

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD CANDLEMASS

Sunday 2nd February 2025

In this celebration we remember Jesus being presented in the Temple by His parents Mary and Joseph and being recognised by the priest Simeon as the 'Light of the Nations'

Hopefully, candles will be blessed at all Masses



BLESSING OF THROATS—with the Blessing of St Blaise—Monday 3rd February 2025



The blessing of the throats will be given after the 9.30am Morning Mass.

"Through the Blessing of St Blaise, may you always enjoy lasting health of mind and of body"

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



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The Holy
Name of Jesus



January

Weekend Mass Intentions

Sat: - 7.00am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer
8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary
9.30am – Intentions of Margaret & Roy Felgate

Followed by Confessions until 11.00am

5.00pm – For the Holy Father's Intentions

Sun – The church opens at 7.00pm

8.00am – For the Intentions of Parishioners

9.30am – For a Private Intention

11.00am – Elvira Calsado - Anniversary

5.00pm – Vincent Basquil - Anniversary

Mon – 8.15am - Church opens for Quiet Prayer

8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30am – Fr Sean Carroll - RIP

No Exposition Today

Tues – 8.15am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer

8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30am – For a Private Intention (JS)

Followed by Exposition until 11.00am

Wed – 8.15am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer

8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30am – For Holy Father's Intentions

Followed by Exposition until 11.00am

Thu – 8.15am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer

8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30am – Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Fri – 5.00pm – Church opens for Quiet Prayer

6.30pm – Evening Prayer & Rosary

7.30pm – For the Repose of the Holy Souls

Followed by Devotions

Sat – 7.00am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer

8.15am – Morning Prayer

Followed by Confessions until 10.00am

9.30am – Rosary with 15 minutes Quiet Prayer

10.15am – **First Saturday Devotions**

10.30am – Mass for the Conversion of Sinners

5.00pm – Intentions of John McDonagh

Sun – Church opens at 7.00am

8.00am – For a Private Intention (MC)

9.30am – Charles Kagina - RIP

11.00am – For the Intentions of Parishioners

5.00pm – Ints of Brendan & Maureen McDermot

31st Jan – St John Bosco – Priest

**Sunday 2nd February – The Presentation of the Lord
Jesus (Candlemass)**

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

'The spirit of the Lord has been given to me for he has anointed me'
(Of the Word of God)

'The gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke'

To understand what this means, we must realise that a gospel is not just a collection of anecdotes about Jesus and his teaching. Each evangelist is a witness to the Son of God. He sets himself to answer the question confronting everyone to whom it has been given to meet Jesus, either by hearing someone speak of Him, or by discovering Him in the life of one of His followers: 'Who are you Lord?' each of these witnesses relates his faith in Jesus in the form of a story – that of the doings and words of Jesus – expressed in relation to his own experience and background. This explains the originality of each evangelist, each having his own emphasis, his own way of presenting the mystery of Christ and his teaching. For all that, there is only one gospel, because there is only one Christ, to whom we are sent by all the scriptures....It happened in Nazara, in the synagogue, that one day it was Jesus' to Jesus to comment on the reading from the Law, giving with it a text from the prophets. His choice fell on a text from Isaiah – he does not discuss it, he simply declares: 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen': he, in whom all the promises of God have found their 'yes' (2Cor 1:20)

**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
January 2025 – For the right to an education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

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

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD Sunday 2nd February 2025

This celebration is often called **CANDLEMAS** because Jesus is recognised as the Light of the World and candles are lit in honour of Him.

MAGNIFICAT

Because of the change of translation the cost of Magnificat has increased in price from £4.99 to £6.50. Sorry!

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 weekday 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 has not yet been revealed, as soon as information becomes available we will let you know. 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. Anne Rutland, 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 Djerallis, 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 – a special collection this Sunday at all Masses.

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

Mission of hope

Defending the Jesus story

By Fr Denis
McBride C.Ss.R.



