

FAMILY PRAYER

At Home

All Saints
Catholic Academy Trust



Thursday 29th January 2026 The Presentation of the Lord

Gather

Find a calm and comfortable place to pray together as a family.

Place a candle, a crucifix or cross and a Bible in the centre of your space.

As you light the candle, say together:

"Jesus, You are the Light of the World. Shine in our hearts today."



Take a moment in silence to think about light.

How does light help us?
How can Jesus be a light in our lives?



Word – Luke 2:22-32

Reader: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Family response: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus Is Presented in the Temple



The time came for Joseph and Mary to perform the ceremony of purification, as the Law of Moses commanded. So they took the child to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, as it is written in the law of the Lord: "Every first-born male is to be dedicated to the Lord." They also went to offer a sacrifice of a pair of doves or two young pigeons, as required by the law of the Lord.

At that time there was a man named Simeon living in Jerusalem. He was a good,

God-fearing man and was waiting for Israel to be saved. The Holy Spirit was with him and

had assured him that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's promised Messiah. Led by the Spirit, Simeon went into the Temple. When the parents brought the child Jesus into the Temple to do for him what the Law required, Simeon took the child in his arms and gave thanks to God:

"Now, Lord, you have kept your promise, and you may let your servant go in peace. With my own eyes I have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples: A light to reveal your will to the Gentiles and bring glory to your people Israel."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

Family response: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflect and Respond

Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple to thank God and to offer Him back to Him. Simeon recognised something very special - that Jesus was the Light sent by God for everyone.

At Candlemas, we remember that Jesus does not keep His light to Himself. He shines for the whole world, bringing hope,

peace and love. Jesus calls us to carry His light too - through our words, our actions, and the way we treat others.



Talk together:

- Where do we see Jesus' light in our family?
- How can we share His light with others this week?

Pray Together

Lord Jesus,
Light of the World,
thank you for
coming into our lives.



Help us to welcome Your light,
to follow You each day,
and to share Your love with
others.

May our family shine with
kindness and hope, today and
always.

We ask this through Christ our
Lord.

Amen

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