



## OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, BANFF

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### PARISH NEWSLETTER - SUNDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2020

#### THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - FEAST

DATE	DETAILS	SERVICE	TIME
<b>Sunday 2 February</b>	<b>THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD</b>	<b>Mass Mass (Polish)</b>	<b>10.30 13.00</b>
Tuesday 3 February	Tuesday of Week 4 In Ordinary Time	Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament Mass	09.00 09.30
Wednesday 4 February	St Agatha	Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament Mass	09.00 09.30
Thursday 5 February	St Paul Mika and companions	Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament Mass	09.00 09.30
Friday 6 February	Friday of Week 4 in Ordinary Time	Mass Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament	19.00 19.30
Saturday 7 February	Saturday of Week 3 in Ordinary Time	Mass Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament <b>Vigil Mass</b>	09.30 10.00 <b>18.00</b>
<b>Sunday 8 February</b>	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>Mass Mass (Polish)</b>	<b>10.30 13.00</b>

#### The Story of the Presentation of the Lord

At the end of the fourth century, a woman named Etheria made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Her journal, discovered in 1887, gives an unprecedented glimpse of liturgical life there. Among the celebrations she describes is the Epiphany, the observance of Christ's birth, and the gala procession in honor of his Presentation in the Temple 40 days later. Under the Mosaic Law, a woman was ritually "unclean" for 40 days after childbirth, when she was to present herself to the priests and offer sacrifice—her "purification." Contact with anyone who had brushed against mystery—birth or death—excluded a person from Jewish worship. This feast emphasizes Jesus' first appearance in the Temple more than Mary's purification.

The observance spread throughout the Western Church in the fifth and sixth centuries. Because the Church in the West celebrated Jesus' birth on December 25, the Presentation was moved to February 2, 40 days after Christmas.

At the beginning of the eighth century, Pope Sergius inaugurated a candlelight procession; at the end of the same century the blessing and distribution of candles which continues to this day became part of the celebration, giving the feast its popular name: Candlemas.

## **FOR YOUR PRAYERS:**

- **Sick:** Sandra Cameron, Kenneth Darnell, Kate Hamilton

## **WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE**

The World Day for Consecrated Life was instituted by Pope John Paul II in 1997, a day of prayer for those women and men who have devoted their lives to God in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life – especially for Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia from Elgin, Benedictine Monks from Pluscarden and Emmanuelite Priests from Huntly. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

## **PARISH FABRIC COUNCIL**

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 6.00 p.m. members of Parish Fabric Council will discuss future works in our church – redecoration, new lights and new sound system.

## **STATION MASSES DURING LENT**

Wednesday 4 March at Elgin; Tuesday 10 March at Forres; Wednesday 18 March at Banff; Wednesday 25 March at Buckie; Wednesday 1 April at Keith. All Masses starts at 11.00 a.m.

## **BANFF CHURCHES TOGETHER FOODBANK**

Your donations help to provide emergency food and support to local people in crisis. All donations welcome. Collections will be made weekly and taken to the River Church. Thank you!

## **FRIDAY MASSES**

From February Friday Masses are coming back to usual time – 7.00 p.m.

## **MSZE ŚWIĘTE**

Od lutego piątkowe msze święte wracają do poprzedniej godziny – g.19.00. Po mszy św. wystawienie Najświętszego Sakramentu i Adoracja.

## **KOLEDA**

Dobiegła końca kolęda w naszej parafii. Bóg zapłać za wspólną modlitwę, okazaną życzliwość i dobre słowo.

## **PARAFIALNA RADA REMONTOWA**

W czwartek 6 lutego 2020r. o godz. 18.00 odbędzie się spotkanie Rady Parafialnej w celu przedyskutowania przyszłych prac remontowych w naszej świątyni – malowanie, nowe oświetlenie i nowe nagłośnienie.