

<p>THIS SUNDAY:</p> <p><b>28 Jan / Candlemass - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT</b>  10 am <b>Sung Mass</b>  Preacher: Fr Joseph Gabor</p>	<p><b>Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January/ Memoria Don Bosco, Priest</b>  7.30 am Morning Prayer + MASS  10-12.00 am <b>'Paint and Pray'</b> wellbeing morning (Side Room)  12.00pm <b>Communion Service + Lunch Club</b>  18.00 pm Evening Prayer  19.15 pm Bible Study in Beaufort P.</p>
<p>NEXT SUNDAY:</p> <p><b>4 February / 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT</b>  10 am <b>Sung Mass</b>  Preacher: Fr Joseph Gabor</p> <p>• www.saintaugustinecolindale.com  • www.youtube.com/saintaugustinecolindale  • www.facebook.com/augustinecolindale  • www.twitter.com/augustinecolin1</p> <p>DURING THIS WEEK:</p> <p><b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January/ Feria</b>  7.30 am Morning Prayer + MASS  18.00 pm Evening Prayer</p> <p><b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January /Feria</b>  7.30 am Morning Prayer + MASS  11 am Beaufort Park Coffee Morning  18.00 pm Evening Prayer Communion</p>	<p><b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February/ Feria</b>  7.30 am Morning Prayer + MASS  18.00 pm Evening Prayer  19.00 pm Bible Study Group in Beaufort Park – John's Gospel</p> <p><b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February/ Feria</b>  <b>Transposed to this coming Sunday, The Presentation of the Lord</b>  7.30 am Morning Prayer  6.00 pm Evening Prayer</p>

FROM FATHER JOSEPH

*Prayer for Public Confession at the beginning of Sunday Worship*

- Almighty and merciful God, you have brought us together in the name of your Son to receive your mercy and grace in our time of need.
- Open our eyes to see the evil we have done. Touch our hearts and convert us to yourself.
- Where sin has divided and scattered, may your love make one again; where sin has brought weakness, may your power heal and strengthen; where sin has brought death, may your Spirit raise to new life.
- Give us a new heart to love you, so that our lives may reflect the image of your Son.
- May the world see the glory of Christ revealed in your church, and come to know that he is the one whom you have sent, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

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## THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE ✠ 28 JANUARY 2024 (CANDLEMASS, TRANSP.)

Welcome to St. Augustine's, Grahame Park especially if you are visiting us for the first time. The Order of Mass is in the Mass booklet. ✠ We aspire to be CONFIDENT – CREATIVE – COMPASSIONATE ambassadors of Christ!



✠ **Candlemass. The Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple and the Purification of Saint Mary the Virgin.** The celebration of Christmas may be understood to extend at its fullest length 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 started with the successive lighting of the candles of the Advent wreath, now this light finds its fulfilment in the blessing and procession with lighted candles. We celebrate the arrival of the Lord in his temple, the Church.

✠ 4<sup>th</sup> February 10 am mass: **First Sunday of the Month** with anointing the sick and receiving **the blessing of Saint Blaise** that God may deliver us from every disease of the throat and from every other illness. This is also the week of our 'First Friday' for Confessions. We can prepare ourselves for the mass by examining our conscience in a deeper way.

✠ **Lent and Easter.** Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 14th February. Easter is on Sunday 31st March.

✠ **'Lent Book'.** This year we will have the opportunity to read a Lent book with our brothers and sisters at St Matthias. "*Lent with the Beloved Disciple*", by Bishop Michael Marshall, invites us on a six-week journey in the company of the 'beloved disciple' as found in the Gospel of St John. The book can be read by individuals, there will also be an opportunity to gather weekly during Lent for discussion online or in the Beaufort Park Management Suite, 16 Heritage Avenue where the Bible Group of our church is taking place on Thursday evenings, 7.15 pm. Fr Joseph will order the books, let him know if you would like a copy (paperback, £8.79). Also available on Kindle for £5.89. Thoughts from the book will be used in our Lunch Club worship during these weeks.

