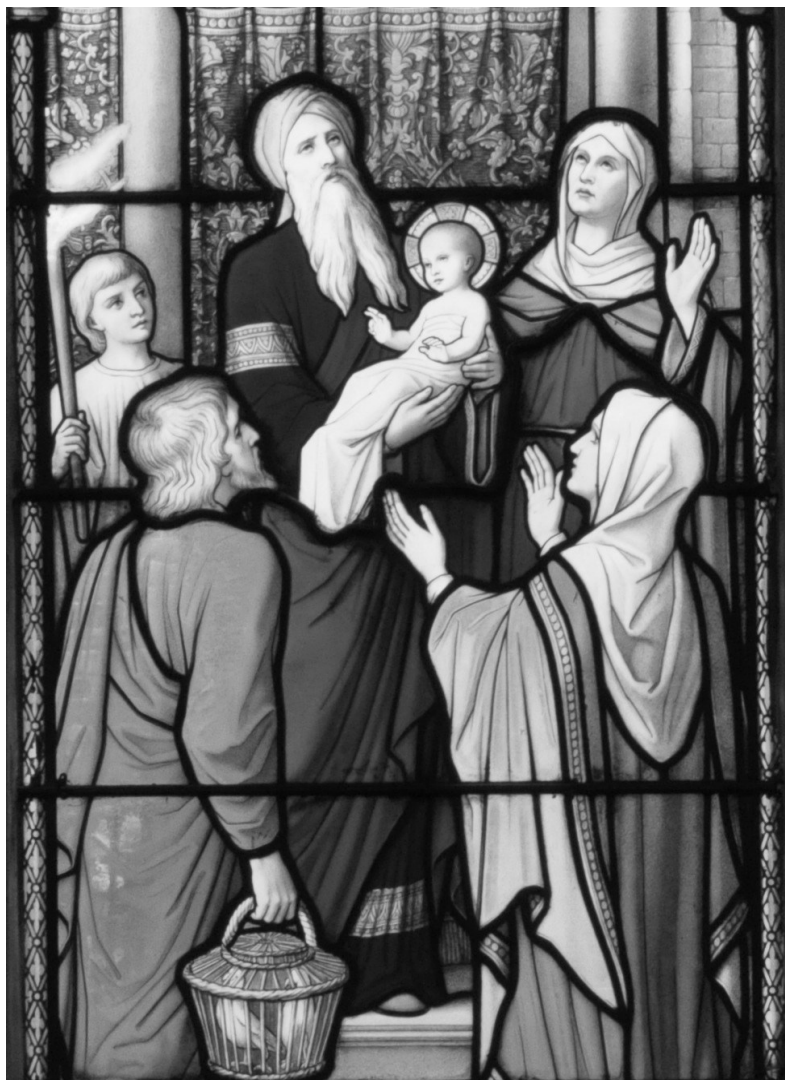


THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF  
ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS  
CHRISTCHURCH



**Candlemas**  
**The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple**  
**2 February 2025**

## From the Vicar...

Dear friends,

This past week the St Michael's Church School students have returned for another year. We also seem to have finally been graced by some summer weather. In fact, as I saw the students walking in through the gate, I remembered my own experience of returning to school at the hottest time of the year! I look forward to another year of chaplaincy in our school community.

Parish news this week signals the start of some of our groups and ministries (many have already returned in January), please have a look at the notices for what is taking place. This Sunday also sees the return of our Evensong and Benediction service with a 'Festive Evensong' for Candlemas. If you haven't attended Evensong and Benediction at St Michael's before, please do come along and experience this beautiful service in the Anglican tradition.

As mentioned, this Sunday we celebrate the feast of Candlemas, known in the past as the Purification of the Blessed Virgin. The Feast is founded in the ancient religion of Israel. The feast is now called the Presentation of Our Lord and the emphasis is more on Jesus than on his mother. The blessing and the procession of candles, as well as the Scripture readings, focus on Jesus who is the "Light of the World".

Forty days after the birth of Christ, Mary complied with the precepts of the law, she redeemed her first-born from the temple (Numbers 18:15), and was purified by the prayer of Simeon the Just, in the presence of Anna the prophetess (Luke 2:22). Simeon's prayer which later became the Canticum Nunc Dimittis speaks of Jesus, the Incarnate Word of God, as divine revelation to the non-Jews and the glory of God's own people from whom he came. This Sunday we will reflect on and celebrate this important truth.

God Bless,



Father Jordan

Copies of the music for the mass setting and hymns are available from the Sides People.

