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Cathedral 101: What is Candlemas and when is it?



Bradford Cathedral Choral Scholar Luke Johnson recording the 'Nunc dimittis' as part of the new 'cathedral 101' videos series.

To mark the run up to Candlemas 2021, Bradford Cathedral is releasing a series of videos which will launch every day from Monday 25th January 2021 at 10am.

The 'cathedral 101' videos are designed as an introduction to key dates in the Christian calendar and will be produced throughout the next twelve months by Bradford Cathedral. These first videos

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will cover the history of Candlemas, how its name came about, as well as some facts you may not know!

There will also be 'Nunc dimittis' sung by cathedral Choral Scholar Luke Johnson, and a video from the cathedral's Children's Space team, with a Candlemas-related activity for families to complete.

Candlemas is the annual retelling of the time when Mary and Joseph took the baby Jesus to be presented at the temple as expected of every devout Jewish family. In the temple they met Simeon and Anna. This is the last Sunday in the season of Epiphany and brings to an end our remembering of Jesus the baby. We celebrate this moment with the lighting and blessing of candles.

Alongside these five videos, there will also be new school resources for Candlemas for parents and teachers. Everything available can be viewed or downloaded from the Bradford Cathedral website.

The Candlemas service, held at Bradford Cathedral, will be streamed online on Sunday 31st January 2021 at 3:30pm on the cathedral's YouTube channel, where you can also find many other services and videos covering a whole range of topics, themes and activities.

You can view all the videos as they premiere, as well as find the school resources and details of the Candlemas service, by visiting bradfordcathedral.org/candlemas

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Notes for Editors

About Bradford Cathedral

Bradford Cathedral has been a place of worship in Bradford since the first millennium. It is the oldest building in the city and, alongside being a place of worship, hosts events, arts projects and much more. In 2020 Bradford Cathedral won the gold award for 'Small Visitor Attraction of the Year' at the White Rose Awards.

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