



*Readings for
this week:*

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



*Readings for
next Sunday:*

Isaiah 6:1-8
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11



Liturgical Jottings Candlemas

Traditionally the feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple is celebrated on the 40th day after Christmas, that is on 2 February. This year, being a Sunday the feast displaces the 4th Sunday in Ordinary time. Though the Christmas season closed with the Epiphany and the Baptism of the Lord, the Presentation brings us back to some vestiges of the Christmas themes of Light and the coming Christ in our midst and Christ for all nations. The feast also focuses onto the Temple in Jerusalem and on candles. It is the day that candles for liturgy, prayer at home and in schools are blessed. The feast arose in the fourth century and the blessing of candles on this day in the 11th century, so called Candlemas. The last time the feast occurred on a Sunday was in 2020, the next will be in 2031.

Looking at the Readings

The first reading, from the Prophet Malachi speaks of the purification of the Temple. It is an analogy, for it is the purification of the people that will be achieved with the Coming of the Lord. The letter to the Hebrews, the second reading, also speaks of the cleansing of the hearts of the people by the one who came in flesh and blood, just like us, to do away with sin. While this feast day looks back to Christmas it also looks forward to Easter. The feast celebrates the purification, the coming of Christ, and the true Light of the world.

The Blessing and Song of Simeon and the Praise and Words of Anna are the heart of today's Gospel. Joseph and Mary went to the temple to do what the law required regarding purification and presentation. They were greeted by Simeon and Anna. Even as a small newly born these prophetic persons recognised in Jesus as the one who is to suffer and bring salvation and light to the nations.

As we begin the new year, we give praise to God for bringing Christ our light into our world. We celebrate it in Christmas and Epiphany, in today's feast and at Easter (20 April 2025).

Words of Pope Francis

The Feast of the Presentation of Jesus at the Temple is also known as the Feast of the Encounter: Jesus goes to meet his people. Thus, this is the encounter between Jesus and his people, represented by Simeon and Anna that took place in the Temple. What does St Luke say of the elderly? He wrote: Simeon was a righteous and devout man, Anna was a "prophetess" In short, these two elders are full of life! They are full of life because they are enlivened by the Holy Spirit, obedient to his action, sensitive to his calls

Prayer of Blessing of Candles (2)

O God, true light, who create light eternal, spreading it far and wide, pour, we pray, into the hearts of the faithful the brilliance of perpetual light, so that all who are brightened in your holy temple by the splendour of these candles may happily reach the light of your glory. Through Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

On the Lighter Side

Following last week's name count for Ezra (406) over 9,600 children were registered in Australia with the first name "Anna" from 1954 to 2023. No stats are available for Simeon.

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 Please email or contact the Parish Office to add names to our prayer list	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Bob Warnett, Peter Warnett
	Our sick and their carers	Judith Steele

NEXT TWO WEEK'S ROSTERS

Sunday 9th February 10:30am

Commentator: Rob Miller
 Reader: Mary Gale
 Gospel Procession: Deb Turvey
 Gifts: S & S De Lai
 Special Minister: Jamie McDowall
 Screen Operator: Debbie Worm
 Music Operator: Trish Warnett
 Money Counters: C Coulston & M Gale

Saturday 15th February January 6:00pm

Commentator: Carol Coulston
 Reader: Anne Hutchison
 Gospel Procession: Delphi Hamilton
 Gifts: J Caiafa & M Vraca
 Screen Operator: Deb Turvey
 Music Operator: Trish Warnett

Sunday 16th February 10:30am

Commentator: Mary Gale
 Reader: Sheila Gregg
 Gospel Procession: Connie Serra
 Gifts: A Basile & L Mercuri
 Special Minister: Debbie Worm
 Screen Operator: Lou Worm
 Music Operator: Trish Warnett
 Money Counters: E Worm & L Worm

Thanks to all of our volunteers, we appreciate the support you give to your parish.

Plate Collection and Envelopes

Thank you so much for your generosity and support of parish.

