

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.’

As the child’s father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, ‘You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.’

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God’s favour was with him.

#### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

*Shorter form, Lk 2: 22-32*

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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD / C

2 FEBRUARY 2025

## A LIGHT TO ALL

The Torah, the first part of the Old (First) Testament, legislates the consecration by an Israelite family of the first-born male child to God (Exodus 13:2,12). Mary and Joseph are faithful adherents to Jewish law and represent Luke’s intention to illustrate that what unfolds in the couple and their child is in continuity with God’s plan expressed in the First Testament.

The two beloved and holy characters that Jesus’ parents next meet in the temple, Simeon and Anna, further underscore this connection. Simeon is a prophet and bearer of God’s Spirit who desires the “comforting” of his people. Guided by the Spirit he comes to the Temple and takes Jesus into his arms. He blesses God and reaffirms the future ministry of Jesus, to bring God’s salvation and light to all, while also being a sign of contradiction and rejection.

A second wizened prophet, Anna, also appears and attests that the child will be the cause of Israel’s liberation. Our reading ends on a note about Jesus’ growth, maturity, wisdom and gracefulness. The two prophetic figures that occupy this story affirm Jesus’ nature and his future ministry. He is linked to Israel’s history. He, like the two who attest to him in the Temple, will also be a prophet to God’s people, bringing liberation for the oppressed and challenge those who oppress. Our invitation this Sunday is to draw close to this child, to allow him to comfort and free us, and accompany us in moments of contradiction and difficulty.

Fr Michael Trainor

## FIRST READING

Mal 3:1–4

A reading from the prophet Malachi

*The Lord whom you seek will come to his temple.*

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 fullers’ 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.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 23: 7-10. R. v. 8

**R.** Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

1. O gates, lift up your heads; / grow higher, ancient doors. / Let him enter, the king of glory! **R.**
2. Who is the king of glory? / The Lord, the mighty, the valiant, / the Lord, the valiant in war. **R.**
3. O gates, lift high your heads; / grow higher, ancient doors. / Let him enter, the king of glory! **R.**
4. Who is he, the king of glory? / He, the Lord of armies, / he is the king of glory. **R.**

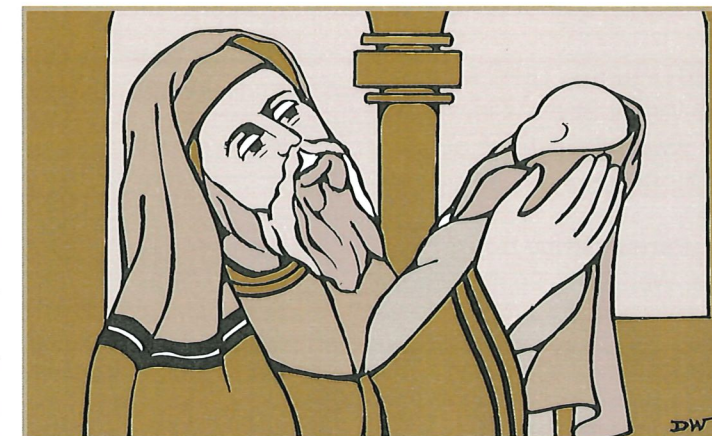
## SECOND READING

Heb 2:14–18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*He had to be made like us in all things.*

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.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 2:32

**Alleluia, alleluia! / This is the light of revelation to the nations, / and the glory of your people, Israel. / Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

Lk 2:22–40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

*My eyes have seen your saving power.*

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



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**MASS TIMES**

- **Sat: 6.00pm Vigil Mass**
- **Sun: 8.00am, 10.00am, 6.00pm**
- Tuesday: 5.30pm
- Wednesday: 8.45am
- Thursday - Saturday: 8.30am

**4<sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time YR C**  
**02 Sun:** The Presentation of the Lord  
**03 Mon:** No Mass  
**04 Tues:** Weekday Mass  
**05 Wed:** St Agatha  
**06 Thu:** St Paul Miki  
**07 Fri:** Weekday Mass  
**08 Sat:** Weekday Mass / Vigil 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in O/T YR C

**SACRAMENTS & PRAYERS**

- Reconciliation: Sat 9am-9.30am
  - Rosary: Sat 8am
  - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Fri 9am-5pm
  - Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help: Wed 6.00pm
- \*For Baptisms & Weddings\***  
Please call the Parish Office

**PARISH FAITH FORMATION**

- **Bible Studies:** Tuesday @6pm in the Parish Centre - All welcome.
- **RCIA:** Tuesday @7.15pm.
- **Children's RE/Sacrament Prep:** Thursday @4.30pm during school terms.

**PARISH SCHOOLS**

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**WELCOME TO MASS!** A very warm welcome to all, especially to new visitors. Remember to hand sanitise on entry, face masks are optional wear whilst in church. Thank you for your cooperation.

**THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD – YEAR C**

*A LIGHT TO ENLIGHTEN THE NATIONS. Forty days have passed since the feast of Christmas. We have long since taken down our Christmas decorations with their multi-coloured lights. But hopefully the light of Christ continues to shine brightly among us. The candles we use in liturgy remind us that Christ is our light and that we, in turn, are called to reflect this light to others.*

**MASS COLLECTIONS**

Dear Parishioners, the COVID-19 crisis has impacted our liturgies and church celebrations. However, we still want to provide you with spiritual support, and we must continue to pay the bills. Please continue your monetary support to the Parish. Sign up to our Planned Giving program or you can use direct debit (contact Parish Office for details). Thank you.

