

A HOLY HOUR OF REPARATION



Thursday 6th February 2025

Our Lord's Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane

8.00am—Morning Prayer

Followed by a Holy Hour of Reparation

9.30am—Mass in Honour of the Agony in the Garden

**Our Lord's request is that we stay awake with Him
and that we spend time in prayer with him**

FIRST FRIDAY & DEVOTIONS

NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Friday 7th February 2025



5.30pm—First Friday Confessions & Exposition until 7.15pm

6.30pm—Evening Prayer & Rosary

7.30—Mass

Followed by First Friday Devotions

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

DEVOTIONS TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Saturday 1st February 2025

for five consecutive First Saturdays

Receiving Communion worthily each First Saturday, going to Confession each First Saturday, making a Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, saying the Rosary with a short quiet Rosary meditation provides us with an Indulgence

8.00am—Church opens for Silent Prayer 8.15am—Morning Prayer

Followed by First Saturday Confessions until 10.00am

9.30am—Rosary with Rosary Meditation until 10.00am

10.15am—First Saturday Devotions to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

10.30am—Mass for the Conversion of Sinners



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

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The Holy Family



February

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

'My eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all nations to see and the glory of your people, Israel'

The old name for this feast in the Eastern Liturgies – 'The Meeting' or 'Coming to Meet', expresses the meaning of today's celebration. Forty days after Christmas, the Lord Jesus come to meet the God if his Fathers in his Temple, and there makes to him the first ritual offering of his earthly life, under the living form of a pair of doves or two young pigeons. He also meets there the believing people in Simeon and Anna, witnesses and proclaimers of this manifestation. As at the nativity, there is a striking contrast between the quiet and ordinary attitudes of Joseph and Mary and the glory of the event as seen by the two old people. What had been foreshadowed in the cloud in the Temple of Solomon, or in the vision of the Lord of Hosts among the Seraphim for Isaiah, or the angel of the covenant coming to purify the sons of Levi – the light to enlighten the pagan nations – had entered the world. In the person of Simeon the world's old age welcomes into its arms the eternal youth of God. But the shadow of the cross already looms, because the darkness will refuse the light. So already, Mary, associated with her Son, introduces into the temple the lamb of the sacrifice. Ever since Abraham met the three strangers, the meeting between God and man is the same light and shade.

Weekend Mass Intentions

Sat: - 7.00am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer

8.15am – Morning Prayer

Followed by Confessions until 10.00am

9.30pm – Rosary & 15 minutes quiet Rosary Prayer

10.15am – First Saturday Devotions

10.30am – For the Conversions of Sinners

5.00pm – Intentions of John McDonagh

Sun – The church opens at 7.00pm

8.00am – Private Intentions (MC)

9.30am – Charles Kagina - RIP

11.00am – For the Intentions of Parishioners

5.00pm – Ints of Brendan & Maureen McDermot

Mon – 8.15am - Church opens for Quiet Prayer

8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30am – Jan O'Brien - RIP

No Exposition Today

Tues – 8.15am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer

8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30am – Alan Pearce - RIP

Followed by Exposition until 11.00am

Wed – 8.15am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer

8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30am – Neil Callen – Rec Dead

Followed by Exposition until 11.00am

Thu – 7.45am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer

8.00am – Morning Prayer

Followed by a Holy Hour of Reparation

9.30am – Uzodimma Agbasonu – Anniversary

No Exposition Today

Fri – 5.00pm – Church opens for Quiet Prayer

6.30pm – Evening Prayer & Rosary

7.30pm – Barney Locke - RIP

Followed by First Friday Devotions

Sat – 7.00am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer

8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30am – For the Holy Souls

Followed by Confessions until 11.00am

5.00pm – Pat Morris - RIP

Sun – Church opens at 7.00am

8.00am – For Intentions of Parishioners

9.30am – Winifred Melissa McDonagh – 30th Anniv

11.00am – Peter Audu – 60th Birthday

Andre Audu – 21st Birthday

5.00pm – Ciss & Paddy Carberry - RIP

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION CONFESSION

Friday 31st January from 6.00pm

to 7.15pm – First Friday

Saturday 1st February from

8.30am to 10.00am

Please do take advantage of these times. Always a very special time of the year and so good for us to put things right with God and with ourselves. Face to face or private confessions in the sacristy.

THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven, may the faith that you have given us in your Son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the power of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,

A yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the

Earth. To you our God eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.



Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

February 2025 – For vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ' mission in the priesthood.

THE BLESSING OF ST BLAISE ON THROATS

Monday 3rd February 2025 after Mass

The Blessing of St Blaise is a sign of our faith in God's love and protection for us and for the sick. After morning Mass on Monday 3rd February

St Blaise, martyr, who was on his way to prison, miraculously cured a boy choking on a fish bone



PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF MEDJUGORJE 2025

with trips to Mostar & Surmanci

29th April to 7th May 2025

9 days/8 nights – half-board

Price – Approx £850

Departing from Luton airport. Twin room sharing. Check in luggage 23kg + hand carry. Included are flights, transfer, entrance fees as per itinerary. Single room supplement £225. Not included – travel insurance, lunches; tips & gratuities will be added to invoice. **Prices will increase at the end of December so book early!**

Always a wonderful spiritual experience Do join us for a very special time. Our first pilgrimage together for some time.



PARISH GIVING

If you use Planned Giving Envelopes please do try to keep up with your giving. The parish relies on a regular income from these envelopes each week. If you are away or do not attend church please make up your giving and that is what **Planned Giving** means. Please, if you can, take out a Standing Order to the parish. Our bank account details are **HSBC Bank plc**. To credit our account: WRCDT – Mary Mother of God Ponders End: 81308432, Sort Code: 40-05-20. Add surname and first name as a reference. Thanks.

SUNDAY OF THE WORD

The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time is designated by the Pope for special attention to be given to the Word of God.

HOW DOES THE BIBLE WORK?

To help with our reception of the new translation of the Lectionary a series of short talks has been organised at Vaughan House.

30th January – “Encountering the Word of God” – Fr Nick King SJ

18th February – “Writing the Encounters with God” – Fr Javier Ruiz-Ortiz

13th March – “Making available What was written” – Fr Javier Ruiz-Ortiz

6:30pm – 8.00pm – Booking Essential

Contact: catadmin@rcdow.org.uk

Call: 02077989152

Marriage Care – Willing to help couples forge a lifelong loving relationship? MC is a charity that runs marriage preparation courses for couple marrying in the Catholic Church and is look for new course facilitators. Training is provided and volunteers will join the local centre. Please call Karen for more info on 08003893801 (09:00 – 17.00, Mon to Thurs) or visit the website at:

<https://www.marriagecare.org.uk/mpcf/>

YOUNG ADULTS DEANERY MEETINGS

Ages 18 – 35

The idea is for young adults (ages 18-35) to meet up once a month at one of the parishes in the Enfield deanery on a Friday evening for a time of prayer, worship (with a talk) and a social. This will allow young adults to grow and develop in their faith with mutual support and friendship. The venue for the next meeting will be at Vita et Pax, Christ the King Church, Bramley Road Cockfosters, on Friday 14th February at 7.00pm. For further details please contact: annamcmullan@rcdow.org.uk

THE PRICE OF VOTIVE CANDLES

For quite some time we have been subsidising the price of votive candles in our church. The cost of these candles has increased and so we going to have to raise the price of the candles. We cannot afford to lose income any more so the cost of these candles will increase to £1 each.

LEGION OF MARY

Our Lady Seat of Wisdom

**Meeting on Sunday 9th February 2025
at 2.45pm in parish hall**

An opportunity to meet together and say our Legion prayers and to give our reports on the work we have achieved over the past few weeks or so.

CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The **CCS** are a charity providing young people and children with counselling and therapy, emergency grants for families and carers and adoption and aftercare. There will be a collection box in the church Crib for any offerings you might like to make

Parish Shop – open for statues, candles, rosaries, crucifixes, cards and more.

