

Who is the  
*King of Glory?*  
It is the *Lord*.

## St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

The Presentation of The Lord - C

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### Pastors Desk

The feast of the Presentation of the Lord is celebrated forty days after the feast of Christmas, as it was traditionally understood that Jesus was presented in the Temple forty days after his birth. This day is also known as Candlemas, because candles are blessed on this day to remind us that Jesus is the light of the world and the light of our life. This is in keeping with Simeon's reference to the child Jesus in the gospel reading as a 'light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel'.

Simeon's prayer beginning, 'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace', has become an integral element of the Night Prayer of the Church. Simeon recognized the true identity of the child that the young couple from Nazareth brought into the Temple. He realized who had just entered the Temple, who had entered his life. Looking at this new born child, he could see the 'salvation' that God had been preparing for all the nations to see. Simeon recognized that the light of God's love was shining through the face of this child, a light that would enlighten the pagans and bring glory to Israel.

The gospel reading suggests that Simeon had this level of insight into the child of Joseph and Mary because the Holy Spirit rested on him and he came to the child prompted by the Holy Spirit. It is the Spirit who allows us to see Jesus as he really is. Paul, in his first letter to the Corinthians, says, 'No one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God' and declares, 'we have received... the Spirit that is from God, so that we can understand the gifts bestowed on us by God'. We need the Holy Spirit to appreciate the gifts that God has given us, especially God's greatest gift, his beloved Son, who is with us until the end of time. On this feast, we invite the Holy Spirit to rest upon us afresh, as he rested on Simeon, so that, like him, we may recognize the many ways that the risen Lord enters our lives.

~ Fr Martin Hogan



Weekday service in St. Paul's is preceded  
by the Rosary at 9:40am (Mon, Tue & Thu)



Mass Times :	Ayrfield	Donaghmede
Saturday (Vigil) :	5:30 pm	6:30pm
Sundays :	10:30 am	9:30am & 11:30am
Weekdays 10am :	Tuesday & Thursday	Mon, Wed & Fri
Service of Word with Communion 10am	Monday	Tue & Thur



### Prayer to St. Saint Brigid



You were a woman of peace. You brought harmony where there was conflict. You brought light to the darkness. You brought hope to the downcast. May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious, and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world. Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made. Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the weary. Strengthen what is weak within us. Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens. May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit. Amen



### Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February is the Feast of St. Blaize.

Blessing of the Throat will take place after 10am Mass in Holy Trinity Church "Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you free from every disease of the throat, and from every other disease. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

### A Safeguarding Session for Volunteers

will take place on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> of February at 7:30pm in Holy Trinity Church, Donaghmede. This is for the volunteers who were unable to attend the safeguarding session in Edenmore in September 2024.

Life in the Spirit Seminars will take place starting 27<sup>th</sup> Feb. for 7 Thursdays at 8pm Details on our noticeboard.



New rosters are available for ministers of the word and Eucharist

Notice to Coeliacs: If you are gluten intolerant, we have Low Gluten hosts available in a chalice at the side of the alter at communion time.

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We remember at Mass  
and in our prayers  
those who have gone  
before us



Saturday	5:30 pm
Kathleen Fitzsimons	15 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.
Louise Curtis	Get Well Mass
Sunday	10:30 am
Gretta & Denis Fennell	Anniv.'s
Mary Ryan	Anniversary
Fr. Tom Colreavy	7 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
May & Henry Cohen	Anniversaries

Your prayers are requested for the happy repose of the souls of  
Bernie Berry, Brigid "Babs" Kelly,  
Margaret "Peggy" Adams,  
Michael "Mick" Lyons  
& Thomas Dempsey Snr.  
recently deceased

Tuesday	10:00 am
Thomas Dempsey Snr.	Funeral Mass
Thursday	10:00 am

May they rest in peace

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, 10am mass will be offered for all on the Altar List of the Dead.

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, Devotion in honour of St. Pio. Blessing with the relics of Padre Pio after 10am mass