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The PRESENTATION of the LORD, Year C *1 - 2 February 2025*

REFLECTION

Traditionally this is the fortieth day of Christmas. Though the Christmas season closed with the Epiphany, the Presentation brings us back to some of the Christmas themes. The feast is on the edge, a kind of hinge between the seasons of Christmas and Lent.

The temple is not merely a building where believers gather to worship God. It is sacred because it is the dwelling place of God on earth. Therefore, the coming of God to the temple was always a time of great anticipation and excitement. It promised blessing and rejoicing.

The first reading declares that God will come to the temple in might and power. This coming will be terrifying. The sacred precincts have been desecrated and so God will come to purify it with fire and lye. This picture of purification is modified by the reading from the Letter to the Hebrews where we see that the purging and refinement are accomplished in the self-sacrifice of Christ.

It took the eyes of the old man and the faith of an old woman to recognise that the Lord had indeed come into the temple. Ritually, it was the child who was redeemed. In fact, it is the world that will be redeemed by this child. He is the light that shines in the darkness of the world; he will enlighten all people, Jew and Gentile alike. This feast shares the theme of universality so prominent on the feast of the Epiphany. The king of glory opens the portals for the entire universe to enter.

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GOSPEL LUKE 2 22-40

he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying:
"Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel."



PARISH CALENDAR

Sun 2 Feb 9.30am: Welcome Mass for new Principals
Fri 14 & Sat 15 Feb: Diocesan Assembly
Wed 19 Feb 5.00pm: PPC Meeting
Wed 26 Feb 7.00pm: Finance Committee
Wed 5 March: Ash Wednesday

DELEGATES list for the Diocesan Assembly.

As you all would have already known the Diocesan Assembly for which we have been praying is scheduled for **14 and 15 February 2025**. Thanks to Nick Hall and Jenny Fitzgerald who help us with the preparatory and consultative phase. After prayers, consultations, and calls, the following parishioners will now be our Cathedral Parish delegates at the Assembly. Thanks to them for saying yes as well.

St Mary's Cathedral: Libby Byrnes & Vince Beer

St Rose of Lima Rosedale: Veronica Barnes

St Patrick's Stratford: Nick Lee

St Patrick's Briagolong: Margaret Anderson.

We hold them and the other delegates in our prayers, and the success of the Assembly.

WELCOME MASS This weekend on **Sunday 2 February** we as a parish community shall have a "welcome to the Parish" Mass for our new principals: **Mr Brett Van Berkel** (Catholic College Sale), and **Mrs Jodie Ware** (St Thomas Sale). This will take place at the **9.30am Sunday Mass**. It will afford us all the opportunity to get to know our new principals and interact with them as well. The Parish Council will organise this morning tea. **Please bring a plate to share.** Looking forward to meeting Brett and Jodie.

31 CLUB REMINDER 3 - 9 February. Please pray for vocations.

RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM: This weekend at St Mary's Cathedral, we welcome for Baptism **Amalia Erdmann** daughter of David & Marcela. Congratulations to the family from us all.

WELCOME BACK Fr Francis. We hope you had a wonderful holiday and return refreshed and relaxed for the 2025 year. You were missed!

MILESTONE CELEBRATIONS if you are, or know of another parishioner, celebrating a milestone birthday, anniversary or any other joyous moment to share with your parish please let one of the Priests or the Parish office know.

MOTHERS WHO PRAY FOR THEIR CHILDREN

Join Mothers Who Pray for Their Children, for the 2nd Australian Conference on **15 February 2025**, at the Catholic Leadership Centre in Melbourne. Be inspired by powerful testimonies, enriching talks, and the strength of united prayer as we gather to support one another in this beautiful vocation of motherhood. Don't miss this day of faith, fellowship, and spiritual renewal! To book your tickets go to www.motherswhoprayfortheirchildren.com

OUR YEAR OF JUBILEE celebrations continue in February, with the Warragul and Drouin parishes combining to host a celebration of the many, many long-serving artists within all the parishes of the Diocese. This event will take place on **23 Feb at 11:00 am Mass** at St Joseph's Parish, Warragul followed by art exhibition in the Marian Centre. Followed by shared lunch and artist and art. All parishes are invited to join in the Jubilee celebration of artists and their work and those who are artistic are welcome to bring a piece of their art to display. Please contact Parish Office at warragul@cdsale.org.au to register your interest and attendance at this Year of Jubilee celebratory Mass.