May God bless you always.

Last week: \$686.45



Thank You

On the feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the temple, we present ourselves to God with purified spirits, so that our eyes might see the light of salvation and we might thus bring it to the entire world, as the Saints did.

Pope Francis

Three Week Mass Timetable Week Commencing 29th January

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 5th February 9:15am
 Friday 7th February 9:15am

Weekend Masses

Sunday 9th February 10:30am

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 12th February 9:15am
 Friday 14th February 9:15am

Weekend Mass

Saturday 15th February 6:00pm
 Sunday 16th February 10:30am

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 19th February 9:15am
 Friday 21st February 9:15am

Weekend Mass

Sun 23rd February 10:30am

Monthly events

Anointing Mass every 1st Wednesday Mass at 9:15am
Italian Rosary every 2nd Friday at 2pm in the Church
Reconciliation every 1st Saturday of the month at 5:30pm
Saturday evening Masses: 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month

CARITAS – PROJECT COMPASSION MEETING

Wednesday 5th February in the St Brendan's Meeting Room, behind the church in Knight St Shepparton. Cuppa at 5pm Meeting begins at 5:15pm and concludes at 7pm.

If you would like to represent the parish at this meeting please let Trish Warnett know, thank you.

The Project Compassion materials will be given out at this meeting.

Ladies Cuppa & Chat

1st Wednesday of each month at 2pm in St Mary's Hall.

All welcome.

Next one is on Tuesday 4th February



The Presentation of the Lord is celebrated on February 2. It remembers the day Mary and Joseph brought baby Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem. This act was part of the Jewish law, which said that every firstborn son should be offered to God. Mary and Joseph humbly obeyed, showing their faith and dedication.

At the Temple, they met two holy people, Simeon and Anna. Simeon had been promised by God that he would see the Messiah before he died. When he saw Jesus, he knew this promise had come true. He called Jesus a "light for revelation to the Gentiles." Anna, a prophetess, also praised God and spoke to others about Jesus. These two elders recognized Jesus as the Savior and felt great joy.

REPEAT NOTICES

New Readers and Eucharistic Ministers There will be training for Readers and Eucharistic ministers in March. Please put your name on the list in the Narthex if you would like to participate – this is for new and current volunteers. Further details will come later.

Communion to the sick - training – **volunteers needed.** Training to take Communion to the Sick will also take place in March, please add your name to the list in the Narthex. A Working with Children Check (WWCC) is required to be do this.

Parish Rosters: are available in the Narthex. Please take one.

New Parishioners: If you are new to the parish and would like to know more, volunteer, or be on our register there is a form in the Narthex for you to fill in and return. Thank you and welcome. We would love to hear from you.

THANKSGIVING MASS FOR FR RENE RAMIREZ RCJ

An invitation to join in farewelling Fr Rene as he returns to St Mel's Parish as Bishop Rene, accompanied by Bishop Shane Mackinlay and Priests from the Sandhurst Diocese and the Congregation of the Rogationists on Sunday 9th February at 5pm at St Mel's Church Shepparton. Following Mass you are welcome to stay for a picnic style BYO dinner on the Church or order from the food trucks on site.

To the Sacred Heart Community, Tatura

On behalf of all at the St Vincent de Paul Conference Kyabram, I would like to thank you for your generosity to us this Christmas. This enabled us to provide support to our local families most in need. Thank you for sharing the 'Gift of Giving'.

Kind regards,
Loretta Lilford
(President of the St Vincent de Paul Conference
Kyabram)



The presentation of the Lord

Keep up to date with our Facebook Page:
Sacred Heart Parish Tatura



Dear Lord, You are our Light and our Saviour. Help us to stay close to You always and live good lives following the light of Your example.
Amen

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

We turn our hearts and minds to the people of the Yorta Yorta nation, who have occupied this country for thousands of years. We pay respect to their elders past, present and emerging, and commit to walking alongside First Nation Australians in truth, justice and reconciliation.



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