

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 2:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-40

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 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

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

Loyola Press

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the temple. The Presentation, which is celebrated 40 days after Christmas, is not mentioned in the other Gospels. Only Luke tells the story, most likely because he writes for Gentile Christians who are not familiar with the Jewish rite of presentation and purification. In addition, the intent of Luke's Gospel is to show that God's promise to Israel, fulfilled in Jesus, extends to Gentiles.

Luke recognizes Joseph and Mary as faithful Jews who bring Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem. Here they present their firstborn son to the Lord. Jesus is thus consecrated as required by the Law of Moses. Present in the temple at this time are Simeon and Anna. Both are awaiting the restoration of God's rule in Israel.

Simeon had been promised by the Holy Spirit that he would see Christ the Lord, the Messiah, before he died. The holy man immediately recognized the infant Jesus as the promised Savior, a "light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." Anna also recognized Jesus as the fulfillment of the promise of redemption and spoke about him to all.



Parish Bulletin

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Malachi 3:1-4

The Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter 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

Psalm 23:7-10

Response:
*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

Hebrews 2:14-18

He had to be made like us in all things.

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, Christ 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

My eyes have seen your saving power.

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.

PRAYER BEFORE HOLY MASS

Heavenly father, we are about to offer this wonderful memorial of the passion and death of your Son. Bless our Priest as he stands in the person of Christ and makes present for us the great sacrifice of Calvary.

Bless our Ministers here present today- our ministers of the Eucharist, our readers, our Altar Servers, our musicians and ushers. When we reflect on the magnificence of these Sacred Ministries, we are somewhat overawed at our calling. But also we are overjoyed that You have asked us to stand at Your altar and serve You.

Help us to be reverent and to be faithful to our responsibilities. May this Eucharist that we are about to offer be a bond of unity and a sacrament of love for our people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

LOVE ADELAIDE - WALK FOR LIFE

Join us as we walk for life to bring an end to abortion

LOVE THE NEXT GENERATION

Saturday 8th of February 2025

10am - 12noon

Pennington Gardens

Opposite St Peters Cathedral, North Adelaide

\$5 Donation Parking

Free Tickets

Adelaide Oval parking trybooking.com/CVHLE
Enter from Pennington Tce loveadelaide.org.au

Gates Open 9am

Don't forget to bring a drink bottle; and remember to slip, slop and slap!

PLEASE WEAR A WHITE SHIRT

NO megaphones or personal signs, Love Adelaide will provide official signs. Please follow the direction of the marshals & police and walk peacefully with love.

Free Tickets at trybooking.com/CVHLE

Please follow the event guidelines.

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Special Collection 8th/9th February

The Day of The Unborn Child Appeal

Donations will go to Birthline Pregnancy Support, Mothers without Medicare, and Genesis Pregnancy Support Inc. Thank you for your generous support.



GAZA CRISIS APPEAL

A ceasefire means more aid can assist people affected in Gaza. Your support is urgently needed.



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Mass Times
Sunday 9:30 am
Saturday Vigil Mass 6:30 pm
Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am

Confessions
Saturday 6:00 pm

Rosary
Tues to Fri 8:45am
Adoration of the Eucharist
Friday before Mass 8:30am

Novena to St. Joseph
Wednesday after Mass

St. Joseph's Primary School
Principal - Adrian Grbin
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Parish Pastoral Council
Chair – Alan Tyson

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Anne Dudzinski Ph: 0418 847 804

Vinnies Assistance Hotline
1300 729 202 - 9:00am to 4:30pm

ROSTERS— 8/9th Feb 2025
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Time	Commentator/Readers
6.30pm Vigil	Edward Konieczny Fil Ciancio Giulia Giuliani
9:30am	Terence Yeow Aloysius Achusiogu Ifeoma Achusiogu
Children's Liturgy	Anne Dudzinski Angela Mealey
Count team	Andrew Gaal Gail Gaal Sandra Librandi Shane Foley
Altar and Flowers	Dolores Arboit Christina Wong Sarita Ingham and volunteers

All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass

SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY	25/26 JAN 2025
Open Plate	\$394.20
Planned Giving	\$548.00
PARISH TOTAL	\$942.20

This week's contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund :\$719.80

MORNING TEA
Sunday 9th February
after Morning Mass



Please come and join us!