On the hot summer night of 18 July in the year AD 64, a fire broke out in the arcade of shops surrounding the Circus Maximus, Rome's chariot stadium. The flames raged for nine days before they came under control. After the desolation, two-thirds of the imperial city lay in ruins.

When the fire began, the emperor Nero was miles away, at the cooler coastal resort at Anzio. Well aware of his growing unpopularity among the people and the rumours spread by the surviving

homeless that he started the fire, Nero sought to divert suspicion away from himself, so he looked for victims to blame. Thus began the first great persecution of Christians. The two principal apostles of the emerging church, Peter and Paul, were martyred in this persecution.

While the Church was adapting to its illegal status within the Roman Empire, the first great defence of Christianity was written – the two-volume work of

the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. As we hear in today's Gospel, Luke dedicates his defence to an unknown high Roman official, his excellency Theophilus. Luke will defend Christianity against the accusations of the Romans.

Luke will portray the founder of Christianity as a figure of nobility, grace and charm; a man who breathed kindness and graciousness. Luke will show that Jesus and his followers were found innocent by the representatives of the Roman law: Pilate declares three times that Jesus is innocent of the charges brought against him. As you listen to Luke's Gospel this year, listen to his great defence of Christianity against the charge of the Roman authorities.

Fr Denis McBride's many books, CDs and DVDs are available from Redemptorist Publications, www.rpbooks.co.uk.



Jubilee 2025

The Jubilee Pilgrimage

The Jubilee calls for us to set out on a journey and to cross boundaries. When we travel, we do not only change place physically, but we also change ourselves. Hence, it is important to prepare ourselves well, to plan the route, and learn about the destination. In this sense, the Jubilee pilgrimage begins before the start of the journey itself: the starting point is the decision to set out...

The journey takes place gradually: there are various routes to choose from and

places to discover; it is made up of particular sets of circumstances, moments of catechesis, sacred rites and liturgies. Along the way our travelling companions enrich us with new ways of understanding things and fresh perspectives... Pilgrimage is an experience of conversion, of transforming one's very being to conform it to the holiness of God. During the pilgrimage, one also shares in the experience of those who, for various reasons, are forced to leave their homelands to seek a better life for themselves and their family.

Dicastery for Evangelisation

Dearest Lord, you know my weaknesses and that I am not your greatest witness. Help me to celebrate your presence in my life and to tell others of your goodness. ☪ Amen.

Being a disciple means being constantly ready to bring the love of Jesus to others, and this can happen unexpectedly and in any place: on the street, in a city square, during work, on a journey.

Pope Francis

On the margins

By Camilla Harrison

Jesus teaches us to care for those on the margins of society – in his time, the poor, the sick and the despised. He reached out to these people with his love.

Who are the marginalised in twenty-first-century Britain?

Those in loving families and caring communities can thrive at the centre of a phalanx of love, knowing what it is to be valued and needed. Without these vital elements of life, we are vulnerable

to despair. Mother Teresa said that the worst human disease, far worse than poverty, was loneliness.

The migrant worker, far from home, may feel at the margins of our society. So, too, may the young person emerging from the care system, with neither family nor community to protect them or to guide them into meaningful occupation.

Thankfully, none of us is outside the reach of God's love. But if we lack the warmth of human compassion at the centre of our lives, we know what it is to be marginalised.

Camilla Harrison was the head of an RE department at a comprehensive school for twenty years and the writer of two of the Family Walks series of books.

Today:
Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10
1 Corinthians 12:12-30
Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Monday:
Hebrews 9:15, 24-28
Mark 3:22-30

Tuesday:
Hebrews 10:1-10
Mark 3:31-35

Wednesday:
Hebrews 10:11-18
Mark 4:1-20

Thursday:
Hebrews 10:19-25
Mark 4:21-25

Friday:
Hebrews 10:32-39
Mark 4:26-34

Saturday:
Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19
Mark 4:35-41

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

THE *Wednesday* WORD



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

Prayerfully preparing for Sunday Mass with special prayers for our school families



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.

