

Welcome to the Eucharist today. We are delighted to meet visitors and newcomers after the service, when drinks will be served in the Parish Hall. Wine or coffee is available for 1.5 euro: the coffee money goes towards choir funds.

Bienvenue à Saint-Georges. Nous vous invitons à prendre un verre de vin ou une tasse de café (1.5 euro) après la messe dans la salle paroissiale, et si vous êtes de passage dans notre église nous serons heureux de faire votre connaissance.

Notices :

Pancakes are being served this morning with our wine or coffee (there is no additional charge). A huge thank you to Paul Dryden who helped prepare the pancakes.

There is a Church Council Meeting on Wednesday 13th February at 19h00. There will be a Mass before the meeting at 18h15.

Quiz Night Cometh! Saturday 16th February at 5.30pm in the Parish Hall. There's a Bring and Share supper and a fantastic opportunity to spend quality time together!

We will celebrate a Requiem for Pamela Lake on Saturday 23rd February at 11am. Frs Martin, David and Matthew will concelebrate and the choir will be singing Mozart's Requiem.

This year we renew the Roll here at St George's. Please fill out the form you've got with this service paper and leave it in the basket on the Welcome Table.

If you'd like to read a lesson or the prayers on Sunday at 1030 please sign up. Rebecca Young is coordinating the list of readers. Please add your email address for convenience. **If your 'under 18 year old' would like to read then please add your own email .**

Updating the Sick List. Please help us pray more specifically for those on our Sick List by indicating who is in touch with the sick person. The particular circumstances can be communicated privately to Fr Mark.

If you know of someone who used to attend St George's but now, through age or infirmity, no longer worships with us in Paris please can you let Fr Mark know who and where!

Sunday Lunch Rota and Flower Rota: the new rotas are up for the first quarter of 2019: if you would like more information, please speak to the churchwardens or for Sunday Lunch, Ginette Barbé, and for flowers to Angela Harrisson.

In Your Prayers please remember those on our sick-list: Simone Rabaud, Sarah, Irene Hicks, Gregor Dallas, Prudence Kupka, Kenneth Nyakana, Grace Valéry, Janine Stockton, Mary Berg, Maroussia, Jeanine & Caroline Cullinan, Laurence, Mimi de Bentzmann-Fouilland, Jean-Paul Buffet, Judy Swienelski.

And for those who have died recently: Françoise Charron

St George's Paris

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple traditionally called Candlemass February 3rd 2019



This week:

Sunday 3 rd	The Presentation of Christ in the Temple 0830 Mass 1030 Solemn Mass 1600 Malagasy Mass
Monday 4 th	<i>Gilbert of Sempringham</i>
Tuesday 5 th	<i>Feria</i> 1800 Evensong 1830 Mass
Wednesday 6 th	<i>Martyrs of Japan & Accession of HM Queen Elizabeth</i> 1200 No Mass today 1800 Evensong
Thursday 7 th	<i>Feria</i> 1800 Evensong 1830 Mass
Friday 8 th	<i>Feria</i>
Saturday 9 th	<i>Feria</i> 1200 Mass
Sunday 10 th	4th before Lent (Proper 1) 8.30am Mass 10.30am Solemn Mass

Chaplain: Fr. Mark Osborne

Assistant Curate: Fr. Nicolas Razafindratsima

Director of Music: Dr Peter Hicks

Secretary: Anne Fothergill

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You will find the service in the cream booklet. The hymns are all to be found in the green hymnbook and this week's choices are on the board or in the service paper. This week the choir sings the Franz Schubert, **Mass in C** (with choir Gloria) and the anthem during Communion is by Johannes Eccard, **When Mary to the Temple went**. Please gather before Mass in the Parish Hall with a hand candle.



May the light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

The candles are lit and a prayer is said.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you,... in your light shall we see light. **Blessed be God for ever.**

The candles are then blessed with holy water.

We wait for your loving-kindness, O Lord, **in the midst of your temple.**

Open to us the gates of righteousness

that we may enter and give thanks to the Lord.

God is the Lord who has shown us light.

Let us offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness.

After the blessing the choir sing the Nunc Dimittis (506) we sing our opening hymn (157). After the Procession and concluding prayer (506) the choir sings the Gloria, please be seated with the altar party. We stand for the prayer.

Opening Prayer

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading: Malachi 3:1-5

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, 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 descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

Please remain seated for the choir to sing the psalm appointed for the day (Ps 24:7-10)

*Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors * and the King of glory shall come in. Who is the King of glory * it is the Lord strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors * and the King of glory shall come in. Who is the King of glory * even the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.*

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of

atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Please stand for the gradual hymn (44)

The Holy Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated 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; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Creed

You will find the Creed, (de Angelis), as an insert in this leaflet.

Intercessions:

Show us your ways: **and help us to walk in them.**

Please stand for the hymn (408) at the preparation of the altar. All who are baptised and communicant members of one of the Christian churches are welcome to receive communion with us. Those who are prevented from doing so by their conscience, or the discipline of their Church, are most welcome to come to the altar for a blessing at the time of communion.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen.

Please stand for the hymn (393). After the Blessing and Dismissal the clergy and servers leave during the organ voluntary. You are invited to remain in your seats for this final act of worship.