CELLS - COME AND SEE! Paris Cells will re-commence on **Monday 3 February**. Gospel for discussion and sharing will be Luke 5:1-11. If you are interested in Scripture and learning, you are most welcome to join one of the Cells. Further info **Marg Goss 0418 508 810**.

RIDES TO MASS we have some Parishioners who do not drive, or who do not drive that need a ride to Mass. If you are interested in providing this Service to your fellow parishioners could you please call the Parish Office on 5144 4100 or via email to Sale@cdsale.org.au. If you would like to have a regular ride to Mass within our Parish please let the Parish Office know. We need to know which Mass you are interested in when you call or email.

PARISH PRAYER.

*God our loving Father,
we give you thanks and praise
for our Cathedral Parish of Sale,
for your people and your Creation.
Nourish us by your daily
Word and Eucharist.
Enrich us in our faith, hope and love.
Strengthen us with the spirit
of your mercy and grace.
Make us grateful for your gifts as we
journey through our lives together.
May we be a welcoming
and serving community,
always discerning and
doing your will for one another.
We make this prayer through
Christ Our Lord. Amen*

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP

was established in 1972 in Sydney. The aim of the Family Group Movement is to build Christian community through the development of extended families. With loneliness and isolation so prevalent in our society, there is a genuine need for people to know and support each other. Family Groups create an extended family atmosphere within the community and are open to everyone. Our focus is on people caring for, loving and accepting each other.

"Love one another as I have loved you"

Our Aims:

To get to know other members of the Parish
To support each other sharing each others joys and sorrows and so building the Christian community as in the early Church
To involve our children in our Christian sharing directly, if possible.

If not, then indirectly by our example
Parishioners are invited to come and join our Parish Family Groups who meet socially e.g. pizza night, coffee after mass, BBQ, breakfast.
Enquiries: **Veronica 0455 121 949**.

BAPTISMS: By arrangement through the Parish Office phone 5144 4100.

ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday before Mass 10.00am — 11.00am

At St Rose of Lima, Rosedale on 1st Wednesday of each month 9.30am — 10.30am

RECONCILIATION: Cathedral: Friday 10.30-11am before Mass.

At Other times: Available on request

Stratford and Briagolong on Sunday or Rosedale on Saturday evening: Available on request.

MARRIAGES: Not less than six months notice please.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving:	\$1,235.00
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**Mass Timetable this week
The PRESENTATION of the LORD
1 - 2 February 2025**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 1 February	9.30am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Rosedale
Sunday 2 February	9.30am	Cathedral
	9.30am	Stratford
	5.30pm	Cathedral
WEEKDAY MASSES		
Monday 3 February	NO	MASS
Tuesday 4 February	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 5 February	9.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 6 February	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 7 February		
Benediction & Exposition	10.00am	Cathedral
Mass	11.00am	Cathedral
WEEKEND MASSES		
Saturday 8 February	9.30am	Cathedral
	11.00am	Loch Sport
	5.30pm	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Rosedale
	5.30pm	Cathedral
Sunday 9 February	9.30am	Cathedral
	9.30am	Briagolong
	5.30pm	Cathedral

Cathedral Date & Time	Sat 1 February 5.30pm	Sun 2 February 9.30am	Sun 2 February 5.30pm
Welcomer	Theo Smolenaars	Vince Beer	Please offer
Commentator	Sandra Smolenaars	Christine Lyon	Veronica Stewart
Reader	Joel Brayshaw	Nick Hall	Andreena Jolly
Eucharist	Frank Fidge	Margaret Shirreffs	Doug Waite
Counters	Sue Harvey and Mary Cooper		

