



## Our Lady Immaculate & St Joseph Catholic Church

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### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025 Feast of the Presentation of the Lord



*‘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.’*

## **Candlemas**

This Sunday we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. This Feast is also known as Candlemas, and is a time when the candles used in church throughout the year are blessed. If anyone would like to bring candles from home to be blessed during Mass you are more than welcome.

## **Sacrament of Confirmation**

The Archbishop is inviting young people in Year 8 and above to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. The registration website will open on the 13 January and end on the 17 March. Young people in year 8 and above can register at [liverpoolcalled.co.uk](http://liverpoolcalled.co.uk) The Sacrament is also available to adults who may have missed receiving Confirmation when they were younger. More information can be found on the parish website.

## **Mass for Jack Traynor**

Following the announcement in December of the miraculous cure of John (Jack) Traynor, the Archdiocese of Liverpool will be celebrating this historic moment with Mass followed by a drinks reception at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King on Tuesday 18th February at 7pm. All are very welcome to attend.

## **Mass Intentions**

Mass Intentions are a long standing Catholic tradition requesting that Masses be offered in remembrance of those who have died or for special intentions for the living. Mass Intention envelopes are available on the table by the door of the Church if you would like a Mass offered for someone, living or dead, who is close to you or who is in need.

## **Forget Me Not**

Forget me not is a group for people living with dementia and their carers to come together in a supportive and friendly environment to meet new people and chat over a cuppa. People are welcome to join in the activities or just sit back and relax. There is also lots of information and support available. Forget Me Not takes place on Tuesdays from 10am -12pm at Bryer Road Community Centre, Bryer Road, Prescot, L35 5DW. £3.50 per person.

## **Feast Days**

### **Monday 3rd - Memorial of St Blaise**

St Blaise was of noble birth and, after being educated in the Christian faith, was made bishop of Sebastia. Although Christianity had been adopted about 300 AD as the state religion in Armenia, the Roman emperor Licinius began a persecution of the Christians, and Blaise was discovered and apprehended. While imprisoned, he miraculously cured a boy from fatally choking. After being torn with wool combers' irons, St Blaise was beheaded. **Mass on Monday will finish with the traditional blessing of throats.**

## **Tuesday 4th - Memorial of St Jane of Valois**

St Jane was the daughter of King Louis XI of France, who was treated poorly by both her father and her husband. Said to be sickly and slightly deformed, her father sent her away to a chateau where she was raised out of sight and mind. Her value to her father was purely political in nature and he betrothed her as a child to the heir apparent, Louis, Duke of Orleans. Her husband was angry about the forced marriage which occurred when Jane was 12, and his treatment of her reflected his displeasure. When her husband ascended to the throne as Louis XII, Jane became empress. It was brief since her husband appealed to the pope for an annulment claiming the marriage was never consummated. The annulment liberated Jane to move forward with her desire to live a religious life. With the assistance of her Franciscan advisor Jane established the Franciscan order of the Annunciation. Members of her community devoted themselves to prayer, penance and cultivating the virtues of the Blessed Mother. St Jane is depicted in the East window of the church, second in from the right.

## **Wednesday 5th - Memorial of St Agatha**

St Agatha is one of the most celebrated early Christian Virgin Martyrs. Living in the 3rd Century, little is known about her except that she came from a family of importance and dedicated her life to God at an early age. She suffered torture for her faith, especially because of her determination to protect her purity, and offered her life in martyrdom at Catania in Sicily, probably during the persecution of Decius. She was venerated throughout the Church from the earliest times, devotion being witnessed in the Martyrology of Jerome and the Calendar of Carthage (c.550Ad). Her name is included the Roman Canon.

## **Thursday 6th - Memorial of St Paul Miki and his Companions**

St Paul was born in Japan about the year 1564. He entered the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) and preached the Gospel with great success, but when a persecution of Catholics arose he and twenty five others, comprising priests, brothers and laymen, Jesuits and Franciscans, doctors and catechists, were arrested and subjected to terrible tortures. Finally they were martyred by crucifixion at Nagasaki on 5th February 1597. From his cross, St Paul preached to the people gathered there and prayed for forgiveness for his executioners.

**Church Cleaning** - Wednesday at 10 am. All welcome.

**Offertory Collection** - Gift Aid £138 Loose £319. Thank you for your generosity.

## Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

### Mass Times and Intentions

<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	The Driscoll Family
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>11.00 am</b>	Special Intention L R
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>12.00 pm</b>	John Dainton
<i>Funeral Service</i>	<i>1.30 pm</i>	<i>Carl Broderick</i>
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12.00 pm</b>	Vera Boulton
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Mass in School</b>
<i>Funeral Mass</i>	<i>11.30 am</i>	<i>Christine McClure</i>
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12.00 pm</b>	Private Intention
<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.00 am</b>	Adoration & Confessions
	<b>12.00 pm</b>	Tony Glennon
	<b>6.00 pm</b>	Tom Scott
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.00 am</b>	Tony Duncan

**Please remember the members of our parish who are sick and those who have asked for our prayers:**

*Derek McEgan, Sandra Johnson, Helen Clarke, Anita Potts, Steve Potts, Kerry Scott, Anna Pemberton, David Gerrard, Mary Davis, Ann Davey, James Williams*

**Departed:** *Carl Broderick, Christine McClure*

