

"Charity is the soul of faith, makes it alive; without love, faith dies." St. Anthony of Padua

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Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Saturday 1st Feb– *Feria in Ordinary Time* 6 pm Holy Mass– Bernard Brown RIP

Sunday 2nd Feb

10am Holy Mass—Leslie Thompson RIP

Monday 3rd Feb—*Feria in Ordinary Time* No Mass

Tuesday 4th Feb—*Feria in Ordinary Time* No Mass

Wednesday 5th Feb—*Memorial of St Agatha, Virgin, Martyr* 4.30 pm Reception into Church: Stanley and Julian Edwards RIP

Thursday 6th Feb—*Memorial of St Paul Miki, and Companions, Martyrs* 12.30 pm Funeral Mass: Stanley and Julian Edwards RIP

Friday 7th Feb — *Feria in Ordinary Time* No Mass

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Tome

Saturday 8th Feb—Feria in Ordinary Time 6 pm Holy Mass– Holy Souls

Sunday 9th Feb

10am Holy Mass—People of the Parish

Gift Aid—Forms are available in the porch and from Fr George.

Gift Aid enables a registered charity to obtain an additional 25p from the Government for every £1 donated by an individual who pays income tax on their earnings or pension. To apply Gift Aid to your donations complete the Gift Aid section of the form, if you wish to apply Gift Aid and pay by standing order complete both parts of the Gift Aid form and return the completed form to the Parish Office. Thank you.

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	50/50 Club The January draw will take place on Sun 2nd February after Mass A reminder to those who pay every 6 months that £30 will be due for the February—July draws. Thanks to all who support the 50/50 club.
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Please pray for the sick and those who care for them especially Janet Cooper, Chris & Mary Scott, David Walsh, Trevor Quinton, Julie Kendrick, Margaret Smith, Harminder Luis, Martyn Davies, Mary Therese Richard, Doris McShane, Maura Gallagher, Carole Mountford, Mary Doll Gallagher, Robert and Eileen Palmer. *Names may be added to the list with the consent of the person concerned*

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: John Geoghan, Horace Homer, Doris Dineau, John Rafferty, Rose Welder, Albert Hughes, Teresa Wiggins, Joseph Platt, Mary Shannon, Dereck Terry, Vincenzo Occhipinti, David Spaisdell, Hilda Bull, Mary Quinn, Margaret Lucas, Brendan Brown, Eileen Hibbert, Frank McNaulty, Alice Hale, Jim Rowley, John Monaghan, Margaret Collins, Stephen Williams, Keith Connolly, Clarence Wilde, Mark Fisher, Alice Hough, Bridgett Walsh, Roderick Reid.

Rota	Reader	Eucharistic Minist	ter Counting Team
Rota Sat Sun	Lewis	Mora	-
Sun	Harriet	Gail	Anne, Wendy, Marie, Donna
Sat (Next weekend)	Gemma	Richard	-
Sun	Robert	Sandra A	Liz, Gail, Anne

Please pray for the souls of Stanley and Julian Edwards (father and son) who have recently died. Stanley and Julian's Funeral Mass take place at 12.30pm on Thursday 6th February. Reception the night before at 4.30pm. Thank you to Fr David Gnosill who will be presiding in Fr George's absence.

Please pray for their family and friends at this sad time.

If you have a child attending a non Catholic School and would like them to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion or Confirmation, please see Martyn or Fr George with proof of the child's baptism.

All Sessions will begin at 4pm in St Anthony's Sacristy. Parents/Guardians, please arrive before 4pm, so we can begin promptly at 4pm.

Preparation for First Holy Communion for Children attending non-Catholic schools Dates will be as follows: Friday 7th March, 14th March, 21st March, 28th March, 4th April, 11th April. First Holy Communion will be on Saturday 10th May.

Preparation for Confirmation for Children attending non-Catholic schools

Dates will be as follows: Friday 2nd May, 9th May, 16th May, 23rd May, 30th May, 6th June. Archbishop Bernard will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday 12th June.

Children's Liturgy during Mass

Children are welcome to go out into their own Liturgy of the Word during Mass, however if the child is under 4 years of age, a responsible adult must accompany them due to safeguarding and health and safety reasons.

If you are able to help with Children's liturgy please speak to Fr George, Elvana or email your details to :

elvana11@hotmail.com

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord:

The feast: This is a combined feast, commemorating the Jewish practice of the purification of the mother after childbirth and the presentation of the child in the Temple. Pope Benedict XVI affirms that "Jesus enters the ancient temple; he who is the new Temple of God." In 1997, Pope John Paul II designated the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord as the Annual World Day of Consecrated Life. In his homily, Pope Benedict XVI expressly referred to this intention of his predecessor. So, we invite all our consecrated women and men to return to the beginning, to the very personal early days of the gift of your vocation, recalling, for a moment, the first time you sensed the Lord's call to you to follow Him with an undivided heart.