You can help your marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue – or have you just stopped because it only makes it worse? Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about the next programme which will be presented on Zoom 27th February to 2nd March – Email: info@retrouvaille.org.uk
Call or text: 07887296983

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



Friday Evenings

from 5.00 – 7.15pm

Saturday Mornings

from 7.00 – 8.30am

*As we are now in the Jubilee
Year do try and give a
little more time to Our Lord*

MASS INTENTIONS

Wanting a Mass said for a person or occasion is good but a reminder that if you wish a special date then you must hand in your request well in advance if you do not want to be disappointed. Thanks

Introductory Sessions for Parishioners

Anna Dupelycz from the Agency will be visiting the parish talking on 3 subjects

5th Dec – A look at Liturgy

Understanding the Liturgical year

16th Jan – Reflecting on the Eucharist

Understanding the Sacrament of the Eucharist

13th Feb – Reflecting on Reconciliation

Understanding the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Evenings will run from 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Prayers please:

Sick: Mary Lovett, Agnes Robinson, Peter Thorpe, Joe Harper, Mary Conway. Suzi Modi, Agnes Guveya, Liz Freeman, Adreina Sifari, Margaret Felgate, Mark Keighrey, Marilyn Theodore. Sara Malaki, John Keighrey, Dan Heath, Geoffry Nwachukwu. Maureen Walker, Eamon Fitzpatrick. Eileen Lacey, Jacqueline O'Donovan.

Recently Dead: Agatha Durowaa, Angelo D'Vito, Daphne Sullivan. Thomas Lawlor. Brid McGonagle, Kathleen Fitzsimmons, Phyllis Robinson, Jennifer Browne, Liam Sullivan, Fr David Williamson. Charles Kagina, Frank Sebagala, Fr , Elvera Nardone, Fr Joseph Carter, Fr David Barnes, Patrick Mukasa. Eileen Kerrigan, Peter Thorpe, Fernando Iannelli, John Charlery, John Gerard Pender, Fr Sean Carroll

Anniversaries: Yvette Simon, Solomis & Eleni Djerkallis, Pat Molloy, Debbie Dirwin, Theresa Ragbir, Marie Mendy, Vermeil Joson, Alice Audu, John Baptist Yaweh, Margaret Paul, Diane Bunker. Peggy Power, Cyril Ibekwe.

Morning Prayer & Rosary – is said before all weekday Masses. Monday to Thursday and Saturday mornings at 8.30am and Friday evening at 6.30pm before Mass.

Legion of Mary – the next meeting of the Legion of Mary is on 9th February at 2.45pm in the hall.

Friday Lunch – is served every Friday in the hall from 11.30am onwards – open to all comers – no cost!

Contactless Offerings to the Parish – you can find the Dona Contactless Terminal in the porch of the church for any donations you may wish to make to the parish and for payment for any purchases from the parish Repository. Not for special collections
Please remember: Please take advantage of the times of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in our church. So important as a help to building a relationship with Jesus.

Nightingale Hospice & School of Joy: These are two charities that we support every year at this time – the **NH** a local charity, and the **S of J** a school for children with learning difficulties in Bethlehem – to make a donation put in envelope marked **S of Joy**.
Westminster Year Book – is now available from the parish shop – information on parishes, priests and Diocesan offices.

Pilgrimage to St Edmund's College, Ware to mark the Jubilee Year there will be a Diocesan Pilgrimage to St Edmund's led by the Cardinal On 12th July. More info later.

SUNDAY PLUS

Messengers of hope

Life changers

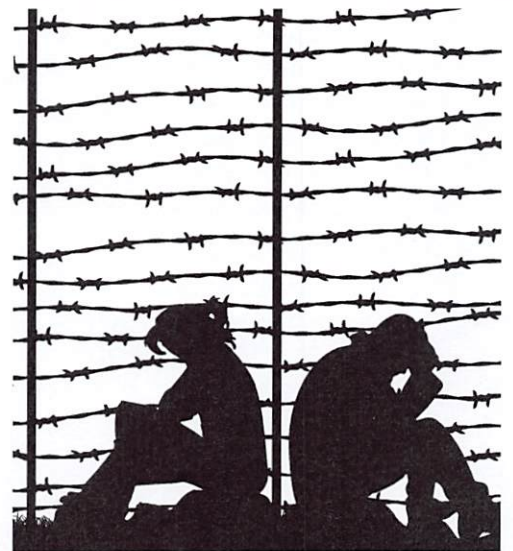
By Seonaid Alder

One or more nineteenth-century Surrey workhouses forcibly separated married couples, placing the husband with the men and the wife with the women, forbidding them to meet, except for the twice-weekly services in the local Anglican church. Once the services ended, husbands and wives were again parted. When adults received vouchers for spending in local shops, shop owners protested to the local council because workhouse residents downgraded a shop's status and discouraged its use by more affluent customers.

