



(Presentation of the Lord, Philippe de Champaigne, detail)

visit to the new-born infant Jesus (see Mt 2).

But Simeon's prophecy to Mary about Jesus was distressing: 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected' (Lk 2:34). The prophecy leads our thoughts away from the Incarnation, with an emphasis on God becoming human in Jesus Christ, towards the Paschal Mystery, which emphasises the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ.

Over the preceding centuries, many prophets had longed to see the Messiah. But they had died without realising their greatest desire. Simeon and Anna were truly blessed to meet the Saviour of the world, even if the meeting was tinged with sadness because of their predictions about the future events in his life. We too are blessed because we are privileged to know that we have been saved from the consequences of our sins.

Simeon and Anna used their time well because they spent most of it in the Temple praising God. There is an important lesson here for us. It is relatively easy to spend time in God's presence — simply because God is always with us. We are not required to be in the Temple or in a church or in another designated sacred space. We can be in God's presence wherever and whenever we choose and, enlivened and encouraged by God's presence, we can be witnesses to Jesus Christ who is the light of the world.

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On 2nd February the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, which occurs forty days after our celebration of the birth of Jesus at Christmas. The feast is also known as Candlemas Day because the blessing and procession of candles is included in the Mass. Jesus Christ is the light of the nations, 'the light to enlighten the pagans' (Lk 2:32). That is why we have the blessing and procession of candles on this day.

The Presentation of the Lord brings to an end the celebration of the Nativity — although Christmas officially ends with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In obedience to the Law, as was customary with first-born male children, Jesus was presented in the Temple in Jerusalem by his mother, Mary, and his foster father, Joseph.

Through the prophecies of Simeon and Anna, Jesus was revealed and acknowledged as the Messiah. A similar acknowledgement had occurred when the wise men knelt in adoration during their



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4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" - Mk 1:23-25

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 30th Jan - 6 pm Vigil:-
John Bosco Keane / 3rd Anniversary

Sun 31st January 21 - 11.30 am Mass:-

Paul & Pauline O' Neill / Anniversaries
 Mary Kate O' Brien / Anniversary
 Aidan Dempsey / Anniversary
 Bill Brennan / Anniversary
 Fran Flood / Anniversary

Other intentions

Recently Deceased:-

Danny Deegan.

Months Mind:-

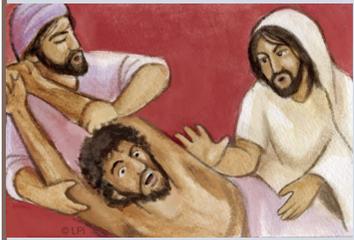
Joanne Wylde.

Anniversaries:-

Thomas & Mary Mc Cawley & Deceased
 Members of the Mc Cawley Family.
 Denis & Margaret Murphy
 Joe O' Rourke
 Rory Flanagan
 Bob O' Connell
 Orlaith Humphreys
 Kevin Mullen

Recently deceased
 Sean Compton
 May he rest in peace





January 31, 2021
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

with genuine authority, care and compassion.

In today's gospel, those who listen to Jesus' teaching in the synagogue know there is something different and exciting about him. His teaching is in sharp contrast to the scribes they are used to hearing, and makes a deep impression on them. The difference, as stated twice in this passage, is his authority and it leaves his audience 'astonished'. He does not use his position the way we might use our 'little brief authority' to make ourselves look good. Instead he uses his authority to serve, to love, and to bring mercy and freedom.

Intercom Deep End

*But man, proud man,
 Dress'd in a little brief authority,
 Most ignorant of what he's most assur'd...*

*Measure for Measure –
 William Shakespeare*

Genuine authority

We probably wouldn't have to think too hard to come up with examples of people who seem to fit the above description. Puffed up with a sense of their own importance, they are anxious to be seen as the expert on everything, in spite of limited knowledge or experience. We tend to criticise politicians and other public figures if we feel they are blind to the struggles of ordinary people. They don't know what it's like, to example, to live on a minimum wage, to care for a family member with a disability, or to be at risk of homelessness. On the other hand, it is refreshing when those in power have either faced some of these issues themselves or have made the effort to do some research and really listen to people. We can tell when someone is speaking

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen'.
 (Deut 18 :15-20)

PSALM

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
 hail the rock who saves us.
 (Ps 94:1-2.6-9)

SECOND READING

I would like to see you free from all worry.
 (1 Cor 7:32-35)

GOSPEL

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach.
 (Mk 1:21-28)

DUBLIN DIOCESAN LITURGICAL RESOURCE CENTRE

In place of our Annual Winter/Spring Seminar we invite you to join us for the 2nd and 3rd Online Liturgy Tuesdays with presentations and chats where ideas can be shared.

Tuesday 2nd February 2021 8.00 – 8.45p.m. ONLINE



Day for Consecrated Life
 A live online celebration of the

gift and grace of Religious and Consecrated Life hosted by the Redemptoristine Sisters of the Monastery of St Alphonsus Drumcondra on World Day for Consecrated Life.
www.rednuns.com

Tuesday 9th February 2021 8.00 – 8.45p.m. ZOOM

How do we reconcile in COVID time?
 Lent is the time of Reconciliation in our liturgical year, we will look at models for celebrating online Reconciliation Services with an eye on engaging participants and promoting active involvement including art, music and movement.
 Presented by Damian McNeice, Pat O'Donoghue and Guests

Book Your Place
 Email Lisia Cashen at the Office of Administration – lisia.cashen@dublindiocese.ie to secure your place for the two Zoom presentations. Our licence limit is 100 people per session. Please reserve a place only if you are sure that you will be able to accept it. Links are **not** to be shared for security reasons. The middle session (2 Feb) is available on the internet and no booking is needed. We look forward to seeing you online.

Saints of the Week

Mon 1 Feb SAINT BRIGID, ABBESS, SECONDARY PATRON OF IRELAND
 Tues 2 Feb THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Wed 3 Feb St Blaise, bishop and martyr
 St Ansgar, bishop
 Fri 5 Feb St Agatha, virgin and martyr
 Sat 6 Feb Ss Paul Miki and Companions, martyrs



This month is the 83rd anniversary of the death of Canon John Ryan . He was the driving force behind the building of the new Foxrock church replacing the old 'tin' church in Torquay road. The new church was opened in June 1935. Canon Ryan remained as Parish Priest until his death in January 1938. He provided the marble and mosaic decoration surrounding the main altar.

"You are a priest forever"

(Plaque is in main porch)