

WELCOME

Guildford St Nicolas
Church & Infants School



Candlemas
on
School Sunday

The Gathering

Please stand for the Processional Hymn 52

Priest ✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Priest The Lord be with you:

All **and also with you**

The Welcome

Dear friends, forty days ago we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now we recall the day on which he was presented in the Temple, when he was offered to the Father and shown to his people. As a sign of his coming among us, his mother was purified, as we now come to him for cleansing. In their old age Simeon and Anna recognized him as their Lord, as we today sing of his glory. In this Mass, we celebrate both the joy of his coming and his searching judgement, looking back to the day of his birth and forward to the coming days of his passion.

Let us pray.

O Gracious Father, almighty and eternal God,
you created all things out of nothing,
and by your command caused the labour of bees
to be revealed in the perfection of wax.

You commanded your servant Moses
to keep lamps continually burning before you.

✠ Bless and sanctify these candles that their light
may be for us a visible reminder of the true light.

As these candles, kindled with a visible flame, scatter the
darkness of night, so also may our hearts be enlightened by the
invisible fire of the Holy Spirit that we might avoid the
darkness of sin, see your salvation,
and attain to the Light that never fades away.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The candles are then blessed with Holy Water and censed. When all of the candles on the altars, shrines and the candles of the congregation are lit.

Priest Let us proceed in peace
All **In the name of the Lord, Amen**

The Priest and servers make their way to the shrine of Our Lady where the statue and candles are censed

All We wait on thy loving kindness, O Lord,
 in the midst of thy temple

Priest Let us pray:
 O God, you have made this day holy
 by the presentation of your Son in the Temple,
 and by the purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary:
 Mercifully grant that we,
 who delight in her humble readiness to be
 the birth-giver of your Only-begotten,
 may rejoice forever in our adoption as his sisters and brothers;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All **Amen.**

The Priest and servers make their way to the Font where the Paschal candle, Font and candles are censed

All This is the day which the Lord has made.
 Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Priest Let us pray:
 God our Saviour,
 when your kindness and generosity dawned upon the world,
 you saved us in your mercy through the water of rebirth and
 the renewing power of the Holy Spirit.
 Grant that all who have been presented to you at this font
 and have been justified by your grace
 may in hope become heirs to eternal life;
 through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
All **Amen.**

The Collect

Priest Let us pray:
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.
All Amen

The Liturgy of the Word

¶ Remain **STANDING** for the Gradual hymn 49

Gospeller Today the Lord is presented in the Temple
in substance of our mortal nature.

All Alleluia.

Today the Blessed Virgin comes
to be purified in accordance with the law.

All Alleluia.

Today old Simeon proclaims Christ
as the light of the nations and the glory of Israel.

All Alleluia. Praise to Christ, the light of the world.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

All

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 and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves 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 seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped 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.

At the end of the Gospel:

Gospeller This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

¶ Please SIT

The Homily

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Intercessions

Reader Let us pray to the Father through Christ
who is our light and life.
Father, your Christ is acclaimed as the glory of Israel:
look in mercy on your Church, sharing his light.
Lord, have mercy.
All **Christ, have mercy.**

Father, your Christ in his temple brings judgement on the
world: look in mercy on the nations, who long for his justice.
Lord, have mercy.
All **Christ, have mercy.**

Father, your Christ, who was rich, for our sakes became poor:
look in mercy on the needy, suffering with him.
Lord, have mercy.
All **Christ, have mercy.**

Father, your Christ is the one in whom faithful servants find
their peace: look in mercy on the departed, that they may see
your salvation.
Lord, have mercy.
All **Christ, have mercy.**

Father, your Christ is revealed as the one destined to be
rejected: look in mercy on us who now turn towards his
passion.
Lord, have mercy.
All **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord God, you kept faith with Simeon and Anna,
and showed them the infant King.
Give us grace to put all our trust in your promises,
and the patience to wait for their fulfilment;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All **Christ, have mercy.**

The Confession

Priest Hear the words of our Saviour Jesus Christ:
'I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me shall never walk in darkness
but shall have the light of life.'
Let us therefore bring our sins into his light
and confess them in penitence and faith.

cf John 8.12

All Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love,
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed,
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light.
Amen.

