



Do join us for refreshments after Mass today

During the week –

Monday 2nd Feb. 1pm-3pm St Anne's Crafty Souls Craft Group meets in the Community Hall
Everyone is most welcome, either to craft or just for tea and a chat ~ have a word with Liz or Tracey...

Wednesday 4th - 10.30am Said Mass

Quiz Night – Friday 6th Feb. 6.30pm-8.30pm

Come and join us for our first Social/fund raising event of the year – why not bring a friend along... ! £6 incl. Cottage Pie Supper

Next Sunday – 8th Feb.

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time/2 bf Lent
9.30am Parish Mass

To help you prepare for our worship why not look up the readings we will use: Isaiah 58:7-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16

Ash Wednesday - 18th Feb.

10.30am Said Mass with Imposition of Ashes
(*St Paul's has a 12.30pm & 6pm Mass, both with the Imp. of Ashes*)

Coffee Morning - 28th Feb. 10.30am-1.30pm

To help raise funds for essential work to our Church
Community Hall
(*roof repairs & improving the heating etc*)

We need YOUR help....

The Social Committee met last week and plans are now taking shape for the coming year, with a good and varied programme of social and fund raising events. We now need some good prizes for our tombolas and raffle prizes.
It's the ideal way of recycling those unwanted Christmas presents....!

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St Anne in the Grove, Southowram

Sunday 1 February 2026

Welcome to our Parish Mass on the Feast Candlemas, The Presentation of the Lord

A special welcome if you are visiting.
If you require Gluten free altar bread - please have a word with one of the Welcomers at the door.

Hymns: 584; 396; 101; 712; 113

There's a contactless payment facility at the back of Church and if you pay tax please make use of the Gift Aid envelopes – it helps us a great deal - Thank you!

Please stay for refreshments afterwards

During the week please pray for:

Our neighbours in Bell View Terrace, Binns Top Lane, and the people of King Cross

Monday – Peace in the troubled areas of the world

Tuesday – our MP & local counsellors

Wednesday – Withinfield School – children & staff

Thurs – House-bound members of our congregation

Friday – for all waiting for hospital tests or treatment

Saturday – for our sidespeople & welcomers

Those who are sick or in need:

Frances Norcliffe, Deborah Golding, Tom Hogan, John Greenwood, Paula Mead, Graham Firth, Bernadette Lister-Pollard, Stanley Sunderland, Mary Haward, Diane Metcalfe, Patricia Brunt, Julie Lloyd, Tony Hill, John Rushworth.

The recently departed:

Anniversaries:

Irene Firth, Dennis Wood, Dorothy North

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PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

ENTRANCE ANTIphon Within your temple, we ponder your loving kindness, O God. As your name, so also your praise reaches to the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with justice.

OPENING PRAYER Almighty Father, whose Son Jesus Christ was presented in the Temple and acclaimed the glory of Israel and the light of the nations: grant that in him we may be presented to you and in the world may reflect his glory. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE READING (Malachi 3:1-4)

A reading from the prophet Malachi

The Lord God says this; Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his Temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiners fire and the fullers' alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! The light to enlighten the Gentiles and give glory to Israel, your people. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

GOSPEL (Luke 2:22-32)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord - observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord - and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.

Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said:

"Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel."

This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.



A Candlemas Celebration

After the Post-Communion Prayer the candles are lit

Lord God, the springing source of everlasting light, pour into the hearts of your faithful people the brilliance of your eternal splendour, that we, who by these kindling flames light up this temple to your glory, may have the darkness of our souls dispelled, and so be counted worthy to stand before you in that eternal temple where you live and reign, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*We sing hymn 113 (omit *)*

The Final Responsory:

As the following prayer is said, we turn to face the West End and the doors of the church to symbolise our taking the Light of Christ into the world.

Here we turn from our celebration of Christ's coming into the world, towards Lent and Easter. Turning from his birth to his passion and resurrection. We remember that he came among us and that he shares our joys and sorrows.

We now blow our candles out and then say together:

May we, who have extinguished our candles let the light of the Lord shine in our hearts, our lives and our homes and bring his light into the world. Amen.

Blessing:

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 + the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Let us go out into the world to live our lives for God, to follow Jesus, and to listen to the Holy Spirit as he guides us, that we may know Jesus more fully, and live our lives for him filled with his Joy and Love. Amen.

~ Our Worship has ended - now our Service begins ~

