

THIS SUNDAY:

29nd January – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time / 'Candlemass'
Preacher: Fr Joseph Gabor

NEXT SUNDAY:

5th January – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
10 am Sung Mass
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Monday 30th January/ Feria
7.45 am Morning Prayer with Mass
6 pm Evening Prayer
4.30-6 pm: Art-workshop for kids in Beaufort Park /resumes next week

Tuesday 31st January/Feria
Saint John Bosco, Priest
7.45 am Morning Prayer + MASS
11 am -12.30 pm Beaufort Park Coffee
18.00 pm Evening Prayer Communion

Wednesday 1st February/ Feria
7.30 am Morning Prayer
12.00pm LUNCH CLUB with MASS
18.00 pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 2nd February / Feast Presentation of the Lord
7.45 am Morning Prayer + MASS
18.00 pm Evening Prayer
19 pm – Bible Study in Beaufort Park

Friday 3rd January / Memoria Saint Angela Merici
7.45 am Morning Prayer + MASS
18.00 pm Evening Prayer

FROM FATHER JOSEPH

❖ Last week's collection was 77 pounds. For last month, our electricity was 84.63 pounds, our gas bill was 356.17 pounds. **Church use is 220 pounds.**

❖ Before Mass 'step 1 and step 2' altar service practice with children (15 mins before mass)

❖ Our next DCC meeting 30th January, Monday 7.15 pm in the side room

❖ (Day: Morning //Evening) *Sunday: Sunday:* (Amos 3:1-15; James 3:1-18 // Amos 4:4-13; 1 Corinthians 11:1-25) *Monday:* (Jeremiah 1:1-19; 2 Corinthians 1:1-2:11// Jeremiah 2:1-13; 2 Corinthians 12:3-18) *Tuesday:* (Jeremiah 4:1-18; 2 Corinthians 4:1-18 // Jeremiah 5:1-19; 2 Corinthians 5:1-21) *Wednesday:* (Jeremiah 5:20-31; 2 Corinthians 5:20-7:1 // Exodus 13:11-16; Galatians 4:1-7), *Thursday:* (1 Samuel 1:21-28; Hebrews 10:1-10 // Haggai 2:1-9; Romans 12:1-5) *Friday:* (Jeremiah 9:1-24; 2 Corinthians 10:1-18// Jeremiah 10:1-25; 2 Corinthians 11:1-32), *Saturday:* (Jeremiah 14:1-22; 2 Corinthians 12:1-12 // Jeremiah 15:1-21; 2 Corinthians 12:14-13:14)

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4TH SUNDAY IN OT 'CANDLEMASS' 29TH JANUARY 2023 Welcome to St. Augustine's, Grahame Park especially if you are visiting us for the first time. The Order of Mass is on the yellow laminated sheet.



❖ Today is **Candlemass**, the **Presentation of Christ in the Temple**, the Purification of Saint Mary the Virgin. After mass, we receive Saint's Blaise's blessing against the diseases of the throat and any other illness. The celebration of Christmas may be understood to extend until today's feast. It is called Candlemas from the custom of blessing candles inspired by the Gospel. Luke 2:22-40 includes the Song of Simeon that praises Christ as 'a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel.' The liturgical year that began with the successive lighting of the candles of the Advent wreath finds its fulfilment in the blessing and procession with lighted candles. We celebrate the arrival of the Lord in his temple. ❖ 11 February, Saturday, 5.30 pm: Our organist, Rosemary has a **recital** at Saint Alphage Church, admission is free. ❖ Daily, let us pray the **Angelus Prayer at 12.00 pm**: Please, when we can make it, let us pray the Angelus together at noon with those on our sick list (text is on the back page).

The sick: Billy Peregrino, Navette Levien, Margaret Sefa-Antwi, Phoebe Wadiba, Father Bernard Dagnall, Elfrida Boye-Doe, and for the recovery of Robert Donaldson, Sarah, 'Eddie' Nkune, and Christian.

Anniversaries of death in JANUARY/FEBRUARY: • 30th Louisa Andrews, Edith Pinn 31st Frank Turness, Mary Robinson • 2nd Bridget Linnane • 3rd Anne Mullins • 4th Reginald Rumble • 5th Nellie Peachey, Dorothea Sanders

THE PROPER OF THE MASS (also as 'food for thought for the week')

• **The Eucharistic Minister announces** the Antiphon then the hymn:

INVITATION TO WORSHIP (‘Entrance Antiphon’) Cf. Ps 47:10-11
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.

ENTRANCE HYMN (‘Immortal, Invisible’) 377

KYRIE (sung) organ
GLORY (sung) See 'Mass booklet'

COLLECT
Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of your flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Prophet 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.*

RESPONSE

Psalm 23 (24):7-10

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

SECOND READING

From Saint Paul's Letter to the Hebrews (2:14-18)

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, Christ 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

Lk 2:32

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

GOSPEL

John 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. // R: *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

CREED

(Mass booklet)

• **The Eucharistic Minister announces** the offertory hymn:

OFFERTORY HYMN ↪ *The great God of Heaven*

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PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

May the offering made with exultation by your Church be pleasing to you, O Lord, we pray, for you willed that your Only Begotten Son be offered to you for the life of the world as the Lamb without blemish. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

announced by the priest

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

• **The Eucharistic Minister announces** the communion hymn:

COMMUNION HYMN ↪ *Alleluia, sing to Jesus*

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THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

Soul of Christ, sanctify me; Body of Christ, save me; Blood of Christ, inebriate me; Water from the side of Christ, was me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me; O good Jesus, hear me; Within Thy wounds hide me; Suffer me not to be separated from Thee. From the malignant enemy defend me; In the hour of my death, call me, And bid me come to Thee, That with Thy saints, I may praise Thee Forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

• **The Eucharistic Minister announces** the final hymn:

FINAL HYMN ↪ *God is Love let heaven adore him*

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