

**The Lamps are Sponsored in Memory of  
Martin David MacGibbon  
+ RIP 6<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

**Lamp Sponsorship**

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5, 19, 26 April, 10 17 May . Suggested donation £10.

**We pray for:**

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A continuation of the ceasefire in the Holy Land

Our Parish during our Interregnum.

**The Sick or those in need of Prayer:** The King, Charlie and Jennifer, Charlie (P), Charlotte, David, Donna, Gavin, Gordon and Marie, 'Kay', Kerry, Liz, Margaret St, Mother Alison, Sarah H, Sophie, Susan, Tom.

**The Departed:** for James Garrad (Priest), Martin Thomas (Priest), Paul James (Priest) and all the Recently Departed, and 4<sup>th</sup> – Hilda Young, Henry Bagshaw, Joy Britton, William Austin, 6<sup>th</sup> – Florence Mester, Martin MacGibbon, 7<sup>th</sup> – Gladys Moseling, whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they Rest in Peace.*

	<b>Season</b>		<b>Mass</b>	<b>Intention</b>
M	The Presentation of the Lord	F	7.30 p.m.	The Parish
Tu	Ordinary Time Feria		No Mass at All Saints	Peace in the Middle-East
W	Ordinary Time Feria		9.30 a.m. at St John's, Higham	The elderly in care
Th	Ordinary Time Feria		9.30 a.m.	The Church in Japan
F	Ordinary Time Feria		9.30 a.m. at St John's, Higham	The Faithful Departed
Sa	Ordinary Time Feria		9.30 a.m. at St John's, Higham	Evangelisation
Su	5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	✠	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 10.00 a.m. Parish Mass	

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**Our Parish is in Interregnum.**

For Church matters or contact the Churchwardens,  
for Spiritual matters contact Fr James, Fr Simon or Fr Lindsay.  
To book Baptism, Wedding or Funeral contact to Rita.

The cost of the upkeep of the Church Building is at least £2,500 per month. One way in which you can donate towards these costs, is by using our QR code. If you are a UK Taxpayer, you can increase your donation, at no extra cost to yourself, by completing the on-line Gift Aid declaration



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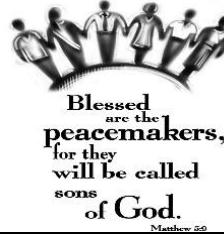
<b>IN THE SOUTH AISLE</b>	<b>IN THE REFRESHMENT AREA</b>
Information leaflets and booklets	Tea making rota
Greetings cards for sale	Flower rota
A box for Donations for Northfleet Hive Hope Foodbank	Rosaries for sale
	A collection box for used postage stamps for the Bone Cancer Research

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**All Saints, Perry Street  
Under the Episcopal Care of the Bishop of Richborough**

**WEEKLY BULLETIN**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026**



**Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.**  
Matthew 5:9

**The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer**

**10.00 a.m. Parish Mass**

Celebrant: Fr Simon  
Preacher: Fr Simon

Please take this Bulletin home with you.  
Help us be a greener Church by returning the Mass card.

**Mass setting: Mass of Joy and Peace**

**Hymns for Today's Mass – Good News for the Poor**

Blest are the pure in heart	reflecting on the Gospel
At the name of Jesus	Good News for the Poor
Alleluia, sing to Jesus	Good News for the Poor
The Church's one foundation	Good News for the Poor

**REMINDER: If you have a cough, cold, cold-sore, etc., it would be a Christian act of kindness to others NOT TO RECEIVE FROM THE CHALICE until you have recovered.**

**Tommorrow is The Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)**  
**Mass will be offered at 7.30 p.m.** We remember the day when Simeon met the boy Jesus in the Temple and said the words we know as the "Nunc dimittis". The Mass starts with the Procession of Light

There is no Mass on Tuesday this week.

Come and join us for the Saturday Cuppa in the Hall form 10 a.m. on Saturday.



Please return your Palm Crosses so that we can turn them into the Palm Ash for Ash Wednesday.

On Ash Wednesday (18<sup>th</sup> February) there will be a said Mass at 9.30 a.m. and a sung Mass at 7.30 p.m.

The Christian Aid Bread and Cheese Lunch will take place on Ash Wednesday from 12.15 – 1.45 p.m. in St George's Church Hall, Gravesend.

Bishop Luke will be here to Celebrate the **Rites of Initiation** (Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion) at **7.00 p.m.** on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026**.