# Candlemas

## The Presentation of Jesus in to the Temple

2 February 2025

|                            |  |               |                                     |
|----------------------------|--|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Celebrant 8.00 am:</b>  | Fr Jordan Greatbatch                         |               |                                     |
| <b>Celebrant 10.00 am:</b> | Fr Jordan Greatbatch                         | <b>Organ:</b> | Paul Ellis, Eric Apperley           |
| <b>Sidespeople:</b>        | Tim Cranston, Vince Moreton                  |               |                                     |
| <b>Mass Setting:</b>       | A Festive Eucharist                          |               | Noel Rawsthorne                     |
| <b>Organ:</b>              | In Green Pastures<br>Old English Organ Music |               | Harold Darke<br>Jonathan Battishill |

### Greeting:

Ki te ingoa o te ✠ Matua, me te Tamaiti, me te Wairua Tapu. **Āmine.**  
(In the name of the ✠ Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.)

The Lord be with you. **The Lord bless you.**

Forty two days ago we celebrated the joyful feast of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Today we recall the holy day on which he was presented in the temple, fulfilling the law of Moses and at the same time going to meet his faithful people. Led by the Spirit, Simeon and Anna came to the temple, recognised Christ as their Lord, and proclaimed him with joy.

United by the Spirit, we gather now in the house of God to welcome Christ the Lord. Here we shall recognise him in the breaking of bread until he comes again in glory.

### The Blessing of the Candles

God our Father, source of all light, today you revealed to Simeon your light of revelation to the nations. Bless ✠ these candles and make them holy.

May we, who carry them to the praise of your glory, walk in the path of goodness and come to the light that shines for ever, even Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

*Whilst the candles are lit the choir sing:*

The Nunc Dimittis

Carolus Andreas

Let us proceed in peace. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**Processional Hymn: 55**

Hail to the Lord's Anointed!  
Great David's greater Son;  
Hail, in the time appointed,  
His reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
To set the captive free;  
To take away transgression,  
And rule in equity.

He comes with succour speedy  
To those who suffer wrong;  
To help the poor and needy,  
And bid the weak be strong;  
To give them songs for sighing,  
There darkness turn to light,  
Whose souls, condemned and dying,  
Were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers  
Upon the fruitful earth,  
And Love, joy, hope, like flowers,  
Spring in his path to birth:  
Before him on the mountains  
Shall peace the herald go;  
And righteousness in fountains  
From hill to valley flow.

Kings shall fall down before him,  
And gold and incense bring;  
All nations shall adore him,  
His praise all people sing;  
To him shall prayer unceasing  
And daily vows ascend;  
His kingdom still increasing,  
A kingdom without end.

O'er every foe victorious,  
He on his throne shall rest,  
From age to age more glorious,  
All-blessing and all-blest:  
The tide of time shall never  
His covenant remove;  
His name shall stand for ever;  
That name to us is Love.

*(Sung)*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
You alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
With the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Let us pray (*silence*)

Almighty ever-living god, we humbly implore your majesty that, just as your Only Begotten Son was presented on this day in the Temple in the substance of our flesh, so, by your grace, we may be presented to you with minds made pure. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**First Reading:** (*sit*)

Malachi 3:1-4

Rachel Watson

Thus says the Lord God: See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord, as in the days of old and as in former years.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm:** 24

**R. Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord, who is the king of glory.**

Lift up your heads, you gates, lift yourselves up, you everlasting doors, that the king of glory may come in. Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord strong and mighty, the Lord who is mighty in battle. **R.**

Lift up your heads, you gates, lift yourselves up, you everlasting doors, that the king of glory may come in. Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord, the Lord of hosts who is the king of glory. **R.**

**Second Reading:** (*sit*)

Hebrews 2: 14–18

Marla Hughes

Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people.

Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation:** (*stand*)

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.** The light of revelation to the Gentiles, and glory to your people Israel. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Lord be with you

**The Lord bless you**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke ☩

**Praise and Glory to God**

**Gospel:**

Luke 2: 22–40

Deacon Robert Jamieson

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, ‘Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord’), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, ‘a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.’

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah.

Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word: for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel. And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him.

This is the Gospel of Christ. **Praise to Christ the Word.**

**Sermon:**

Fr Jordan Greatbatch

**Affirmation of Faith:**

*(Stand)*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven, *(all genuflect or bow)*  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
and has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection ☩ of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Intercessions:** Margaret Maclagan

Rest ☩ eternal grant unto them, O Lord:

**And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

May they rest in peace and rise in glory. **Amen.**

**Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with you,  
blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

## **The Peace**

The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

*At the Peace all may exchange a non physical greeting with those near them.*

E te whanau, we are the body of Christ.

