

From Sunday's Gospel

When Jesus was a baby, his parents, Mary and Joseph, took him up to the Temple to present him to God and make an offering of two young pigeons. In the Temple was a good and holy man named Simeon. The Holy Spirit had promised Simeon that he would not die until he had seen Jesus, the Light of the World. Simeon took Jesus into his arms and praised God saying, "Now I can die in peace, because you have kept your promise. This child, Jesus, will be a light to all the nations." Jesus' parents took him back to Nazareth where Jesus grew in maturity, and he was filled with wisdom, and God's favour was with him.



Pope Francis writes, "My dear young people, God is the reason for our hope and the source of our happiness." Today's word is **Hope**. Hope is a wonderful gift.

When we spend time learning about and listening to Jesus, we are blessed with hope and strengthened, and so are able to bring great hope and good news to others. To hope is also to believe that God's love will always be with us. Is there anyone we know who is sad or troubled and needs to be given some hope? In what ways can we bring hope to people?

Ministers

February 2nd

Liturgy of the Word

6.00pm C.Hall
8.30am M.Jefferis
10.00am FF Family

Liturgy of the Eucharist

S.Dyson/T.Spalding
S.Crewdson/M.Booth
M.Kehoe/G.Leggat

February 9th

6.00pm K.Stokes
8.30am M.Howell
10.00am S.Gibson

T.Spalding/C.Hall
S.Crewdson/M.Booth
C.Ward/K.McKune

New Rotas at the back of the church. New Readers and changes to Ministers.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

First: £466.67 Second: £190.15 Shop £180.95 Thank You
Henshaws PV: £50.00 BT Reimbursement: £64.59 Thank You
Donation in memory of Pat Sparkes £195.00 Thank You



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The Presentation of the Lord ***February 2nd 2020 (Matthew's Gospel)***

Times of Masses & Intentions

Saturday Vigil	6.00pm	Jean Longbottom
	8.30am	Marie & Elaine Miller
Sunday	10.00am	People of the Parish
Family Faith Formation		
Monday	9.30am	Mooney & Sheridan Families
Tuesday	9.30am	Maria Furbin
Wednesday	12.00 noon	Frank Holmes
Thursday	9.30am	November Dead List
Friday	12.00noon	Special Intention (First Friday)
Saturday	10.00am	Mgr John Dunne
Saturday Vigil	6.00pm	Michael Friedrich
Sunday	8.30am	Ken McKeown
	10.00am	People of the Parish

Confessions: After the 10.00am Mass on Saturday and on request

Exposition: 40 minutes before Mass each weekday

When there is a Service of the Word & Holy Communion there is no exposition

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Family Faith Formation



The next meetings will take place THIS Sunday, February 2nd after the 10.00am Mass. This will be the last meeting for Emily's group before the celebration of Confirmation on February 14th in St Patrick's Church, Huddersfield, when Bishop Marcus will confirm all the children from our Deanery who have been preparing to receive this sacrament. Please remember to keep them and their families in your prayers over these next couple of weeks.

Racial Justice Sunday



"Next weekend Sunday 9th February 2020 the Catholic Church in England and Wales will celebrate Racial Justice—the theme is "You are at the heart of the Church." It will celebrate the contribution Travelling Communities make to the Church in England and Wales. It is an

opportunity for all Catholics to pray for, reflect on and respond to Racial Justice matters within the Church and wider society. Racial Justice Sunday should encourage proactive discussions on overt and covert racism experienced by fellow Catholics from the Travelling Communities. To support the Church in its work with Travellers, a Second Collection will be taken next weekend. Your contributions, however great or small, will help to make a difference.

Tank you for all you do to promote racial justice and Racial Justice Sunday.

With prayer and best wishes,

Bishop Paul McAleenan, Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster.

Chairman—Office for Migration Policy International Affairs Department"

Updating Parish Directory



If you would like to be included in the New Parish Directory would you please put your details on the forms at the back of the church. If you are already in the old directory and would prefer your details to be removed, would you please let Susan Gibson know. The Parish Directory is strictly for use by Parishioners who have given their consent and must not be used outside the parish. Please sign by February 16th 2020.

Thank You from Oldham Unity



"We really want to thank you all at Sacred Heart for your ongoing support of Oldham Unity. It is so helpful to have regular support that we can rely on. Thank you also for responding to one off needs. The toys proved very popular with the children who came and then went home clutching the toys they can then use at home. The crèche provides fun and activities for 2 hours each week but the toys they take home provide fun all week.

Recently we have had a new volunteer doing craft and upcycling activities. We have found people have a lot of skills and they have enjoyed showing them off. Another volunteer does barbering and will also cut women's hair. He is doing a course at college and is able to practice at Oldham unity. It is a real morale boost for the men to have their hair cut. Some women also have their hair done but we can only offer dry cuts and many have long hair.

We are so grateful for your partnership with us at Oldham Unity. We only write once a year but we are always thankful.

Yours sincerely, Biddy Dawson"

Joint Unity Service



A number of people asked if the version of the Our Father used at the service a week last Sunday could be made available: **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** (Collection raised £487 for the Chairman's Charity)

The Annual CAFOD Quiz Night



Will be held in the Sacred Heart & St William Parish Centre
Friday 21st February 2020 at 7.30pm—Teams of up to 6
£5.00 per person including potato pie supper—tea, coffee and soft drinks available but please provide your own alcoholic drinks.



"It is an ironic habit of human beings to run faster when they have lost their way." Rollo May