**Dates for your Diary**

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February  
10.00 a.m. Saturday Cuppa

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February - Ash Wednesday**  
**Mass, with Ashing 9.30 a.m. Mass, with Ashing 7.30 p.m.**

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February  
10.00 a.m. Saturday Cuppa

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February  
10.00 a.m. Church cleaning

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**  
**7.00 p.m. Rites of Initiation**



**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**  
**The Presentation of the Lord**  
**7.30 p.m.**  
**Mass**  
**with Candlelight procession**

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A

## Entrance Antiphon

Ps 105: 47

Save us, O Lord our God!  
And gather us from the nations,  
to give thanks to your holy name,  
and make it our glory to praise you.

## Collect

Grant us, Lord our God,  
that we may honour you  
with all our mind,  
and love everyone in truth of heart.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## First reading Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

*'I will leave in your midst a people  
humble and lowly.'*

A reading from the Prophet Zephaniah

Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land, who do his just commands; seek righteousness; seek humility; perhaps you may be hidden on the day of the anger of the Lord. I will leave in your midst a people humble and lowly. They shall seek refuge in the name of the Lord, those who are left in Israel; they shall do no injustice and speak no lies, nor shall there be found in their mouth a deceitful tongue. For they shall graze and lie down, and none shall make them afraid.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm Ps 146(145): 6c-7. 8-9a. 9b-10. R Matthew 5:3

**Blessed are the poor in spirit;  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

*It is the Lord who preserves fidelity for ever,  
who does justice to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord who sets prisoners free. R*

*The Lord who opens the eyes of the blind,  
the Lord who raises up  
those who are bowed down.*

*It is the Lord who loves the just,  
the Lord who protects the stranger. R*

*The Lord upholds the orphan  
and the widow,  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
your God, O Zion, from age to age. R*

## Second reading 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

*'God chose what is weak in the world.'*

A reading from the Letter of St Paul  
to the Corinthians

Consider your calling, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption; so that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Acclamation before the Gospel Matthew 5:12a

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**  
*Rejoice and be glad,  
for your reward is great in heaven.*  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## Gospel Matthew 5:1-12a *'Blessed are the poor in spirit.'*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Matthew

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

At that time: Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.'

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Prayer over the Offerings

O Lord, we bring to your altar  
these offerings of our service:  
be pleased to receive them, we pray,  
and transform them  
into the Sacrament of our redemption.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Communion Antiphon

Mt 5: 3-4

Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are the meek,  
for they shall possess the land.

## Prayer after Communion

Nourished by these redeeming gifts,  
we pray, O Lord,  
that through this help  
to eternal salvation  
true faith may ever increase.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

2<sup>nd</sup> February



## Entrance Antiphon      Cf. Ps 47: 10-11

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

## Collect

Almighty ever-living God, we humbly implore your majesty that, just as your Only Begotten Son was presented on this day in the Temple in the substance of our flesh, so, by your grace, we may be presented to you with minds made pure. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## First reading      Malachi 3:1-4

*'The Lord whom you seek will come to his Temple.'*

A reading from the Prophet Malachi

Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his Temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the Lord. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm      Ps 24:7. 8. 9. 10. R8a

**The Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory!**

*O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! R*

*Who is this king of glory? The Lord, the mighty, the valiant; the Lord, the valiant in war. R*

*O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! R*

*Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory. R*

## Second reading      Hebrews 2:14-18

*'He had to be made like his brothers, so that he might become merciful.'*

A reading from  
the Letter to the Hebrews

Since the children share in flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

The word of the Lord.

***When the Mass does not fall on a Sunday there is only one Reading before the Gospel.***

## Acclamation before the Gospel      Lk 2:32

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
A light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
and for glory to your people Israel.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

## Gospel      Luke 2:22-40

*'The child grew, filled with wisdom.'*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, 'Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord') and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves, or two young pigeons'. Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came in the

Spirit into the Temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, 'Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.'

And his father and his mother marvelled at what was said about him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed — and a sword will pierce through your own soul also — so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.' And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the Temple, worshipping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favour of God was upon him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Prayer over the Offerings

May the offering made with exultation by your Church be pleasing to you, O Lord, we pray, for you willed that your Only Begotten Son be offered to you for the life of the world as the Lamb without blemish. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## Communion Antiphon      Lk 2: 30-31

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

## Prayer after Communion

By these holy gifts which we have received, O Lord, bring your grace to perfection within us, and, as you fulfilled Simeon's expectation that he would not see death until he had been privileged to welcome the Christ, so may we, going forth to meet the Lord, obtain the gift of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**