

## SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

### Monday 1 February

1900 Our Lady and All Saints  
Peter Osbaldeston

### Tuesday 2 February—PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

1900 Our Lady and All Saints  
Holy Souls

### Wednesday 3 February—*St Blaise, Bishop and Martyr*

1900 Our Lady and All Saints  
Dec'd Members of Charnock and Thomas Families

### Thursday 4 February

1130 Our Lady and All Saints  
Gordon Brew  
*No Benediction or Compline*

### Friday 5 February—*St Agatha, Virgin and Martyr*

0900 *St John the Evangelist*

### Sunday 7 February—5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

#### *Vigil Saturday*

1830 *St John the Evangelist, Burscough*

#### Sunday

1030 Our Lady and All Saints  
Ruth Cornwell

*Please take this Newsletter home with you*

*A Parish in the Upholland Pastoral Area of the Archdiocese of Liverpool*

## Our Lady and All Saints

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**PLEASE CHECK THE COVID 19 SECTION OF OUR LADY AND ALL SAINTS WEBSITE FOR ANY UPDATES TO PRACTISES IN OUR PARISH DUE TO THE CORONA VIRUS AND PRAYER RESOURCES**



**Sunday 31 January 2021**

**4th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)**

**SUNDAY 1030 Pro Populo**

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### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Emma Pender, Cynthia Ashley,  
Paul Hardman;

all those affected by the Corona  
virus pandemic;

and all in our parish who don't feel  
they are able to come to Mass.

### Those who have died recently:

### Those whose anniversaries are this week:

Peter Osbaldeston, Ruth Cornwell  
Kathleen Baron

### OFFERTORY

Loose	£66.40
Envelopes	£101.00
Standing orders (est)	£410.00

*(this figure will be adjusted again at  
the end of January to reflect  
additional standing orders)*

### PUBLIC MASSS

These will continue for the time  
being but will be kept under review.

### BENEDICTION AND COMPLINE

This will not take place for now.

### CONFESSIONS

Still held before each weekday Mass.

### PAUL HARDMAN

The Hardman family wish to thank  
everyone for their prayers for Paul,  
who is making good progress.

### CYNTHIA ASHLEY

Cynthia (friend of Dot Snead) would  
like to thank everyone who has been  
praying for her. She is making good  
progress after a year of serious illness.

### MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like a Mass Intention  
offered, there are plenty of available  
dates after 2 February.

Either fill in the details on the front of  
the brown Mass Offering envelopes  
found at the back of church and put in  
offertory basket or contact the parish  
office ☎ 463248 or  
email: ourladysparbold.org.uk

### GREEN OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

If you would like a box of these  
offertory collection envelopes  
for **non-gift aid donations** for  
April 2021 to April 2022, please let  
the parish office know by the end of  
January, so we don't miss our ordering  
deadline. Thank you.

### CARDS FOR SALE

There is a new selection of cards at  
the back of Church,  
very reasonably priced, on various  
themes: Mass Intentions for the Dead,  
Mass Intentions for the Living,  
Sympathy, Blank, Prayer.

There are also cards for sale by  
Jonathan Snead, produced on behalf  
of Timesavers—a charity for people  
with learning disabilities. These can also  
be made to order by contacting Dot or  
Jonathan.

If you would like a card but are  
unable to leave the house for whatever  
reason, call the parish office 463248,  
leaving a message if necessary, and it  
can be delivered to you.

Please note: there will also be Easter  
cards for sale from the end of  
February.

### THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION

There are a variety of names,  
meanings, and traditions associated  
with this feast, which marks forty days  
after Christmas, the end of that  
liturgical season.

According to Jewish Law, the first born  
male belonged to God and the parents  
had to redeem him, or 'buy him back',  
on the fortieth day after his birth by  
offering a sacrifice in the temple— The  
Feast of the Presentation.

On the same day, the mother would be  
ritually purified, so the feast is also  
known as the Purification of Mary.

Inspired by the words of Simeon, 'a  
light to enlighten the gentiles', custom  
developed of blessing and processing  
with candles. Hence the feast also  
became known as Candlemas.

In the Christian East, it is also known as  
the Meeting of the Lord.—by Simeon  
and the prophetess, Anna.

The feast's multiple names and  
meanings have given birth to broad  
and varied cultural expressions.

The biblical account is the source for  
the "two turtle doves" in "The Twelve  
Days of Christmas," for the sword  
piercing Mary's Immaculate Heart in  
Catholic iconography, for the Fourth  
Joyful Mystery of the rosary, and for  
the Canticle of Simeon prayed by each  
night by religious across the world.

With the emphasis on light and its  
timing in the last weeks of winter, the  
Presentation is even the remote source  
of the frivolous American folkloric  
tradition of Groundhog Day, a  
predictor of the coming spring.

### SAINTS THIS WEEK

#### 3 February St Blaise

Blaise was believed to be Bishop of  
Sivas in Armenia in the fourth  
century.

A woman brought her son to him be-  
cause a fish bone was stuck in his  
throat. He healed him, hence the  
blessing of St Blaise with two  
candles at the throat.

He was beheaded for the faith. In  
the Middle Ages, veneration of him  
spread throughout the Church.

#### 5 February St Agatha

Agatha died at Catania in Sicily. Her  
early cult is witnessed in the  
Martyrology of Jerome and the  
Calendar of Carthage (c.530).

She is mentioned in the Roman  
Canon. Two churches were  
dedicated to her in the Rome during  
the sixth century. Her late legendary  
acts describe her as a wealthy girl  
who vowed virginity to Christ.

The pagans attempted to seduce  
her. She was tortured and her  
breasts were cut off, but she was  
miraculously healed by a vision  
of St. Peter.

She was then rolled over sharp  
stones and burning coals and then  
imprisoned where she died.

#### 6 February

##### St Paul Miki and Companions

A Japanese Jesuit who preached the  
gospel with great effect. In 1597, in  
Nagasaki, he and his 25 companions  
were martyred. From his cross, Paul  
prayed for his executioners.