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**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER**

Mass	Acolyte	Commentator	Readers	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb 6.00pm	Robert Lam Nguyen		M Jackson T Hanson	M Jackson L Nguyen	D & C Oee I Sharp
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb 8.00am	Joe Saldanha	C Neville	P Palmez S Robinson	L Millington K Nguyen	N King
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb 10.00am	George Sekulla	J Intervencion	In-In Intervencion V Conier	T Seputro J Branchi	Z Chong A Megee
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb 6.00pm	Pedro Borja		C Parnham S Irene	P & J Pereyra	J Mai M Lanarolle

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**Parish Events**

**Masses in the Parish**

We are now in the summer months and there are summer colds about and Covid 19 is still in our community. It is your obligation to attend Mass on a Sunday. It is your right to exercise common sense. If you wish to wear a face mask while attending Mass, you are free to do so. Please hand sanitise as you are entering the church. However, if you are unwell or have a cold, please stay home until feeling better.

**Pilgrim Statues**

If you wish to have one of 'Our Lady's' statues visit your home for a week, please contact Sandra Robinson on H: 9277 2872 or M: 0405 117 138. **1<sup>st</sup> February 2025:** J Turner U6/30C Chester St, Belmont & A Collum 12 Pearl Rd, Cloverdale.

**Footy Tipping – AFL Season 2025**

Yes, it is back for 2025, forms are available from either side of the Church. All details on how to enter are on the form. Opening round is March 6<sup>th</sup>. Give entry forms to family and friends. The more entrants the bigger the prize money.

**First Sunday of the Month Morning Tea & Food Stall**

This Sunday, **2<sup>nd</sup> February** in the Parish Centre after the **8am & 10am Masses**. Light snack served for morning tea. Variety of delicious food items for sale also. All proceeds to the PBF.

**New Readers and Commentators**

The parish is looking for more people to be involved in the Reading & Commentating Ministry. If you would like to be added to the roster for any of the Masses, please email Leonie at the parish office with a contact phone number & the Mass time in which you would like to be rostered. At the end of 2024 we have had a few people drop from the rosters due to work commitments and relocating to other areas.

**After School Liturgy Classes 2025**

Will commence in the Parish Centre on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February @ 4.30pm on Thursday's** during the school terms. Children from 7 years onwards that do not attend Catholic schools are invited to the classes to help prepare them for the sacraments and their Christian journey. Please bring copy of Baptismal Certificate on the day. Contact Muriel – [bijouxmuriel@gmail.com](mailto:bijouxmuriel@gmail.com) for more information.p

**Funeral Details for the late Mrs Valerie (Val) Pickles**

A Requiem Mass will be held in Notre Dame Church on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February @ 10am**. Val was a long serving parishioner and served as an Extra-Ordinary Minister of Communion and a Reader. May she Rest In Peace.

**Church Parking**

You may or may not have noticed a Sea Container against the school fence in the car park. Please pay attention to the NO PARKING signs next to the container and the parish centre. Thank you for your co-operation.

**New School Year for 2025**

New School year starts this week, just a reminder that school speed zones come back into operation. Slow down... 40Kms an hour.

**Around the Archdiocese**

**Safeguarding Induction Training Online Course**

Training Level 1 is for all church workers, paid or volunteers, who have not attended the course in the last 3 years. The overview provides and overview of the Safeguarding Policies & Procedures. Email: [safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au) or <https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/>. This is now a Self-paced online learning module that can be completed at any time. Go to the 'Training Page' on the website to check out the induction. See noticeboards for full details.

**Mass for you at Home**

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and the Diocese of Wollongong have signed an agreement to continue producing and broadcasting the program, which first aired on Australian television in 1971. **Mass for you at home will be broadcast every Sunday at 6am on the Ten Network** and multiple times during the week on Foxtel's Aurora (Channel 173).

**Catholic youth Ministry (CYM) Summer Getaway**

Reconnect with your faith, build awesome friendships, and have fun at CYM's Summer Getaway weekend themed '*Pilgrims of Hope*'. February 7 – 9<sup>th</sup> 2025 Eaton Campsite. For full details scan the barcode on the flyer on the noticeboard or E: [cym@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:cym@perthcatholic.org.au)

**Notre Dame Community**

**Containers for Change**

The parish has registered for the Containers for Change Scheme. Take your cans, bottles & plastics to 'TOMRA RECYCLING CENTRE' 41 - 43 Abernethy Rd Belmont (just past Wheeler St) scan the bar code and follow instructions. All monies will be paid into the 'Parish Building Fund Account'. Flyers available with all details on including the 'barcode' to scan.



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**In Our Prayers...**

**In Memoriam**

We commend to the Father's love all our faithful departed especially: *Peter Butcher, Irene Fuentes, Stephen & Margaret D'Cruz, Pathrose & Mary Pereira, Joseph & John Sequeira, Reginald & Rosy Crasto, Michael Orsi, deceased members of Kim Nguyen's Family, Alfonso Del Borrello, Denzil Devisser, Lito Alimpolos, recently deceased Val Pickles and all souls in Purgatory.*

**Parishioners who are unwell:**

*Deacon Al Atkinson, Oliver Daly, Ravi Ratnayake, Marjorie Williams, Allan & Philomena Jones, Helen Bertola (Coverley), Pam Lawson, Rob Petty & Andrew Kinnimont.*

**Baptisms**

We welcome into our Catholic Faith Community:  
*Liam Capelinha*