Priest Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Peace

Priest In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

All The peace of the Lord be with you always
And also with you

¶ *The Offertory Hymn 436*

¶ Please remain **STANDING**

Priest Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

All **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name, for our good
and the good of all his holy Church.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

Priest The Lord is here
All **His Spirit is with us.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

Priest It is indeed right and good,
 always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise
 through Jesus Christ, who is one with you from all eternity.
 For on this day he appeared in the Temple
 in substance of our flesh
 to come near to us in judgement.
 He searches the hearts of all your people
 and brings to light the image of your splendour.
 Your servant Simeon acclaimed him
 as the light to lighten the nations
 while Anna spoke of him to all
 who looked for your redemption.
 Destined for the falling and rising of many,
 he was lifted high upon the cross
 and a sword of sorrow pierced his mother's heart
 when by his sacrifice he made our peace with you.
 And now we rejoice and glorify your name
 that we, too, have seen your salvation
 and join with angels and archangels
 in their unending hymn of praise:

All sing ***Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
✠ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.***

¶ Please SIT or KNEEL

Priest Lord, you are holy, indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

All Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once
 for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of Our Lady, Nicolas, George,
Catherine, Benedict and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Priest Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Fracture

Priest We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.

Communion

Priest Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are you who are called to his supper.

All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

All sing *O Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world
have mercy on us
O Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world
grant us peace*

The president and people receive communion. You will be directed to the altar by a sidesperson.

Junior Church

Junior Church share their morning's work

*Build your house on the Rock
On this land, you won't be knocked
Build your life on the top
Make your home upon the Rock
Build your house on the Rock
On this land, you won't be knocked
Build your life on the top
Make your home upon the Rock
Stand strong
God is with you
Stand strong
God is for you
Stand strong
Jesus is the Rock you're on
There is hope on the Rock
In the storms, you won't be knocked
Fix your eyes on the Cross
Jesus Christ, my Solid Rock
Stand strong
God is with you
Stand strong
God is for you
Stand strong
Jesus is the Rock you're on
Jesus, You hold the world
In Your hands, in Your hands
I am secure in Your plans, in Your plans
Jesus, You hold the world
In Your hands, in Your hands
I am secure in Your plans, in Your plans
Stand strong
God is with you
Stand strong
God is for you
Stand strong
Jesus is The Rock you're on
Jesus, You hold the world
In Your hands, in Your hands
I am secure in Your plans, in Your plans
You are the Rock on which my life stands on*

Prayer after Communion

Priest 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.

All **Almighty God,**
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.

The Blessing & Dismissal

Priest Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
fill you with radiance and scatter the darkness from your path.
Christ, the Sun of Righteousness,
gladden your eyes and warm your heart.
Christ, the Dayspring from on high,
draw near to guide your feet into the way of peace.
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

All Mass is ended. Go in the light and peace of Christ.
 Thanks be to God.

*After the service do stay for refreshments -
served by some of our children.*

Sundays

Child friendly services



**Sundays
10:30am**

Children's provision
alongside the service
at GURC



**Last Sunday of the month
4pm**

All age informal service
for all ages followed by
tea for all
at GURC



**Sundays
10am**

Children's provision
alongside the service
at Saint Nics



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Weekdays

children's activities

Under 5s
Adult and baby/toddler
groups



Little GURCKins

Mondays 10-11:30am **at GURC**
Toys, crafts, singing and
refreshments



Cafe Play

Wednesdays 10-11:30am
at Saint Nics
Toys, crafts, singing
and refreshments



Little Fishes

Last Friday of the month 11am **at GURC**
Faith based games, stories, crafts and
singing followed by a bring and share lunch

Families
Children accompanied
by adults



Messy Mondays

Mondays 3:30-4:30pm **at GURC**
Crafts, stories and music for under 7s,
accompanied by an adult.



Movers and Shakers

Tuesdays 3:30-4:30pm **at GURC**
Music group for under 7s,
accompanied by an adult.



Messy Church

First Saturday of the month
4-6pm
Faith based fun, games, crafts and
tea for families
see websites for location

Years 3-6
Youth group



Toastie Tuesdays

Last Tuesday of the month 5:00-6:30pm
at Saint Nics
Games, crafts and a place to come and relax with tuck shop

Years 7-13
Youth group



Pizzas@8

Last Friday of the month
7:30-9:00pm **at GURC**
Youth group with games and activities