1

Read

The Gospel for Sunday 26th January 2025

JESUS PROCLAIMS HIS MESSAGE

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received. Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him. He came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found a place where it is written: The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour. He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, "This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen."

Taken from Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21 The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, 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.

Today's gospel passage starts the series of readings from Luke which will continue throughout the ordinary Sundays of the Year. It is composed of two separate passages: first it gives Luke's introduction to his gospel, in which he explains how and why he wrote it. Then, jumping over the preparatory stories of Jesus' infancy, baptism and testing in the desert, it comes directly to his programmatic manifesto in the synagogue at Nazareth. The gospel is offered to Theophilus – a Greek name – and is written for gentile communities. So Luke stresses that Jesus' message is not just for Jews but for the peoples of the whole world. Twice in the second passage (Jesus' manifesto in Nazareth) Luke stresses that Jesus is moved by the Spirit of the Lord. As we see in the second reading, the Spirit was obviously at work in the early Christian communities. This was no more than a continuation of the Spirit's activity from the very beginning of the Christian movement. In Luke's stories of the annunciation, birth and infancy of Jesus the presence of the Spirit is constantly noted. In the earliest stories of the Church in the Acts of the Apostles the same guidance by the Spirit directs every move. **Why did Jesus choose to read this passage from the scriptures?**

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.

4

Pray for Families

This Wednesday's words for our school families are **GOOD NEWS!**

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.

**The Jubilee
Year of Hope**

Share the Prayer: Why not forward a digital copy of this Parish Version to your friends? Also, to see a sample of your primary school's *Family Version*, visit: wednesdayword.org

WEDNESDAY WORD PLUS +

Fr Henry's reflections on the first and second readings of **Sunday 26th January 2025**



1st Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-6. 8-10

Ezra Reads from the Law

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people - since he stood higher than all the people - Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, "Amen! Amen!"; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read. Then Nehemiah - His Excellency - and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, "This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful; do not weep." For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law. He then said, "Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold."

The Book of Nehemiah, from which today's reading is taken, is the latest historical book of the Hebrew Bible. It describes the re-establishment of the People of Israel, now the Jews, in and around Jerusalem, on their release from exile in Babylon. In the seventy years of exile they had developed a way of life based on the Law and marked by Sabbath, circumcision and ritual food; this distinguished them not only from the Babylonians, but also from those inhabitants of Judaea who had not been dragged into captivity. It was only those who were passionate for the Lord and this way of life who returned to the ruins of Jerusalem. Others stayed in more comfortable exile! Ezra, the expert in the Law, and Nehemiah, commissioned by the King of Persia (in whose empire Judaea lay), were at different times leaders of the community. In this scene Ezra reads out and so promulgates the Law in Jerusalem, to the acclaim of the people. What a contrast to the scene in the synagogue at Nazareth where Jesus reads out the passage from Isaiah (the clue to his way of life and that of his followers) - only to be rejected by his own people!

What does this reading from Nehemiah have to say to us about the importance of God's word?



2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-14. 27

The Body of Christ

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink. Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

Following directly on from last Sunday's reading, Paul (in today's passage) shows just why the different gifts of the Spirit must be used for the common purpose of building up the community. He compares the community which lives with the life of the Spirit to a human body. For the effective functioning of the human body each highly diverse organ must play its part, contribute its own particular speciality. To prevent the individual Corinthians becoming proud and possessive of their own particular gifts, Paul stresses that, like parts of the body, none is more important than any other. Is it less serious if your liver fails or your kidneys? This comparison of a community to a human body is common in ancient literature, but nowhere else is the community as a body described as the body of a particular person in the way that Paul designates the Corinthian Christian community as the Body of Christ. The Body which lives by the life-principle of Christ's Spirit is Christ's own Body.

What makes the Body of Christ so different from any other body?

**Like parts of the body,
none is more important
than any other.**

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).