

The Feast of the Presentation of Our Lady in the Temple

Wednesday 21st November 2024

'Sé do bheatha, a Mhuire!! As we joyfully celebrate **'Pres Day'** in our schools today, we send greetings to the students, teachers, SNAs, non-teaching staff, past-pupils, parents and Board of Management members that make up our school communities. On this special day, we acknowledge the wonderful work that is carried out every day in our schools inspired by the gospel of Jesus Christ and by the charism of Blessed Edmund Rice. We particularly thank our chaplains, teachers of religion and other volunteer teachers and ancillary staff who do so much to ensure that the values of our Charter continue to be brought to life in our schools.

We also send greetings to our own PBST Directors and Members and to all who make up the wider Presentation Family through their involvement with the *Edmund Rice Action Camps, SHARE, Preslink, Lux Edmundi, LEAF, Associates and Friends*. **Most especially, we send greetings to all members of the Presentation Brothers Congregation both here in Ireland and all over the world as they celebrate what is a very special day in their calendar.** Go mbeannaí Dia sibh uilig.



About today's feast day:

The Feast of the Presentation of Mary is celebrated in both the Eastern and Western Churches. It recalls the day in the life of the Jewish girl named Mary (Maryam) when her parents, Joachim and Anne, presented her to the Lord in the temple and dedicated her life to Him.

On this Feast of the Presentation of Mary, let us make the choice to present ourselves to the same Lord. That is how we can bring this Feast to life in our own age and continue to participate in God's plan for the whole human race.

A Prayer for Presentation Day 2024

Almighty and ever-living God, today we honour the Blessed Virgin Mary, whose life brings hope and inspiration to each of us. Her presentation in the temple at Jerusalem reveals her as a temple where God truly lives among us. May Mary's example give us the strength to radiate that hope and inspiration in our schools and in our lives and help each of us to be dwelling places of God's joyful presence on earth. At this time of rising tensions in many parts of the world, we especially pray for peace in the Ukraine and in the Holy Land, Mary's birthplace.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Chairperson

CEO

Presentation Brothers Schools Trust



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