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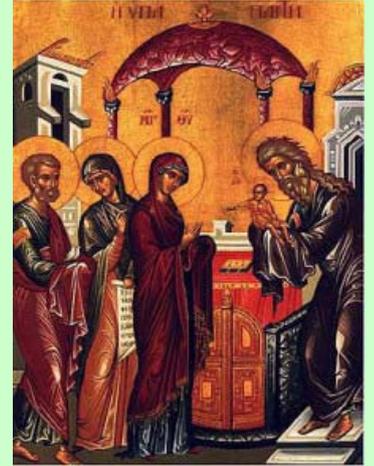
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## **FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

***Sunday 2nd February 2014***

***The Year of Matthew [A]***



**This week:**

**Sunday: Masses at 9.30 and 11.00**

**Monday: Mass at 9.30 a.m. [St Blaise]**

**Tuesday: Funeral Mass at 9.30 a.m. [Val Szantyr RIP]**

**Wednesday: Mass at 9.30 a.m. [St Agatha]**

**Thursday: Mass at 9.30 a.m. [St Paul Miki & Companions]**

**Friday: Mass at 9.30 a.m.**

**Saturday: Mass at 9.30 a.m.**

**Anticipated Mass of Sunday at 6.00 p.m.**



**Next Sunday is the Fifth Sunday of the Year**

**The Scripture Readings are from Year A**

**The Year of St Matthew**

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**before or after Morning Mass**

**Before Vigil Mass**

**On request at any time**



*Thanks to Bishop Stephen who will celebrate Mass on Monday as I have Education Meetings in Glasgow. Thanks also to Fr Beatus for Sunday Morning Masses while we cover Aberfeldy and Pitlochry for the next few weeks to allow Fr Tobias to visit his family in Africa.*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** For our recently deceased: Irene Bryce & Val Szantyr [Funeral; Mass on Tuesday at 9.30 a.m.]

For all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Sr Mary Agnes, John McKinlay, James Ness, Cathie Duncan, Gertrude Ruddy, Peggy Quinn, Veronica Trogdon & Caroline Rice.

And those sick at home or in hospital; Mgr Ben Donachie, Fr Martin Pletts, Bobbie Bull, Lulu Smith [age 2], Baby Christopher Kane, Baby Orryn Glancy & Gordon Ogilvie. And all those who are sick or housebound in our parish and receive the Eucharist each Sunday:

**If one of your family is in hospital, you should let Canon Aldo know.  
If someone is sick at home, please let Fr Ken or Deacon Charles know.  
Please let us know if you are going into hospital and we will let Canon Aldo know**

## **COLLECTIONS**

**for**

**27th January**

**£ 1168**

**(£590 was Gift Aid)**

Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays will resume this coming, Wednesday 5th February, from after Mass till 3.00 p.m.

The Children's Liturgy will be at 11.00 a.m. Mass. However, it will not be every Sunday unless we have more helpers and leaders.

## **TEA GROUP**

Why not come and get to know your fellow parishioners with a cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit after 11a.m. mass. There is no charge but all donations go to SCIAF.

**Month's Mind Mass for Sr. Mary Rose will be here on Tuesday 4th March at 7.00 p.m.**



**Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes  
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK  
Tuesday 11 February 2014  
Mass in St Mary's, Lochee at 7.00 p.m.**



**THANKS:** This week we received a cheque for £6,332.76 from The Inland Revenue, Gift Aid for the period from April to October [6 months]. Many thanks to all who Gift Aid their weekly offerings. This sum is larger than normal due to 3 generous donations towards repairing the floor in the Hall and towards the cost of the Insurances.

# *“Shining the Light of Faith”*



**Education  
Sunday**

**23<sup>rd</sup> February  
2014**



## **A Message from the Bishops of Scotland**

*Lumen Fidei: the Light of Faith:* this is how the Church speaks of the great gift of faith brought by Jesus. In John's Gospel, Jesus says of himself: "I have come as light into the world, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness."

Pope Francis teaches us that if you believe in God, then the Light of Faith will lighten up the whole world and help you to find your way through life.

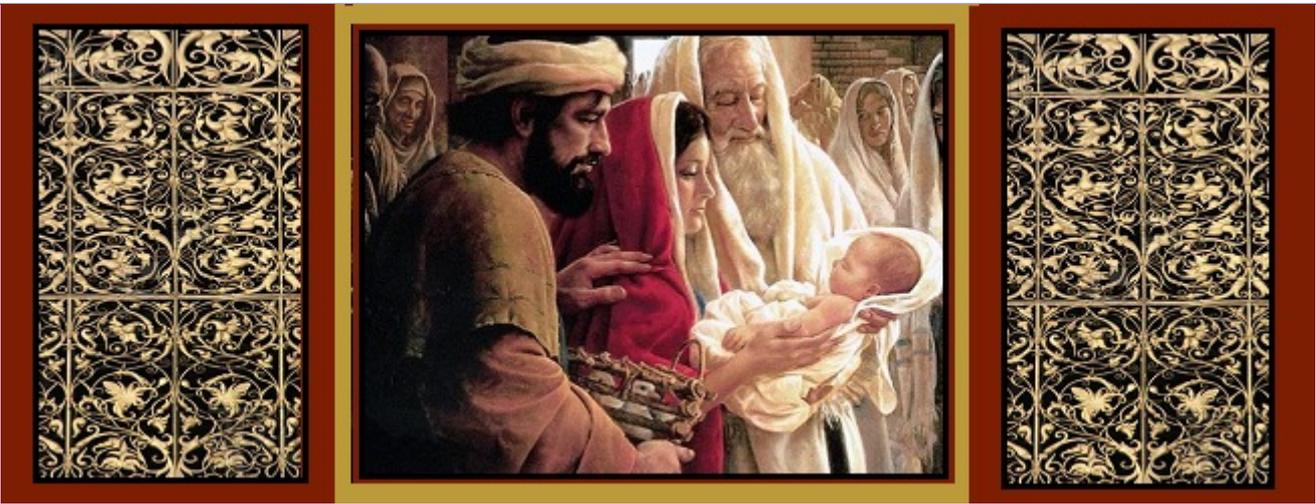
The gift of faith is not offered to us as something which belongs to another world. It helps us to see today's world and to live our present lives in a different way, a better way.