Anna, in today's Gospel, was an elderly widow, possibly dependent on the Temple for her food and accommodation in return for working around the Temple precincts. She spent all day, every day, devoting herself to prayer and fasting, but she was possibly one of a large group of poverty-stricken widows who, if they didn't work, didn't eat. Did she have a family? We don't know. The widows received "charity" which limited its support in order to deter others from asking for help – just as would happen in the workhouse, where people often died of hunger and neglect.

Anna was regarded as a prophetess. Did this mean that she was simply a good listener who gave useful advice? We don't know. All we know for certain is that she recognised Jesus as the Messiah and blessed God, to whom she was important. We don't hear that Temple visitors paid much attention to Anna or Simeon, or else the two elderly people might have changed the world. We need to listen to messengers of hope!

Seonaid Alder is a retired secondary school teacher.



Jubilee 2025

8-9 February: Jubilee of Armed Forces, Police and Security Personnel

"Law enforcement — military and police — have the mission of ensuring a safe environment, so that each and every citizen can live in peace and serenity. In your families, in the various areas in which you operate, may you be instruments of reconciliation, builders of bridges and sowers of peace. Indeed, you are called not only to prevent, manage and put an end to conflicts, but also to contribute to the building of an order founded on truth, on justice, on love and on freedom..."

The affirmation of peace is not an easy task, especially because of war, which uproots hearts and augments violence and hatred. I urge you not to be discouraged. Continue on your journey of faith and open your hearts to God, the merciful Father, who never tires of forgiving us. Faced with the challenges of every day, be shining examples of Christian hope, which is the certitude of the victory of love over hate and of peace over war."

Pope Francis, Jubilee for the armed forces and law enforcement, 2016.

Love is more powerful, love gives life, love makes hope blossom in the wilderness.

Pope Francis

My eyes have seen the salvation

By Neil Foley

Simeon had been waiting. I can only imagine what his waiting would have been like. Long hours in prayer and fasting, with many sacrifices made at the Temple, waiting for the Lord to comfort his people – and all during a time of ancient hardship and foreign occupation. But he waited in hope, trusting in the promise of his God. He knew that God would act to redeem his people, but he

also knew that salvation would not occur according to the ways of men – the ways of power, laws and war. He knew that the sign would be rejected: that it would be through the poor, those who mourn, the meek, peacemakers, the pure in heart, that God's blessing would come. This Jubilee Year, let us be messengers of hope like Simeon, bringing the good news of salvation to all and especially to those who suffer and are rejected.

Neil Foley is from Wexford, Ireland, where he lives with his wife, Helen, and twin girls, Zélie and Martha. He works full-time as an environmental scientist but is also a lay missionary with the Redemptorists, a retreat facilitator and a spiritual writer.

Lord of life, be with me on my journey towards you.
May I carry your hope and your love to everyone I meet.
✚ Amen.

Today:
Malachi 3:1-4
Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40

Monday:
Hebrews 11:32-40
Mark 5:1-20

Tuesday:
Hebrews 12:1-4
Mark 5:21-43

Wednesday:
Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15
Mark 6:1-6

Thursday:
Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24
Mark 6:7-13

Friday:
Hebrews 13:1-8
Mark 6:14-29

Saturday:
Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21
Mark 6:30-34

Next Sunday:
Isaiah 6:1-8
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11

THE Wednesday WORD



Encountering Christ The Wednesday Prayer Custom for Homes, Schools & Parishes



Set aside 10-15 minutes and create a suitable environment by removing any distractions. Make sure that you are comfortable. Perhaps light a candle. Make the sign of the cross and remain still for a minute of settling silence.