✠ **Next church cleaning day:** 23<sup>rd</sup> Febr Fri 12 pm/ **Next PCC:** 29<sup>th</sup> Jan Mo 7.15 pm

*The sick:* Navette Levien, Margaret Sefa-Antwi, Phoebe Wadiba, Father Bernard Dagnall, Elfrida Boye-Doe, Robert Tunnicliff, Thelma Wint.

*Anniversaries of Death:* JAN: • 30<sup>th</sup> Louisa Andrews, Edith Pinn • 31<sup>st</sup> Frank Turness,  
Mary Robinson • 2<sup>nd</sup> Bridget Linnane • 3<sup>rd</sup> Anne Mullins • 4<sup>th</sup> Reginald Rumble

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

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• **The Eucharistic minister announces the antiphon and the hymn:**

INVITATION TO WORSHIP ↪ ('Entrance Antiphon') *Cf. Psalm 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

GLORY (Mass booklet)  
COLLECT

**A**lmighty ever-living God, we humbly implore your majesty that, just as your Only  
Begotten Son was presented on this day in the Temple in the substance of our flesh,  
so, by your grace, we may be presented to you with minds made pure. Through our Lord  
Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one  
God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING *A reading from the book of Prophet Malachi (3:1-4)*

**T**he 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 23:7-10*  
*Who is the king of glory? He, the Lord, he is the king of glory.*

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

**S**ince 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 *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (2:22-32)*  
**W**hen 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.' //  
*This is the Gospel of the Lord*

CREED (Mass booklet)  
• **The Eucharistic minister announces the offertory hymn:**  
OFFERTORY HYMN ↪ *The great God of Heaven* 37

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS  
**M**ay 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.

• **The Eucharistic minister announces the communion antiphon and the hymn:**  
COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Luke 2:30-31*  
My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.  
COMMUNION HYMN ↪ *Soul of my Saviour* 305

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION  
**B**y these holy gifts which we have received, O Lord, bring your grace to perfection  
within us, and, as you fulfilled Simeon's expectation that he would not see death  
until he had been privileged to welcome the Christ, so may we, going forth to meet the  
Lord, obtain the gift of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord.

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

ANGELUS PRAYER (at 12 pm): *The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary. And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.* Hail Mary, Full of Grace, The Lord is with Thee, Blessed Art Thou Amongst Women, and Blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, Jesus. **Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death, Amen.**

*Behold, the handmaid of the Lord. Be it done unto me according to Thy Word.* Hail Mary... *And the Word was made Flesh. And dwelt among us.* Hail Mary... *Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

*Let us pray.* **Pour Forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son, was made known by the message of an Angel, may by His Passion and Cross, be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PARISH CATECHISM **The virtues.** A virtue is an habitual and firm disposition to do good. It allows the person not only to perform good acts, but to give the best of himself/herself. The goal of virtuous life is to become like God. **The human virtues.** The moral virtues are acquired by human effort. They are the fruit and seed of morally good acts. **The cardinal virtues:** Four virtues play a pivotal role and accordingly are called ‘cardinal’; all the others are grouped around them. They are: prudence, justice, fortitude and temperance. *Prudence* is the virtue that disposes practical reason to discern our true good in every circumstance and to choose the right means of achieving it. Prudence is ‘right reason in action.’ It is called the charioteer of the other virtues. It is prudence that immediately guides the judgement of conscience. *Justice* is the moral virtue that wills to give their due to God and neighbor. *Fortitude* ensures firmness in difficulties and constancy in the pursuit of good. *Temperance* moderates the attraction of pleasures and provides balance in the use of created goods. **The virtues and grace.** It is not easy for us, wounded by sin, to maintain moral balance. Everyone should always ask for strength, frequent the sacraments, co-operate with the Holy Spirit. (*next time: The Theological Virtues.*)