If you have faith in Jesus Christ, you will be transformed by the love He shows you and you will want to share this love. You will want to offer that same love to others - to friends, family, neighbours, even to people you don't know.

"Shining the light of faith" doesn't only happen inside a Church. People can become shining lights when they help others, when they treat people fairly, when they support those most in need. In practical, concrete ways we can all bring light to the world.

**How will you shine the light of faith today, and in the coming days and weeks?**

**Catholic Education Week**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> February to 1<sup>st</sup> March 2014**



## The Presentation of the Child Jesus

As young Johnny leans on the door bell of his grandfather's house, he waits impatiently for the old man to open the door. It's his grandfather's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday and he has brought him a carefully chosen present. Eventually he hears the familiar shuffle coming to the door and after the lock and bolts are unfastened, the door inches open. Johnny hugs the old man and solemnly makes his presentation. His grandfather unwraps the packaging slowly to reveal a large photograph album.

"Thought you could do with that", Johnny says. "to keep all those old photos you have lying around the place". "Thanks son" says the old man. "That's the trouble with old age. Trying to put all your memories in order. Don't know where to start. Can you help me?"

Memory is the way we all bring to mind and of course the thing about the past is that the longer we live, there's more of it. As the wise old man said, "When you're 40, half of you belongs to the past - and when you're 70, nearly all of you does"

When we grow old there is a tendency to be long on memory and short on expectation. There's not much time left for us, and the time there is might not appear all that appealing. Our hopes can become as wrinkled as our hands and faces - so we can look to the security of a familiar past with familiar faces and places. We can get out the photograph albums and page through lost times, and be content to remember how it was in the good old days.

It was an old Jewish custom for parents to take their new-born children to the temple and present them to their God. This ritual was done 40 days after the birth. Therefore, the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus is celebrated in the Church on February 2<sup>nd</sup> each year - forty days after Christmas.

In today's Gospel we meet an old prophet, grey-haired Simeon and an old prophetess, aging Anna who were waiting in the Temple. Luke tells us they were present every day. As old people, they were connected with the past and with memory. Luke presents them as anawin - the devout remnant of those who stayed faithful to the ancient promises of God. Listen to the words of the Prophet Isaiah and try to catch and see the promise Simeon and Anna were waiting to see fulfilled:

"The lord has revealed his holy arm in the sight of the Gentiles and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation that comes from God. I shall give you as a light to the Gentiles that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth. Then the glory of the Lord will be revealed and all flesh will see the salvation of our God"

Simeon and Anna and Anna long to see the fulfilment of those promises. They are an unusual couple of old people because their total concern is for the future. They don't live backwards, but forwards. Something yet to happen dominates their life. They are alive and shimmering with expectation and hope, waiting for the one who will be the consolation of their own people and the light of the Gentiles. They are an old couple who are totally open - they hunger for God's presence and wait for the day when they can see it themselves.

Their waiting is not in vain. Many days they had come but this was the day for which they had been waiting. As Luke tells us - the parents had come with the child Jesus to the Temple observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord, namely, that every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with the Law - a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons

So in today's Gospel we have the meeting between youth and old age - between the young parents and the old venerables - between hope and fulfilment. Old Simeon takes the child in his arms and sings the poetry of the "Nunc Dimittis". "Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised" The hopes of Simeon are fulfilled, for he sees in Jesus the promised salvation of God. And Anna, whose timing is perfect as Luke tells us "She came in at that moment" praises God for what has happened. In the person of Jesus, all the ancient promises are fulfilled. Jesus had fulfilled their lives and promises to be their complete fulfilment on the other side of death

When Jesus was taken to the Temple in Jerusalem, the Temple accepted him as a child but when he became a grown-up man, the Temple said "No" to the person he had become and the values he preached and taught. Today we are not being presented with a child who is a bundle of cuddly joy that no one can resist. We are presented with the one whom we all can resist and so often do!

That is the challenge of each Eucharistic celebration - we can take Jesus to ourselves. We can share his life his life and pledge ourselves anew to his Gospel. No matter what age we are, we are presented with the same challenge - Do we see our lives as being for our own use or as belonging to God for his use? Can we take the Lord into our lives, say YES to who he is and the person he wants us to be? When we can say YES to that, then we too can go our way in peace .