**By one spirit we were baptised into one body.**

Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace:

**Amen. We are bound by the love of Christ.**

**Offertory:** Adrienne Curtis, Dorothy Burrows

## **The Preparation of the Gifts**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.

Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,  
which earth has given and human hands have made.

It will become for us the bread of life. **Blessed be God for ever.**

By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share  
in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.

Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.

It will become our spiritual drink. **Blessed be God for ever.**



Thou whose almighty word  
 Chaos and darkness heard,  
 And took their flight;  
 Hear us, we humbly pray,  
 And where the gospel day  
 Sheds not its glorious ray  
 Let there be light.

Spirit of truth and love,  
 Life-giving, holy Dove,  
 Speed forth thy flight;  
 Move on the water's face,  
 Bearing the lamp of grace,  
 And in earth's darkest place  
 Let there be light.

Thou who didst come to bring  
 On thy redeeming wing  
 Healing and sight,  
 Health to the sick in mind,  
 Sight to the inly blind,  
 O now to all mankind  
 Let there be light.

Blessèd and holy Three,  
 Glorious Trinity,  
 Wisdom, Love, Might,  
 Boundless as ocean's tide  
 Rolling in fullest pride,  
 Through the world far and wide  
 Let there be light.

Pray, sisters and brothers,  
 that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty One.

**May the Lord receive the sacrifice at your hands,  
 for the praise and glory of his name,  
 for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

May the offerings made with exultation by your Church be pleasing to you, O Lord, we pray, for you willed that your Only Begotten Son be offered to you for the life of the world as the Lamb without blemish. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**God's Spirit is with us.**

**We lift them to the Lord.**

**It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son. You are the source of all life and goodness; through your eternal Word you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image; male and female you created us.

For your co-eternal Son was presented on this day in the Temple, and revealed by the Spirit as the glory of Israel and Light of the nations.

Therefore with the faithful who rest in him, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing.....

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father. Send your Holy Spirit, that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive may be to us the body and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.

On the night before he died, your Son Jesus Christ took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them, and said: Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Glory to you, Lord Christ: your death we show forth;  
your resurrection we proclaim; your coming we await.  
Amen! Come, Lord Jesus.**

Therefore, loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ, his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we offer through Christ, our great high priest.

United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours,  
here and everywhere, now and for ever. Amen.**

As Christ teaches us we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours, now and for ever.  
Amen.**

Kua ākona nei tātou e tō tātou Ariki,  
ka ĭnoi tatou:

E tō mātou Matua i te rangi  
Kia tapu tōu Ingoa.  
Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.  
Kia meatia tau e paī ai,  
ki runga ki te whenua,  
kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.  
Hōmai ki a mātou āianeī  
he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.  
Murua ō mātou hara,  
Me mātou hoki e muru nei  
i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.  
Aua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia;  
Engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:  
Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha,  
me te korōria,  
Āke ake ake. Āmine

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Carol Fraser, Rachel Watson

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.**

*(Sung)*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us your peace.**

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Happy are we who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

*For Communion, leave your seat by the side aisle and come down the central aisle. You are encouraged to use the hand sanitizer.*

**Communion Motet:** Light a candle of thanksgiving

Martin Setchell

**Communion Hymn:** 44

Faithful vigil ended,  
watching, waiting cease;  
Master, grant your servant  
his discharge in peace.

This your great deliverance  
sets your people free;  
Christ their light uplifted  
all the nations see.

All the Spirit promised,  
all the Father willed,  
now these eyes behold it  
perfectly fulfilled.

Christ, your people's glory!  
Watching, doubting cease:  
grant to us your servants  
our discharge in peace.

Let us pray (*silence*).

By these holy gifts which we have received, O Lord, bring your grace to perfection within us, and, as you fulfilled Simeon's expectation that he would not see death until he had been privileged to welcome the Christ, so may we, going forth to meet the Lord, obtain the gift of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Notices**

#### **Blessing:**

The Lord be with you. **The Lord bless you.**

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will; and the blessing of God almighty, ✠ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Mass is ended. Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.

**Amen. We go in the name of Christ.**

**Final Hymn:** 377

Immortal, invisible,  
God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed,  
most glorious,  
the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious,  
thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting,  
and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting,  
thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice,  
like mountains high soaring above  
Thy clouds which are fountains  
of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest  
—to both great and small;  
In all life thou livest,  
the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish  
as leaves on the tree,  
And wither and perish  
—but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory,  
pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore thee,  
all veiling their sight;  
All laud we would render;  
O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendour  
of light hideth thee.