Remember that through this scripture our Lord is truly present. Read the Gospel, aloud and slowly, and pay attention to any words that stand out. If any do, meditate on them for a few minutes and be invited into a dialogue with God.

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Read

The Gospel for Sunday 2nd February 2025

THE CHILD DESTINED FOR THE RISE AND FALL OF MANY

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.

Taken from Luke 2:22-40 The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, Year C

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Reflect

After reading the Gospel, did any words stand out? If they did, ponder or discuss them before proceeding with the reflection.

After spending a few minutes considering this Gospel, continue by reading Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.

The story of the Presentation of the child Jesus in the Temple is dominated by Simeon's welcome, 'a light to enlighten the gentiles and the glory of your people Israel', and by his warning to Mary, 'a sword will pierce your heart'. Simeon reiterates the angel's promise that the child would fulfil the destiny of Israel and Israel's mission to the nations. Much like any family life, the promised future included the delights of the growing, developing child, and the background fear that the great destiny of each child may include sorrow and even heart-break. How much did Mary and Joseph know about the precious child they were nurturing? As he grew to independence did he become more loving and supportive? How did his contemporaries find him? Was he a leader? Did he stand out from the pack? Each of us has a private picture of the child, the boy, the adolescent, the young man. If he was fully human, he had the same frustrations and worries as every child growing in youth and through puberty. All we know for sure is that 'the child grew to maturity' and that Mary 'pondered all these things in her heart' - with Simeon's welcome and warning before her mind. **Imagine Jesus' first serious conversation as an enquiring child with Mary.**

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

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Respond & Request

Now slowly and prayerfully read the Gospel once again but this time in silence. Consider how this Gospel could apply to your life in general. Thank God for any insight you may have received.

Then ask God to bless you with a spiritual gift to help you act on any resolution you have made. Perhaps: love, hope, understanding, wisdom, faithfulness, peace, patience, humility, joy, forgiveness, self-control, courage, generosity, faith or something else.

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Pray for Families

This Wednesday's word for our school families is HOPE!

After praying for your loved ones, please remember to pray for our present and future Church, particularly for the families connected to our schools. You may want to conclude this special weekly time with a simple prayer such as:

St Joseph, Patron Saint of Families and Protector of the Church, pray for us. Mary, Star of Evangelisation, pray for us. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

WEDNESDAY WORD PLUS +

Fr Henry's reflections on the first and second readings of **Sunday 2nd February 2025**



1

1st Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

The Coming of The Lord

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.



This first reading from Malachi is dire and threatening. The Lord will come to his Temple and refine it. The reading seems to fit better with the coming of Jesus to the Temple to cleanse it in the final days of his ministry than with the coming of the child Jesus in helpless innocence. Yet the searing, final coming is already presaged in the coming of the young Jesus to the Temple to be greeted by Simeon as the fulfilment of God's promise of salvation. Malachi prophesied the purging of the sons of Levi, and no one can deny that a dreadful purging of the sons of Levi took place at the sack of Jerusalem in the year 70AD; the people had failed to recognize their Lord. This cannot but give us pause to reflect whether we, who have theoretically committed ourselves to Christ, have in fact responded and been converted and purged. Are we in any way better than those who were condemned and suffered, or are we merely more secretive, better at concealing our faults and secret distortions from others? The thoughts of all hearts will be laid bare in the end. It might be as well to start laying our hearts bare (or purging them) now.

How is it that many people failed to recognize who Jesus was?

