

ST DOMINIC'S, DURSLEY & ST JOSEPH'S, NYMPSFIELD

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PRESENTATION OF THE LORD IN THE TEMPLE (Year C) Candlemass and last outpost of Christmas

Sat 1 st Feb		5.30pm	Procession & Sunday Mass	Nympsfield
Sun 2 nd Feb			()	
		10.30am	Procession & Sunday Mass (Pro Populo)	Dursley
Mon 3 rd Feb	St Blaise of Sebaste	Noon	Mass & Blessing of Throats	Dursley
Tue 4 th Feb	St Gilbert of Sempringham	9.30am	Mass (A mum with problems)	Dursley
Wed 5 th Feb	St Agatha	9.00am	Mass (Those with heart troubles)	Dursley
Thu 6 th Feb	Martyrs of Nagasaki	10.00am	Mass with Yr 4 from school ()	Nympsfield
Fri 7 th Feb	Feria of Week 4	6.00pm	Holy Hour & Confessions	Dursley
		7.00pm	Mass (John Arundell RIP)	Dursley
Sat 8 th Feb	Our Lady on Saturday	Noon	Mass ()	Dursley
		3.00-4.00pm	Confessions	Dursley

ORDINARY SUNDAY V (Year C)

Sat 8 th Feb		5.30pm	Sunday Mass (Pro Populo)	Nympsfield
Sun 9 th Feb		10.30am	Sunday Mass ()	Dursley
		3.00pm	Holy Baptism of Bernard McDonagh	Dursley

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 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's mission in the priesthood and religious.

MASS PROPERS FOR CANDLEMASS SUNDAY - (Year C)

SEE SEPARATE LITURGY SHEET

FORTHCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

- Osma Group on Tuesday 11th February – Speaker Fr. P M Thomas BA (Dunelm.) Cert. Theo. Southampton
- **Thursday 20th February – 10.30am Coffee Morning at Pat Uglow's, 11 Stanthill Drive, Dursley GL11 4PP. Raffle, 'Bring & Buy'. Bring your friends. Parking on the drives of kind neighbours at Numbers 3, 11 & 12**
- Shrove Tuesday 4th March – 6.00pm Pancake Evening in St Dominic's Parish Hall
- Sunday 16th March Lent II – Soup Lunch in the hall after Café Dominic



HOLY HOUR, FRIDAY CONFESSIONS & MASS Friday is for busy working folk, who can't get to morning masses during the week, but who feel they need more than just Sunday. Holy Hour (adoration and benediction) is a golden opportunity not afforded to every parish for quiet time with Jesus. Confession helps with both and makes things easier for those who work on Saturdays. It is our custom to pray the Holy Rosary at the start of Holy Hour.

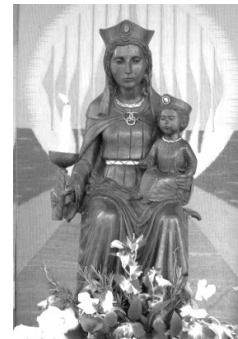


TAIZÉ FOR CANDLEMASS - AGAINST THE DARK, OUR SAVIOUR'S FACE IS BRIGHT

This is an invitation to pray in the Taizé style and tradition in the chapel of St Monica's, Cote Lane, Bristol, BS9 3UN on **Sunday 2nd February @ 6.00pm**. 4 fine musicians will lead the congregation in beautiful chants in the Taizé tradition. The hope is that the music will speak to the heart, as we join together with our voices in quiet time and reflection on the

readings. Contact Roger on 0117 462 1117 for more information and directions.

OUR LADY OF CANDLEMASS The shrine of Our Lady of the Taper at Cardigan in Wales, is dedicated to the Mother of God holding a candle to guide us to her Son. As such, the gospel for this proper mass is the Gospel of the Presentation of Our Saviour in the Temple, because of the Song of Simeon. Another name for the 2nd of February is the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Mosaic Law required that after childbirth, a new mother had to offer a purification sacrifice, whilst the new father had to offer a different sacrifice in thanksgiving for the birth of a son [Jesus]. Our Lady was immaculate and childbirth does not make anyone unclean, yet in obedience Mary does as she is told, and so does St Joseph. The Churching of Women today is better described as **Thanksgiving after the Birth of a Child**.



Our Lady and St Joseph have always been seen as models of prayer and service to God. Simeon the priest and the widow Anna are also important. They are in the Temple, looking for Jesus and devoting their lives to God. Accordingly, the Presentation of the Lord is the World Day of Prayer for the Consecrated Life. We are to pray for those men and women who become professed religious, monks, nuns, friars, sisters, brothers. Many of these orders and congregations take the name of Mary or Joseph in their titles

"AGING GRACEFULLY" - LENTEN SERIES You are invited to join in with the Ageing Gracefully course. It starts on **March 5th and will run for 6 weeks from 2pm to 4pm, during Lent**. The course is led by Ian Donald, a retired Doctor and Christian. It is designed for those who are ready to confront the process of ageing, blending medical expertise with biblical insight and practical Christian wisdom. I enclose a flyer to book onto the course or please do feel that you can just turn up. For more information please look at this link, <https://gloucester.anglican.org/2024/ageing-gracefully-course-practical-theology-of-later-life/>