

# 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026 **Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)**

*Our readings for today are; Malachi 3:1-5, Hebrews 2:14-18 & Luke 22:22-40*

Services this Sunday; 10.30am Marown BCP MP & 6.30pm Baldwin BCP HC, today we will light candles to mark Candlemas-a day when candles for use in the coming year were brought into church to be blessed. From Advent we have been focusing upon Jesus 'The Light' coming into the world. The Presentation of Christ, our liturgical focus today, ends the season of Light and of Epiphany.

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## **In the parish...**

\*Christmas stamps: Don't forget that we are collecting used stamps for the RNIB at Marown Church. Please cut them off envelopes with 1 cm surround and drop them into the basket.

\*Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 6.30pm the Western Mission Partnership meet in Marown Church, this includes the usual 'bring and share' supper-it is the Dean's last such meeting before his retirement!

\*Ash Wednesday is on 18<sup>th</sup> February; this marks the beginning of Lent. Therefore, Shrove Tuesday will be on 17<sup>th</sup> February, start practicing flipping those pancakes!

\*In Marown Church on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February there will be a wedding, please keep the front of the church clear during that afternoon for the bridal vehicles etc.

## **Across the diocese...**

\*In St German's Cathedral 'Mars' will be on display daily from 7<sup>th</sup> February until 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

There is a full and exciting programme of events plus time for quiet viewing and contemplation of 'the red planet'. Full details are on posters in our churches, on the diocesan website and on a dedicated Facebook page. Please note some events are ticket only and must be booked in advance.

\*the cathedral choir are now recruiting new choristers. If you know any children who might be interested then please contact Dr Peter Litman via [music@cathedral.im](mailto:music@cathedral.im)

### During this week we pray...

\*for the Revd Ruth Walker who is being inducted as Vicar of Malew & Santan (inc St Marks and Abbey Church). We pray also for the Revd Simon Archer who will be inducted as Vicar of Castletown & Arbory next Sunday. We humbly ask God to help discern the next minister to fill the vacancy in the Parish of the Northern Plain (Ballaugh, Jurby, Andreas & Sulby) which is currently being advertised.



\*for our Archbishop the Most Revd Sarah Mullally, confirmed as the 106<sup>th</sup> Archbishop of Canterbury. We pray for her and her family, for those who will minister with her and for those who struggle to accept her spiritual oversight. We pray also for Bishop Tricia, Archdeacon Irene and Dean Nigel, our spiritual leaders and all who exercise ministry in our diocese along with our brothers and sisters of other denominations.

\*for all those affected by the wintry weather and disruption to travel by land, sea or air. We pray for safety for all those people who work outdoors in these conditions especially our farmers and fishermen and for our emergency, infrastructure and transport services.

\*relief for those suffering physical, mental or emotional anguish; those at home, in hospital, hospice or care facilities; for people of all ages who find daily life a struggle for whatever reason and for the bereaved.

\*that as the first signs of new life emerge in our island flora and fauna we will cherish our environment in all its richness, wonder and beauty.

*Our parish website can be found at; <http://marownchurch.com>*

*And you can also find us on Facebook.*