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2nd Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

The Faithful High Priest

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 inclusion of this reading is unbelievably moving: the child presented in the Temple is also to suffer, the sword will pierce Mary's heart. But it is because Jesus is fully human, and now a helpless child, that his loving obedience to the Father will save the human race. 'What was not assumed was not saved,' say the Fathers. In Jesus, the source of our salvation, the disobedience of Adam was washed away. Adam is the representative of us all, personifying the human race. Jesus had to be like his brothers and sisters, to share their full human nature if he was to save their human nature. He shared our baby helplessness, our adolescent anguish, our fear of death, our loss of friends whom we thought were faithful. In all this he knit himself into the human race and, by taking it upon himself, saved it by joining it once more into the Father's love. The language of high priesthood is used in this Letter to the Hebrews because the letter is written to Hebrews who were pining for the rituals of the Temple. But the priesthood of Christ is radically different, according to the order of Melchizedek (an unknown priesthood), and no longer that of Aaron. **What was the purpose of Jesus' death?**

» **Jesus' loving obedience to the Father will save the human race.** «

The Wednesday Word Connecting Home, School & Parish through the Word of God

**The Wednesday Word is under the patronage of St Joseph, Patron Saint of Families and Protector of the Church
Within the tradition of the Catholic Church, each Wednesday is dedicated to St Joseph**

LOVE, LISTEN AND LEARN

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

ADMISSIONS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2024/2025

Due to the fact that there are now fewer pupils in London (there is a continued decrease in the population of children) and the issues with finding affordable housing we currently have some places in our Nursery, Reception, Years 1, 2 and 3 2024/2025 year groups.

Please contact the school if you wish to apply for a place for your child.



**THANK YOU PARENTS AND PARISHIONERS FOR
RECOMMENDING OUR SCHOOL AND HELPING TO BUILD
UP OUR PUPIL NUMBERS.**

Phone Number: 020 88042396

E-mail: office@stmarys.enfield.sch.uk

'Pupils are eager to come to school each morning because their teachers do their best to help them learn...Pupils learn in a calm environment. This is because the school has high expectations for pupils...Pupils conduct themselves well because they know what is right and have been taught how to behave well. Pupils achieve well across a range of subjects. They are proud to talk about their work which is presented with pride...Warm, caring relationships permeate the school... Pupils are confident that adults will listen to their worries and help them. This means they feel happy and safe...The curriculum is ambitious and well structured...Adults have secure subject knowledge...Leaders have high expectations and are ambitious for pupils...Safeguarding is a priority here.'
(OFSTED Inspection, November 2023).

LOVE, LISTEN AND LEARN

'A. Classroom religious education is outstanding

- *The school has adapted and developed the themes of the Religious Education Curriculum Directory in an excellent manner to meet the learning needs of the pupils' of St Mary's.*
- *The religious education programme in use fully delivers this content and the use of De Bono system in religious education pushes pupils to develop their understanding further.*
- *After carefully analysing the needs of their pupils, the school has developed a curriculum and teaching programme that has reached outstanding achievement by the pupils in religious education.*
- *Teachers have high expectations and plan lessons that deepen pupils' religious literacy.*
- *Since the last inspection, staff confidence in recording and assessment has been demonstrably achieved with the evidence of the clarity and confidence on the part of the staff in planning imaginative lessons based on the religious education programme followed in the school.*
- *The headteacher is also the religious education curriculum coordinator and she takes the closest interest in developing the excellent teaching and learning of religious education in the school.*
- *The chair of governors is a recent appointment but with her years of experience on the governing body she is clear in her role of both support and challenge in pursuing the special responsibility of governors of a Catholic school.*

B. The Catholic life of the school is outstanding

- *The curriculum fully conforms to the classroom curriculum time of at least 10% for religious education and teaching is fully in line with the requirements of the Bishops' Conference.*
- *The previous inspection asked the school to develop pupils' understanding of Catholic Social Teaching and to help pupils understand the ethics of the market place and fair trade. The school has fully addressed these priorities, both in their classroom teaching and in the encouragement offered when choosing charities to support.*
- *The pupils of St Mary's enjoy an outstanding experience of prayer, liturgy and Catholic worship.*
- *Pupils and staff have a deep understanding of the call to 'human flourishing' and are given opportunities to develop and celebrate their gifts and talents.*
- *Partnership with the parents is excellent; they appreciate and support all that the school provides for their children.*
- *The leadership and management of the school are very effective in promoting the Catholic life of the school. The head is strong and devoted in providing both oversight and support on all aspects of Catholic life. The contribution and regular visits of the parish priest provides a strong and stable reinforcement of the foundational position of Catholicism in the life of the school'*

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