

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

2 February 2020



*Readings for
this week:*

Malachi 3:1-4
Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40



*Readings for
next Sunday:*

Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20
1 Corinthians 2:6-10
Matthew 5:17-37



Liturgical Jottings

Candles

The word “candle” is not found in the bible. Fire, lights, and lamps are often cited as symbols of God’s presence, and used in worship and especially as a symbol of Christ. Use of candles (lights) in the liturgy has a very strong biblical basis: Exodus 25:31-38, Exodus 30:7-8, Exodus 40:24-25, 2 Chronicles 13:11, 1 Maccabees 4:49-50, 2 Maccabees 10:3, Matthew 5:14-16, Mark 4:21-22, Luke 11:33 and Hebrews 9:2. Simeon proclaims Christ as the light of the nations (Luke 2:32) and Jesus, himself, declares that he is the light of the world (John 8:12). The feast of the Presentation of the Lord is also the day of blessing of candles for use in liturgy and prayer. The day is traditionally called “Candlemas”.

Looking at the Readings

In today’s gospel passage, it is the devout Simeon and the prophetess, Anna, who declare the greatness and far-reaching influence of the child that has been brought to the Temple. This is a common feature of the gospel accounts. It is not Jesus himself who proclaims his greatness but those who have observed him and recognised the revelation of God’s presence amongst the people. It is a role that continues today. Those of us who believe and recognise the presence and influence of God in the world are challenged to proclaim it in both our actions and our words.

Simeon’s second pronouncement about Jesus is addressed to the child’s mother, Mary. Having predicted the rejection that Jesus will endure, Simeon tells Mary, ‘and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’ He appears to be referring to the sacrifice that Mary will have to make in the future. On this day, Mary and Joseph have ‘redeemed’ their son from service to the Lord in the Temple. Despite this, Jesus is still destined for service to God and Mary will have to surrender him back to the Lord. Simeon suggests that Mary herself will be a sacrifice offered to God at this time. © Greg Sunter

An Unusual Anniversary

Young Christian Workers (YCW) lay apostolate was founded by Fr Joseph Cardijn (later Cardinal), Paul Garcet and Fernand Tonnet. The YCW worldwide movement captured the imagination and enthusiasm of young workers who, formed by the Gospel and baptised in the faith, promoted justice, peace and Christian action. During WW2 the three were arrested and imprisoned. Cardijn was eventually released but the two laymen were sent to Dachau, suffered for their witness even in the camp and died: Paul on 23 January and Fernand on 2 February 1945. This year is the 75th anniversary of their deaths. Process has begun for their proposed Beatification.

Quote of the Week

Religion should not be outside of ordinary, daily life, but rather it should animate and transform it into a truly divine life.

Joseph Cardijn, La Croix, 13/6/1938



On the Lighter Side

Two young dragon altar servers were getting most frustrated trying to blow out the candles on the altar so the Parish Priest bought them each a candle extinguisher on a long stick - they were de-lighted.

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	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Bob & Peter Warnett, Mario Muto
	Our sick and their carers	Sean Raymond, Rosario Sorbello

Date	Commentator	Reader	Gospel Procession	Presentation of the Gifts	Special Ministers	Counter
Saturday 8 th February 6.00 pm	Trish Miller	Dean Filgate	Joan Webster	E Leahy S Gregg	L McGrath C Coulston A Hutchison	Bill Woods
Sunday 9 th February 9.30 am	Robert Miller	Sacha Finlayson	Ella Kerrins	Joe & Travis	G LoPiccolo D Worm K Gaffy	

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK		
Monday	3 Feb	
Tuesday	4 Feb	No Mass
Wednesday	5 Feb	9:15 am Intension Mass Bob Warnett
Thursday	6 Feb	9:15 am Mass
Friday	7 Feb	9:15 am School Mass
Saturday	8 Feb	6:00 pm Mass
Sunday	9 Feb	9:30 am Mass
Saturday Reconciliation	8 Feb	11:30 am
Rosary	15 minutes Before Weekday Mass	

DIARY DATES		
Mon	3 Feb	
Tues	4 Feb	5pm Caritas Justice Meeting, Shepparton
Wed	5 Feb	11.00 am Moyola Anointing Mass
Thur	6 Feb	
Fri	7 Feb	
Sat	8 Feb	
Sun	9 Feb	5 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon	10 Feb	
Tues	11 Feb	2.00 pm Italian Rosary
Wed	12 Feb	9.15 am Anointing Mass 7.00 pm PPC meeting
Thur	13 Feb	
Fri	14 Feb	
Sat	15 Feb	
Sun	16 Feb	6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time

INSTALLATION MASS

Sunday 15th March, Bishop Shane will be here for an installation Mass for Fr John Paul. Following Mass the Bishop will join us for a Cuppa in the Mercy Centre. If you are able to help with the catering on the day you please advise Mary in the Parish Office.

PASTORAL CARE

Debbie Worm 5824 1841

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BUSHFIRE RELIEF APPEAL

Thank you to all who donated to the Vinnies' bushfire appeal last weekend.

The total raised from our Parish was \$1603.

HOME VISIT

Fr John Paul is visiting parishioners in their homes every Thursday morning. If you would like Fr John Paul to visit to say some prayers or bless your home, please let Father or the Parish Office know.



On the first show back for the Journey in 2020 (airing on 9th February) there is a stellar lineup, including Trish McCarthy with a wonderful piece called *Rest* and Mother Hilda Scott with another sensation *Godspot*.

Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au and to ensure that you never miss a show it can be sent to you each week as a podcast via email – for free. If you love the show, let your local radio station know that you'd like to hear it broadcast locally each week.

COMMENTATORS/READERS SPECIAL MINISTERS/ALTAR SERVERS

We are looking for more people who can help during our Mass services on Saturday evenings and Sunday Morning. If you can help please put your name down and telephone number on the list in the Narthex.

Worry does nothing but steal your joy and keep you very busy doing nothing. - *Unknown*