



Parish Newsletter

St Fillan's, King St, Newport-on-Tay
Our Lady Star of the Sea, Queen St,
Tayport



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The Presentation of the Lord **Sunday 2nd February 2025**

Year: C (1) Psalm Week: 4 Liturgical colour: White

Behold, he comes to his holy temple, our Lord and Master: come, let us adore him

First reading: Malach 3:1-4 'The Lord whom you seek will come to his Temple'

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 24(23):7.8.9.10. R 8a 'The LORD of hosts, he is the king of glory'

Second reading: Hebrews 2:14-18 'He had to be made like his brothers, so that he might become merciful'

Gospel: Luke 2: 22-40 'The child grew, filled with wisdom.'

HOLY MASS TIMES

Our Lady Star of the Sea: Saturday Vigil 5pm; Monday & Friday 10am.

St Fillan's: Sunday Mass 10.15am; Wednesday & Thursday Eucharistic service 10am.

Daily Mass WhatsApp group for information on Mass at St Fillans celebrated by Bishop Andrew
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/COZWXsnfWEZ6ZKK3IUBZLP>

Monthly Tayport Taize service will take place on Sunday 2nd February at 6.30pm in Tayport Parish Church. All are welcome to attend this reflective and peaceful service.

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Mgr Pat's Corner

Presenting ourselves to God

One tradition associated with the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is Candlemas. This tradition involves the blessing and lighting of candles, symbolising Christ as the Light of the World. The candles represent the presence of Christ, who illuminates our lives and dispels darkness. They remind us of the light that Jesus brings into the world, guiding us on our spiritual journey.

The symbolism of light in this feast invites us to reflect on the role of Jesus as the light of the world and the impact He has on our lives. Just as a candle illuminates a dark room, Jesus brings clarity and understanding to our lives, guiding us on the path of righteousness. His light dispels the darkness of sin and ignorance, offering hope and salvation to all who believe in Him.

As we reflect on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, it is important to consider the personal and community implications of this significant event. Just as Mary and Joseph presented Jesus in the temple, we are called to present ourselves to God, offering Him our lives, our talents, our time and our resources to serve Him and our neighbour.

MonsignorPat McInally

Special Prayers Please pray for all those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries fall around this time. Remember those who are ill , especially Harry Vincent, who is now at home , and those living with fears and struggling to cope with the difficulties in their lives. Pray that everyone will recognise that their words and deeds in protecting the environment locally and globally will make the world a better place to live in for themselves and future generations. May our leaders be blessed with hearts both wise and shrewd. May the fragile fragments of peace making in the Middle East continue to thrive.

Feasts and Solemnities

Monday 3rd February St Ansgar or Oscar (-865) *feast* *white*

St Ansgar is known as 'the apostle of the North'. Born in Amiens at the beginning of the 9th Century and educated in Picardy, he was sent as a missionary to Denmark in 826. He did not have much success there but did in Sweden. Pope Gregory IV appointed him as papal legate to Denmark and Sweden, following his election as Bishop of Hamburg. His diaries are an important documentary source for early Scandinavian history. He died in Bremen on 3rd February 865.

Wednesday 4th February St Agatha *martyr* *red.*

Both [Catania](#) and [Palermo](#) claim the **honour** of being Agatha's birthplace. Her **feast** is kept on 5 February; her **office** in the **Roman Breviary** is drawn in part from the **Latin Acts**. **Catania honours** St. Agatha as her **patron saint**, and throughout the region around Mt. Etna she is invoked against the eruptions of the volcano, as elsewhere against fire and lightning. In some places bread and water are **blessed** during **Mass** on her **feast** after the **Consecration**, and called Agatha bread.

Thursday 6th February St Paul Miki and companions (1564/66 – 1597) *martyrs* *red*

He was born in Japan between 1564 and 1566. He joined the Society of Jesus and preached the gospel to the Japanese people with great success. When a persecution of the Catholics arose, he was arrested together with twenty-five others. Mocked and tortured, they were eventually taken to Nagasaki on 5 February 1597, bound to crosses and speared.

Saturday 8th February St Josephine Bakhita (1869-1947) *virgin* *white*

Josephine Bakhita was born near Jebel Agilere in South Darfur (Sudan). Kidnapped when still very young, she experienced the cruelty of slavery as she was sold several times in slave markets of Africa. Finally, she was rescued by an Italian family and brought to Italy where she not only became a Christian but also felt the call to consecrate her life to God as a sister. She joined the Canossian Daughters of Charity and lived the rest of her life at Schio, a small village near Vicenza. She died on 8 February 1947.

Liturgical Colour : Red Red is the colour of fire and of blood. Liturgically, it is used to celebrate the fire of the Holy Spirit (for instance, at Pentecost) and the blood of the martyrs.

Stay for the Sunday Café and leave wool and/or goods for the Foodbank if you can!

The Food Bank: Taybridgehead volunteers will ensure dry goods or toiletries reach the people who need them. Donations of time or money also gratefully received: 07840 957039.

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