**Organ Voluntary:** Dialogue de le Grand Jeux

Louis Nicolas Clerambault

**Please pray for...**

**The Sick:**

Rev Heather Flavell, John Patterson, Pamela Hindin-Whitewood, Charles Barltrop,  
Jamie McDermott, Terry & Betsy McKay.

Claire & John Preston, Lois Peters, Denis Coulter, Betty Mechen, Suzanne Keys,  
Ghislaine Brewer-Quirke, Lesta Smithson, John Bertken, Peter Easterbrook, Anne Fenton,  
David & Sandra, Philip Souter, Ongloon Yee, Deb Smith, Andrew Lawson.

**Anniversaries:** (Sun) Pauline Stewart (Mon) Ted Waters (Tues) Sydney Slatter  
(Sat) Peggy White

**THIS WEEK**

**Parish Lunch**— Sunday 12.00 noon, Pegasus Arms.

**Needlework Group** -Tuesday 7.00 pm at Judith's home.

Contact: Ros 0272428282 for details.

**Meditation Group**—Wednesday 12.00 noon in the church.

Contact: Therese Aitchison 0212516282.

**Pray the Rosary**—Thursday 12.00 noon.

**Inasmuch Basket**—please continue to support the work of the City Mission.

Packed school lunch food for children would be appreciated, along with personal hygiene products for the Outreach.

**Leave**

Fr Jordan will be on leave from Wednesday 5 February until Saturday 8 February. If there are any urgent matters please contact the Wardens.

**Waitangi Day**

Due to the public holiday on Wednesday the daily Mass will be at 8.30am.

**Parish Financial Update for December 2024**

Income: \$58,119.00 Expenditure: \$49,948.00 Monthly Balance: \$8171.00

YTD: Income \$699,376.00 Expenditure: \$642,402.00 Balance: \$56,974.00

The approved November 2024 Vestry Minutes can be obtained from the Parish Administrator or emailed on request.

**Health & Safety Regulations:** In an emergency, use the closest exit and assemble in the drop-off zone. In an earthquake, drop down and shelter behind or under a pew, covering your head. Follow instructions.

**NEXT WEEK****The Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

9 February 2025

**8:00 am** Mass**Celebrant:** Fr Jordan Greatbatch**Server:** Robert Calvert**10.00 am** Mass**Celebrant:** Fr Jordan Greatbatch**Preacher:** Fr Jordan Greatbatch**Servers:****SD:** Rachel Watson**MC:** Joshua Wilson Black**Th:** Lawrence Watson**Cr:** Robbie Moore**Ac:** Thomas Visakan, Eyob Habte**First Reading:**

Jenny Daniels

Isaiah 6:1-8, 9-13

**Second Reading:**

Ann Jinman

1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

**Gospel:**

Deacon Robert Jamieson

Luke 5: 1-11

**Eucharist Ministers:** Rachel Watson, Jenny Daniels**Sides people:**

Robert Maclagan, Kathleen Campbell

**Intercessions:**

Robert Maclagan

**Offertory:**

Brenda Withell, Mary Stevenson

**Morning Tea:**

Vince Moreton, Jane Ellis

**Sacristan:**

Lawrence Watson

**Sacristy:**

Joy Coulter

**Livestream:**

Hugh Munro

**Flowers:**

Sue Shannons

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# The Anglican Parish of St Michael and All Angels Christchurch

## **This Sunday**

8.00 am  
10.00 am  
7.00 pm

## **Candlemas— 2 February 2025**

**The Presentation of Jesus Christ to the Temple**

**Low Mass**

**High Mass**

**Festal Evensong and Benediction**

## **Monday**

12.35 am

Anskar, Archbishop of Hamberg, Missionary  
Mass

## **Tuesday**

8.30 am  
12.35 am

Feria  
Morning Prayer  
Mass

## **Wednesday**

8.30 am  
12.00 am  
12.35 am

Martyrs of Japan  
Morning Prayer  
Meditation  
Mass

## **Thursday**

8.30 am

## **Waitangi Day**

Mass (*please note the change of time*)

## **Friday**

8.30 am  
12.35 am

Feria  
Morning Prayer  
Mass

## **Saturday**

Feria

## **Next Sunday**

8.00 am  
10.00 am  
7.00 pm

## **The Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Low Mass

High Mass

Evensong and Benediction

### **Online Services**

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**Sunday**

10.00 am Solemn Mass