

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD – “ CANDLEMASS” – 2nd FEBRUARY 2025

“ Renew Your wonders in this our day, as by a New Pentecost. Grant to Your Church that, being of one mind and steadfast in prayer with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and following the lead of blessed Peter, it may advance the reign of our Divine Saviour, the reign of truth and justice, the reign of love and peace. Come Holy Spirit, in Your power and might to renew the face of the earth”. (Pope St.John XXIII).

VOCATIONS PRAYER Lord, make me a better person, more considerate towards others, more honest with myself, more faithful to You. Make me generous enough to want sincerely to do Your will whatever it may be. Help me to find my true vocation in life and grant that through it I may find happiness myself and bring happiness to others. Grant Lord that those whom You call to enter the priesthood, diaconate or religious life may have the generosity to answer Your call, so that those who need Your help may find it. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mass Intentions this Sunday (2nd February – **CANDLEMASS**) Saturday 4-00 p.m. (St. John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. (St.Joseph’s) Alan Boland (RIP) (The family); 10-30 a.m. Rose Williams (RIP) (Karen Campbell).

Weekday Mass Times Wednesday (5th) 9-30 a.m. [St. Joseph’s) Peter Robets (Sp. Int.); 11-00 a.m. (St. John Kemble) Elaine Reynolds (All at St.John Kemble); Friday (7th) 9-30 a.m. Fr. Jacob Lewis (RIP) (SPCD).

Mass Intentions next Sunday (9th February) **Saturday** 4-00 p.m. (St. John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. (St. Joseph’s) Anne Williams (RIP) (The family); **Sunday** 10-30 a.m. Ina Hooper (RIP) (The family).

Readers: **This Sunday** (2nd February) 6-00 p.m. Ceri McAteer; 10-30 a.m. Des Nicholas. **Next Sunday** (9th) 6-00 p.m. Gerald Smith; 10-30 a.m. Bernadette Payne.

Readers Please come early so that you have the opportunity before Mass to look at the readings beforehand. If you are unable to keep your place on the rota please arrange for someone to take your place (!!).

Candles: Sacred Heart - Eileen & Bill Whiting (RIP); Our Lady – Special Intention (C.M.); St. Joseph – Peace in Ukraine & Middle East.

Anniversaries Luisa Salmi (2016); Alan Boland (2021); Josephine Bray (2005); Sheila Nolan (2017); John Carson Morris (2023); Elizabeth Ley (2011); Rose Williams (2024); Ann Buddy (2010); Martin Morrissey (2023); Iain Davies (2009); William Jelley (2010); Joan Thomas (2017). *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Sunday Choir It would be good to celebrate our 10-30 a.m. Mass as a Sung Mass – to sing the Gloria, Kyrie, Agnus Dei etc as well as to widen our repertoire of hymns, arias and anthems. If you would be willing to be part of a Sunday Choir please have a word with Fr. Neil.

Parish Hall Committee Meeting this Monday (3rd) at 1-00 p.m.

Last Sunday’s Collection: £516-04 (plus Direct Debits) – plus a donation of £200. All donations gratefully received. St.John Kemble - £44-00 . Many thanks.

Lent Faith Sharing Group We would like to hold a session one afternoon each week during Lent. If interested, could you please indicate on the sheet at the back of the church which afternoon you could attend. If you did not take a copy of “We dare to say” last year, there are a few still available at the back of the church and copies will be available at the Lent sessions. Many thanks

The Sick and Housebound Please continue to remember in your prayers all those who are sick and housebound, those in hospital and in our local care homes. Especially at this time, Bridie Johnson, Julie, Stephen & Jason Saunders, Elizabeth Fluck, Lorna and Joe O’Brien, Margaret Jeffrey, Marion Brocksopp., Marlene John, Pat Day, Daniel John, David and Nora Reynolds, Adrian Macpherson-Jones, Roger Horton, Kath Davies, Paul Leaker, Sid Leaker. If you would like others to be remembered in this prayer list (with their permission) please supply their names.

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