



St. Anselm's Pembury

Serving all Catholics in Pembury and home to the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham in the Tunbridge Wells area of Kent

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Presentation of the Lord in the Temple
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Sunday lessons year C; weekday lessons year I

Under the shared Sacramental and Pastoral Care of
Archbishop Peter Smith & Mgr. Keith Newton

SERVICES THIS WEEK

- Sun 3 **PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**
Low Mass 8am
Solemn Mass 9:15am
Sung Mass 11am
- Mon 4 **Feria** *the family*
No Mass today
- Tue 5 **St. Agatha** *prolife causes*
Low Mass 12pm
- Wed 6 **St. Paul Miki & comps** *Susan Jones RIP*
Low Mass 7pm
- Thu 7 **Feria** *married couples*
No Mass today
- Fri 8 **Feria** *Catholic education*
Low Mass 10am
- Sat 9 **Feria** *fidelity within the church*
Low Mass 9am

A warm welcome: to S. Anselm's Pembury. We hope to see you again.

Child protection officer: Rosie Sawyer 01892 537349. Please report any concerns to her directly. Our policy is that no child should be alone, under any circumstances, with an adult that is not their parent.

The Children's liturgy: takes place during the 9.15 Mass. Visitors welcome. Teachers are police checked and follow child safety procedure.

Pray for the sick: Susan Adcock, Lillian Kitley, Doreen Boughton, June Ball, Madeleine Ravenhill, Rita Ellard, Mgr. Broadhurst, Charlie Harris, Charles Radley

Pray for the departed: Dorothy Goddard, Susan Jones

No Mass on Thursday: as Fr. Ed is in London for a meeting of Ordinariate clergy.

First communion course: Please let me have the names of those wishing to prepare to receive first communion this year. The course is open to children aged 7 and above and will begin in Lent.

Confirmation course: open to anyone secondary school aged and above. It will run on Wednesday evenings following Mass at 7pm. Please let Father Ed know if you are interested.

Confirmation date: Mgr Newton will admit young people to first communion and confirm our candidates on Sunday 19th June.

Study Group: Wednesday evenings from March 1st at 8pm. Come along and explore the faith with Fr. Ed accompanying those on the confirmation class. When did you last study the faith and reflect on it?

Postman duty: we are producing a postcard to put through every letterbox in the village, informing people about our church and inviting them to Mass. Ciaran has kindly offered to be chief postman but will, no doubt, be pleased of any offers of help! Watch this space.


Interchurch rounders: On Sunday 8th September bring a picnic to the Pembury recreation ground at 1pm and watch or participate in the rounders game between St. Peter's, the Baptists and ourselves!

Parish blog: Father Ed's personal blog is a good source of information regarding what is going on in the church and for reflections regarding the faith and news regarding the parish. www.tunbridgewells-ordinariate.com/blog

Thank you: Father Ed wishes to thank all who contributed to the Christmas offering for the family.

Thank you: to Pat who so expertly painted the hall. Please let us endeavour to keep it clean and fresh!

The Presentation of Christ



Simeon, the old man who was told he would not die until he had seen the Saviour, represents the Old Testament covenant of God with his people. Once Christ enters into this world it is able to pass away for a new and exciting era has begun. The Messianic age begins and the Kingdom of God is finally at hand. The prophetess Anna, in contrast, represents the Christian age, the New Testament, she does not pass away but is led by the Spirit to worship God with the fullness of her being. The feast also reminds us that God calls us by faith to follow him. There was nothing physically different about Jesus to mark him out from all the other babies taken into the temple and presented at the altar. It was grace which revealed to Simeon that this child, the infant Christ, was the redeemer he was prophesied to encounter. It was because his heart was open to God that he achieved the sanctification necessary to see God in the ordinary things of this life. The same is true for all who follow the Lord. For example at Mass we who believe kneel in adoration before the living Sacrament; we believe that Jesus is truly present. We believe by faith that the bread and wine have become the body and blood of Christ. But to the faithless it is only symbolic. God ever veils himself from sight because he wants us to freely choose him by faith. Pray that God would grant you eyes of faith to see things as they really are. A truth that is sometimes made clear by the extraordinary Eucharistic miracles that have taken place in history. In the end we are called to believe and trust. Ask that God grants to you the necessary eyes of faith to see this world as it really is, to view things from a heavenly perspective. It is not something you can learn it is a gift granted to those who draw near to him by faith.

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