Cathedral Date & Time	Sat 8 February 5.30pm	Sun 9 February 9.30am	Sunday 9 February 5.30pm
Welcomer	John Dykun	Vince Beer	Mary Chiller
Commentator	Liz Tabuteau	Margaret Shirreffs	Andreena Jolly
Reader	Sandra Smolenaars	Di Austin	Claire Everard
Eucharist	Brenda Burditt	Anna Allen	Lyn Althaus
Counters	John Vermaelen & John Dykun		

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat 1 Feb 9.30am: Christine Sullivan (A), **5.30pm:** Alessandro Cappozzo (A)

Sun 2 Feb 9.30am: Judy Lazzaro (A) **Sunday 5.30pm:** Keith Best (A)

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We offer prayers for those who have died **Sharna Woodland, Ann Hoban** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Keith Best, Christine Sullivan, Judy Lazzaro, Alessandro Cappozzo, deceased Clergy of the Diocese.** We pray for those who are sick **Diana Green, Maureen McLeod, Daniel, Dalia Ellison, Veronica Foxe, Teresa Bennett, Aileen Nicholls, Fr Andrew Wise, Teolinda Barrera, Jayantha, Emma O'Hare, Jim Clottin, Moira Petrie, Hubert Somasiri, Dushyanthi, Michael McGrath, Troy Barney, Bill Harkin.** **We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.**

**Diocesan Consultation & Assembly Prayer
2024-2025**

Holy Spirit of Wind and Fire, come!
Startle us anew with your power and energy.
Blow fresh life through our tired dreams.
Fan into a flame the gifts you have given us.
Light up the windows of our joy and purpose.
Spark bright fires of optimism deep within us.
Reveal more clearly a vision of what is possible.
May we listen attentively to your quiet whisper at our very core.
May we discern your call expressed in the voices and stories of others.
May we build a Church that radiates and nourishes our unity of faith.
May we be at one with all of humanity and the rest of God's creation.
May we develop the courage to be people of mission, alert to opportunities, always on the move, bringing Good News to our needy world,
Wind and Fire for one another.
Amen.



Our Lady of Perpetual Help.
Pray for Us.

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.
May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity
and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.
May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our
Redeemer throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.
Amen



NEW TO THE PARISH? CHANGED ADDRESS IN THE LAST YEAR? NEED PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES OR TO UPDATE THE PARISH RECORDS?
Please let us know we'd like to meet you!
NAME:
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If you would like to join a Family Group
Please place on the plate at Mass or drop into the Parish Office

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

FIRST READING:

A reading from the prophet Malachi 3:1-4

The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fuller's alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

O gates, lift up your heads; grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory! **(R.)**

Who is the king of glory?

The Lord, the mighty, the valiant, the Lord, the valiant in war. **(R.)**

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory! **(R.)**

Who is he, the king of glory?

He, the Lord of armies, he is the king of glory. **(R.)**

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 2:14-18

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, Jesus too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins. That is, because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is the light of revelation to the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 2:22-32

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said:

'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace,
just as you promised;
because my eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared for all the nations to see,
a light to enlighten the pagans
and the glory of your people Israel.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**



COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**My eyes have seen your salvation,
which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.
O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.**



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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Cathedral

Every Friday 10 - 11am

Reconciliation: Cathedral Friday 10.30 - 11am

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

First Reading: **Isaiah 6:1-8**

2nd Reading: **1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

Gospel: **Luke 5:1-11**

WEEKEND MASS TIMETABLE

Saturday: Loch Sport - 11.00am (2nd & 4th Saturday of the Month)

Saturday: Cathedral - 5.30pm

Saturday: Rosedale - 5.30pm

Sunday: Cathedral - 9:30am and 5.30pm

Sunday: Stratford - 9.30am (1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday of the Month)

Sunday: Briagolong - 9.30am (2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month)

Please check the bulletin each week for weekday Mass times.