

**Today's celebration** serves as an epilogue to the Christmas/Epiphany season. Around forty days ago Jesus was born and is now presented in the Temple. With Simeon we celebrate Him as the light to enlighten all peoples and the one who bring us to salvation and glory.

To mark **Anthony Lewis'** recent 50<sup>th</sup> birthday he has kindly provided some cake for us to have with coffee after the 10am Mass .

**Today** at 4pm: **Homelessness Service** at Trinity Methodist organised by the Justice & Peace group. Speaker: Alison Gelder, Director of Housing Justice.

Today is the last chance to pick up a **Stewardship Response Slip** from the back of church. Please fill this in now and place in the box provided so that we can report back to you in the forthcoming Newsletter. Specific information will of course remain confidential

Entries for the **'Mary Quiz'** are due by Tuesday this week as requested at the bottom of the form.

**On Thursday 16th February** from 10.15am the Coffee and Craft group will be making silk painted cards. Come and join us! **Children will be very welcome.**

We would also like donations of cotton or polyester cotton to make bunting. Please speak with Anne Stone.

**Shrove Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb:**

**Churches Together AGM** at Jubilee Community Centre. Pancakes from 6.30pm. 7.30pm Presentation on **Street Pastors** in East Grinstead. Come & find out more!

**Ash Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb:**

2.15pm School Mass (all welcome), 8pm Sung Mass.

**Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> March** at 7.30 pm **Concert in church** by the Orpheus Male Voice Choir. It promises to be a rousing programme of spirituals, jazz, hymns, show & popular music. Tickets cost £10 and are available from the Churchwardens. Proceeds to R and R fund. *Please let all your friends & neighbours know about this.*

**Holy Week begins Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April:** Please try to make the Easter liturgy a priority during this week.

**Plant Sale April 28th.** Please sow a few extra seeds, split a few plants when tidying your garden so that we have lots to sell in April, It would be great to beat last year's total!!

**Sat 28<sup>th</sup> April** 12 noon **Bishop John's farewell** Mass at Holy Cross Church, Uckfield

**Sun 29<sup>th</sup> April Parish AGM** after the 10 am Mass

**THIS WEEK'S INTERCESSIONS**

**In East Grinstead this week we pray for:**

The people of St John's, Felbridge, The Revd Stephen Bowen

**In our parish we pray for:**

All who live in Felcourt Rd, Lowdells Dr, Lowdells La, Lowdells Clo, Buckhurst Mead

**Please pray for those in need of healing:**

Geoff Hempstead, Tom Smail, Bryan Aves, Mary Brown, Rhoda Piddlesden, Fr Frank Hawkins, Joan Turnbull, Caroline Peck, Christine Styles, Sarah Spurdle, John Whelpton, Elizabeth Templeton, Alec Skinner, Sarah Moody, Diana and Michael McDowell, Doreen Ward, Aisling Lyall, Suzanne, Margaret Frew, Eileen Buchanan, Peter Suddaby

**Please pray for all the departed**

**Recently:** David Stevens, Jim Harling

**Anniversary:** Leslie Leverton, Babs Parker

**Saint Mary's, East Grinstead**  
**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2012**  
**THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST**  
**(Candlemas)**

<b>Today's Services:</b>	
<b>8 am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>10 am</b>	<b>THE PARISH MASS with Candlemas Procession</b> <i>Hymns: Lit O&amp;N 453 (657) 508, 691 x2, 565. Procession 439</i>
<b>12 noon</b>	<b>Baptism of Ellis Thorne</b>
<b>4 pm</b>	<b>Homelessness Service at Trinity</b>
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> January Feria	
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January St John Bosco, Priest, 1888, <b>7.30 pm Mass</b> <i>9 am Junior Collective Worship in church</i>	
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February Feria <b>12 noon Mass</b> <i>9 am Infant Collective Worship in church</i>	
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February Feria <b>9.30 am Mass</b> <i>Church open</i> <i>10.15am Coffee and craft group meet in hall</i>	
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February St Anskar, Bishop & Missionary, 865	
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> February Feria	
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>THE 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY BEFORE LENT</b> <b>(5<sup>th</sup> in Ordinary Time)</b> <b>8 am Mass</b> <b>10 am THE PARISH MASS</b> <i>Readings: Job 7:1-4, 6-7 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 Mark 1:29-39</i>	

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Monday 9th April **Easter Monday walk** in the beautiful countryside around Alfriston in aid of FSW. Please consider taking part and getting yourself sponsored. See poster at the back of church.