2nd)	0915 Leiston	Fr Paddy Gannon (Southwark) RIP
	1100 Aldeburgh*	People of the Parish
Monday	No Mass today	
Tuesday	0900 Leiston	
Wednesday	0900 Aldeburgh*	
Thursday	0900 Leiston	
Friday	0900 Aldeburgh*	Delphine Trinick (FM)
Saturday	1800 Aldeburgh*	People of the Parish
Sunday (9th)	0915 Leiston	Pauline Mathias RIP
	1100 Aldeburgh*	

Livestreamlink for Mass

https://studio.youtube.com/channel/UC-GsEOvS0m19a_jvjwglRDw/livestreaming

We extend a warm welcome to those visiting the parish this weekend.

Tea/coffee is served in the hall after the Sunday Mass at Leiston. All welcome.

Children's Worksheets (LOOK) are available at the back of church. They are based on the Sunday readings.

Today is 40 days after Christmas and we celebrate the joyful event of Mary and Joseph presenting Jesus in the temple. In the temple Jesus was recognised by Anna and Simeon, two elderly people of great holiness and who were filled with joy. Simeon called Jesus "a light to the nations". The light of Jesus' presence in the world has been celebrated on this day for many centuries. Today is also called "Candlemas" and our liturgy begins with the blessing of candles. This replaces our Penitential rite. We are to carry the light of Christ into the world.

Feasts of the week: Wednesday – St Agatha; Thursday – St Paul Miki and Companions; Saturday – St Josephine Bakhita.

Saturday is a Day of Prayer for Victims of Trafficking and with this in mind the diocese has produced a leaflet which highlights the present Diocesan initiative of tackling modern slavery. Copies of this very informative and practical leaflet are available at the back of church.

Don't forget to let me know if you, or someone you know, is unable to attend Mass over a period of weeks, as a home visit can be arranged. Please have the permission of the person concerned if you are passing on someone else's details.

Inviting all young people in Year 9 and above to 'Flame' at Wembley Arena: The Diocesan Youth Service is excited to be taking a group to 'Flame' on March 15th. Flame is the largest catholic gathering of young people in the UK, coming together to experience the best in international speakers, artists and performers. It is a vibrant experience of young Church, concluding with Adoration led by most of the Bishops of England and Wales. For details and to book a ticket and place on the coach, please see www.rcdea.org.uk/youth

CAFOD: How can we respond to Pope Francis' call to be "tangible signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year? Find out by watching this inspirational event (find it and other Jubilee resources at cafod.org.uk/jubilee); including interviews with Fr Jan Nowotnik, Director of Mission at the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, CAFOD Director Christine Allen and Kayode Akintola, CAFOD's Head of Africa. Discover how we can act in faith and in love as pilgrims of hope this Holy Year.

How are you preparing for Lent? Come to "Don't forget the Holy Spirit", a day of renewal at **St Laurence's Church, Milton Road, Cambridge on Saturday 1st March, 10:00 – 16:00** with Guest speakers Fr Matt Anscombe & Caroline Sadd. The day includes Mass (10:30), praise & worship, inspiring talks, real-life accounts of transformation, reconciliation, exposition & prayer ministry. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea and Coffee will be available. For more info email: renewaleastanglia@gmail.com or phone Pam Smith: 07869652115

Access to the church in Aldeburgh: The keypad lock has given up!! Future access will be with a key and there will be a key box fitted shortly. Apologies for the short-term inconvenience.

Money Matters: Thank you for your weekly collections. Last week's plate collection was £299.17p. We are also grateful for the generous weekly Standing Orders, which currently amount to about £690 per week. Have you set up a Standing Order with the parish? It's easy: 'St Peter's Catholic Church Parish Account' Sort Code 20-98-07: a/c number: 90777048. **And for Gift Aid purposes, the Charity number for the diocese is 278742.**

We remember those who are sick and housebound in the parish and all whose anniversaries occur at this time of the year.

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.

Readings for The Presentation of the Lord

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

Ps 24(23):7. 8. 9. 10. R8a

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!

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.

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!

The Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory!

Who is this king of glory?
He, the Lord of hosts,
he is the king of glory.

The Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory!

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

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 2:32

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;
for 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.