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## The Presentation of the Lord in the Temple

To the sick and housebound of the communities of All Saints

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My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It is my joy to be able to write to you on this great Feast Day where Mary and Joseph take the infant Jesus to the Temple to be consecrated to His Heavenly Father. In the beauty of today's Gospel we encounter two characters who St. Luke describes as being "very old". Simeon and Anna were advanced in years, weary in body and probably felt a little lost in life. However, they regularly visited the Temple holding out Hope in God's promise that they would see the Messiah. These two characters who modern society would probably pass by and give no second thought, were planned by God to reveal a great message about the child "*He is a light to reveal God to the nations, and he is the glory of your people Israel!*" (Luke 2:32)

At Mass when we send out the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to your homes, we always send them out with the words "*assure them of our prayers, and remind them that their great work for the Church at this time is to pray for us*". Simeon and Anna show us the power of prayer and faith. They prayed daily for the coming of the Messiah in their infirmity. Prayer is the backbone of any parish and I firmly believe that our sick and housebound are the backbone of All Saints with the prayers you offer. Which is why I am writing to you today. St. John Paul II once said:

*"Let Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament speak to your hearts. It is he who is the true answer of life that you seek. He stays here with us: he is God with us. Seek him without tiring, welcome him without reserve, love him without interruption: today, tomorrow, forever".*

Over the weekend of 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> February we will be joined by Fr. Gary Holmes and his companions from the Missionaries of the Most Holy Eucharist for our parish Mission. The success of this Mission relies on the prayers of the people. Therefore, I ask you please pray daily for the success of this Mission. That the Lord truly present in the Blessed Sacrament may bless us all with an abundance of graces and fill our city with his healing and peace. At the end of this letter you will find a prayer to Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament. I ask of your charity that you prayer this prayer daily from **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February inclusive.**



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I wish to express my thanks to the Communion Ministers who bring the Lord in Holy Communion to our sick and housebound regularly. Also to my brother priests and deacons who are undertaking sterling work in visiting. In a parish of this size, sometimes people are missed as we haven't been told of their situation. If you are one of those people, please accept my apologies on behalf of the parish and make contact with us so we can start putting arrangements in place. In the past, no one has ever tried to compile a central sick list, a mammoth task we are now undertaking. Please let us know if you need a Communion visit or the Sacrament of the Sick.

On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 2.00pm in St. David Lewis Church, Bettws we will be holding a Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes with Anointing of the Sick. It is my hope that you will be able to join us in this celebration. If you need help getting there, please let us know and we will try to make arrangements with the various S.V.P. groups of the parish to assist.

In the meantime, it is my sincere hope that we will be able to write to you each month to ask your prayers for our parish and its life. Your prayers will sustain us and help us to grow. Like Simeon and Anna, you have a task ahead of you, planned by God, and I believe that task is to be the backbone of All Saints.

With every blessing and an assurance of prayers,

**Fr. Michael Doyle & the All Saints Pastoral Team**  
**Parish Priest**

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#### **CONSECRATION TO OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Virgin of Fatima, New Eve, and  
Spouse of the Holy Spirit,  
We consecrate our lives, our families, and our  
parish  
to your Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart,  
We ask you to help us to be sparks  
that will enkindle in this world a great fire of love  
for Jesus in the Eucharist.  
May His Innocent Blood continue to  
plead for our salvation  
in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar,

May His Eucharistic Light pierce the  
darkness of our minds,  
May His Eucharistic Power heal and  
transform the lives broken by sin,  
May His Eucharistic Love bring  
unity and peace to the Church,  
And through your maternal and  
queenly intercession may the Lord Jesus Christ  
take up his Eucharistic Reign of holiness  
and love in every human heart.  
Amen.