# FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD YEAR C

2<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 2025: Mass Time

Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb.	6:30 pm	VIGIL MASS – FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	Keegan Dias (21st B'day)
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb.	9:00 am	FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	Anthony De Souza (Thanksgiving)
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	6:30 pm	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Martinho Dias & Lucia Gomes (Wedding Anniv.)
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	9:00 am	MEMORIAL OF SAINT AGATHA, VIRGIN, MARTYR	Egan & Debbie (Wedding Anniv.)
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	9:00 am	MEMORIAL OF SAINT PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS, MARTYR	Myron & Melvica (Wedding Anniv.)
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	5:00 pm	HOLY ADORATION	
	6:30 pm	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Keefer Gonsalves (B'day)

MALAYALAM MASSES: Every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month @ 3:00pm

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**: Father Obi is available to celebrate this sacrament on Saturdays from 5:45pm until 6.15pm and on request when possible.

If Father Obi is not available and a priest is required urgently, please call: St. Mary's: 01793 535089 / Holy Rood: 01793 522062 / St. Peter's: 01793871167

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## Holy Family Catholic Church Swindon

We welcome visitors and anyone who is visiting us for the first time.

We pray for God's special blessing on you.

We wish you a very Happy and Holy worship with us.



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Parish priest Office Hours: Wed & Fri: 10 am - 2pm.

Readings Eucharistic Prayer		Sunday Mass Cycle C : Ordinary Time Week 4 Year 1. Psalter (or at Priest's Choice)	
Entrance Antiphon	-	Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, Reaches the ends of the earth; Your right hand is filled with saving justice.	
First Reading	:	Malachi 3:1-4	
Psalm Response	:	The Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory!	
Second Reading	:	Hebrews 2: 14-18	
Gospel Acclamation	-	Alleluia, alleluia! A light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel. Alleluia!	
Gospel	:	Luke 2:22-40	
Communion Antiphon	:	My eyes have seen your salvation, Which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.	

## THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

1st Reading

The Lord whom you seek will come to his temple.

2nd Reading

He had to be made like his brothers in every respect.

Gospel

My eyes have seen your salvation.

In the prophecy of Jeremiah, at some point, he goes back to the basis of his calling. Like all of us, he was called from his mother's womb. Before I formed you in your mother's womb, I knew you. I consecrated you. I chose you. I commissioned you for a purpose.

Every messenger, before Christ, was sent to prepare the way for the Lord, Malachi 3:1-2.

Now is the appointed time. The Lord enters into his own temple. Because our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit, the incarnate Word has taken our flesh, to purify our mortal bodies so that we might become a worthy offering, pleasing to God – A people freed and redeemed by the blood of the Lamb, Hebrews 2:14-18.

"And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth." Luke 2:39.

**CONFIRMATION 2025:** The date for the Sacrament of Confirmation is on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 7:00pm. The application forms are available online and in the parish office. The first preparation session will start on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 6:30 - 8:00 pm. The preparation programme is on the parish notice board.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** The date for First Holy Communion 2025 is on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 11:00 am. The next preparation session will be on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2025 at 10:00 am to 11:00 am.

**THURSDAY SOCIAL GROUP**: Next Thursday Social Group meeting is on 6<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm-3.15pm in the Convent. Meet old friends and make new ones over a cuppa and chat, all welcome.

**PARKING:** Please park considerately and legally when using the Church. Parking is available in the car park behind the church, and also in our primary school car park on Sunday mornings and Saturday evenings. It is important that **footpaths and pavements are kept clear**, particularly for people with reduced mobility

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**VOLUNTEERS IN THE CHURCH**: A very big thank you to all the volunteers in our parish community. We cannot thank you enough for the gift of your time and talents. However, we are mindful that our parish priest and the entire pastoral team have a duty of care for our staff and for those who volunteer to support us in any way. We have carefully discerned that some are beginning to be burdened by their voluntary services. Recently, we have received a good number of brilliant recommendations in the suggestion box; part of it being the need to make some changes and to relieve some volunteers of their duties. Therefore, without prejudice to the excellent services of our volunteers, we invite anyone who wishes to be relieved of their duties in the parish, especially those in the finance and pastoral committees of the parish, to inform our parish priest as soon as possible. We do hope that any decision taken in this regard will rightly be understood as having been carefully made with prayer and discernment.

#### 250 CLUB (2024 - 2025): WINNERS OF JANUARY 2025

JANUARY 2025				
PRIZE	MN	NAME		
1 <sup>st</sup> PRIZE	60	VINCENT COLACO		
2 <sup>nd</sup> PRIZE	44	PAULINE POMFRET		
3 <sup>rd</sup> PRIZE	95	PAULIN McKAY		
4 <sup>th</sup> PRIZE	146	TRISH RYAN		
5 <sup>th</sup> PRIZE	67	JANE BRYANT		

<u>Anniversaries</u>: We pray for the dead, and those who have died recently and all whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen.

<u>Diocesan Prayer Link:</u> St. Benet, Kemerton / St. Joseph, Tewkesbury, St. Nicholas, Winchcombe.

<u>Pope's Message:</u> Pope Francis has released his prayer intention for the month of February. The intention is 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 life.