



St Katharine, Blackrod - Sunday 1st February 2026

CANDLEMAS

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

THE PARISH EUCHARIST

Welcome to St Katharine's Church today



READINGS AND PRAYERS

THE COLLECT

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.

FIRST READING Malachi 3. 1-5

Thus says the Lord God: 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.

PSALM 24. 7-10

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SECOND READING Hebrews 2. 14-end

Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus 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.

GOSPEL READING Luke 2. 22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus 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 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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Generous Lord, in word and eucharist we have proclaimed the mystery of your love: help us so to live out our days that we may be signs of your wonders in the world; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

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What's on

PRAYERS

For those who are sick:

**Sheila Edwards, Rachel Lowe, Josie Woods
Pat Morris, Brian Inglis, Steven Hyatt,
Annie Shaw, Lauren Reid, John Green
Damian McCabe, Margaret Martinez**

Pray for all those with Covid to make a full recovery.

For those who have died:

Margaret Pomfret

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Annie Fallon

Let us know? If anyone is aware of someone sick or in hospital, wishing to be included on the Prayer List, please notify the Vicar, or the Churchwardens.

Please ensure you have the permission of the person, or their family, before asking for their name to be added. Thank you.

Please Pray for Ukraine

Candles for Ukraine

The collection of tins and candles for Ukraine is pausing for a while. Please do not bring any more until notified it is starting again. Thank you to everyone who has supported this scheme and thank you to Beth for organising. Please keep Ukraine in your prayers.

Admitting Children to receive Holy Communion

Here in our Team Ministry, it is possible for children in Year 3 and upwards to receive the bread and wine at Holy Communion following a short course. If you would like to know more, or your child would like to do this, please have a word with Angela, Malcolm or Carol or one of the Church Wardens.

Closing date is Sunday 22nd February. Details of the dates and times of the course will be given later.

Children will be admitted to receive Holy Communion on Mothering Sunday, which this year is Sunday 15th March. Thank you.

If you wish to make a donation to support St Katharine's, you can use this QR code. Thank you.



PREVENTION AGAINST INFECTION

Please remember to use to hand sanitiser at the front door to help with prevention of infection. Thank you.

SAFEGUARDING

As part of the Manchester Diocese, St Katharine's Church follows the safeguarding guidelines, the national legal and procedural framework for the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, and the Church of England policy and practice.

Safeguarding Officer: Janet Hollick 07514041611

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SERVICES AT ST KATHARINE'S THIS WEEK

Today 6.00pm Taize for Candlemas
Monday 9.00am Wiggle Worship
Tuesday 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 8th February: 2nd Sunday before Lent

9.30am All Age Worship Service
11.30am Holy Baptism: Orla McGinlay

Today's Hymns - Sunday 1st February

291 Christ is made the sure foundation
(Verses 5,7,8 and Doxology only)

315 Sing we of the blessed Mother
(Verses 1 and 2 only)

588 And can it be that I should gain

317 Virgin born, we bow before thee

592 As the deer pants for the water

719 Lord, the light of your love is shining
(Sung while the Candles are lit)

THE NUNC DIMITTIS (Song of Simeon)
Sung while the Procession moves to the West End of the church

**A light to lighten the nations
and the glory of your people Israel.**



FLOWER CLUB at St Katharine's

Next meeting will be a Demonstration with Lesley Etchells on Friday 6th February at 2pm. Come along and find out more. £3 entry with light refreshments. Raffle.



AFTERNOON MATINEE

Wednesday 11th February 2026
Showing: Calendar Girls (2003)

Doors open 1pm. Film starts at 1.30pm
£3 includes light refreshments.

ALL WELCOME

No need to book, just come along.

Fire Action



Raise the alarm



**Leave the building by
the nearest exit**



Report to assembly point

CAR PARK