VINNIES THANKS YOU

Thank you ALL for your very generous support of the Christmas Appeal. From Tranmere parishioners, CWL and Knights a wonderful total of \$4,118 has been raised to help the poor. Your continued support via the Poor Box and donations of food enables us to reach out and provide a 'hand up' to those in need.



Please remember in your prayers

We pray for those listed and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.

For the Repose of the Soul:
Marie Shevlin
Death Anniversary:

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; present them to God the Most High.

Sick:

We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish and our relatives and friends who are unwell.

If you know of sick or elderly parishioners who are house-bound or in care and would appreciate a visit, please phone and leave a message with the parish office.

SAD DEMISE

With deep sorrow, we announce the sad demise of Marie Shevlin, a long-time and beloved parishioner, who passed away on Wednesday, 29 January 2025..

Marie was a cherished member of our parish community, known for her faith and dedication. We pray for the repose of her soul and extend our heartfelt condolences to her family and loved ones.

May the Lord grant her eternal rest and let perpetual light shine upon her.

Fr. Roy John Elavumkal SMM



Pope Francis @pontifex

God never stops dreaming of us becoming men and women of hope, harmony, and peace, as people who are not overcome by adversity. May we have the courage to dream for ourselves what God dreams for us!

ARCHDIOCESE EVENTS

Alpha: 'Come and See' event and Youth Launch Party

Are you looking at ways to reach those in your community who have drifted away from church or perhaps help to connect those who are new?

Henley Beach Parish is hosting a Come and See event for you to experience what Alpha looks and feels like. You are welcome to bring some people from your parish to see if it is something you would like to offer in your community.

Alpha for Adults – Tuesday February 4 from 7-8.30pm and Alpha Youth for High School Students – Sunday February 9 from 6.30-8.30pm following the 5.30pm Mass. Please see posters/flyers attached.

Registrations for catering are required for both events and any questions please feel free to reach out - Barb@henleybeachparish.com.au

Feast of St Josephine Bakhita Mass – Sunday, February 9

You are invited to join the African Catholic Community to celebrate the feast of St Josephine Bakhita Eucharistic celebration on Sunday February 9 at 2.30pm, in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral. All are welcome. Pope Francis has designated the feast day as the International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human trafficking.

Lefevre Catholic Community – Fr Julian Tenison Woods in the Philippines

Sunday February 16 from 4pm to 5pm at the Lefevre Catholic Parish, 253 Military Road, Semaphore.

Fr Julian Tenison Woods, a pioneer Australian scientist and priest, integrated faith and science in his life and ministry. Fr Roderick O'Brien will present an overview of Fr Julian's three voyages to the Philippines and the treasure trove of scientific papers and articles and correspondence he left for us. For enquiries, please call Sr Marie on 8449 6378. A certificate of attendance is available for professional development. Please register with Sr Marie prior to the event, and on the day.

Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal

We urgently need your support. The ceasefire means more aid can assist people in Gaza, but the need is immense and the recovery long. Gaza's people cannot recover alone. They need the support of the global community to survive and rebuild. Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal. You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413

CHILDREN SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2025
ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH RANMERE PARISH

RECONCILIATION

Workshops—

- Monday 3rd March at 6:30pm in Parish Hall
 - Monday 17th March at 6:30pm in Parish Hall
- Celebration— Tuesday 25th March at 7.00pm

CONFIRMATION & FIRST EUCHARIST

Workshops—

- Monday 12th May at 6:30pm in Parish Hall
 - Monday 2nd June at 6:30pm in Parish Hall
- Rehearsal—Sunday 15th June after parish mass
Celebration— Sunday 22nd June 11:00am
Celebrant: Archbishop Patrick O'Regan

For more information, please contact the Parish Office. Tel: 8431 6932
Email: info@stjosephsparishtranmere.org.au

The Kids' Bulletin
The Presentation of Jesus



Today we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of Baby Jesus in the temple. God's people were supposed to offer their firstborn sons to the service of God, or make an offering of animals instead.

Mary and Joseph were poor, so they followed the law by offering a pair of turtledoves.



Did you know that you can offer yourself to God too? You can use your life to do good and please God. A good way to start is to pray a "morning offering" every day. Tell God that you love Him and offer Him all your prayers, work, joys, and sufferings of the day. When you do everything for God you will be cooperating with Jesus in making the world a better and happier place!



How can you start offering yourself to God today?

Answers to Presentation True or False:
1.False 2.False 3.True 4.True 5.False 6.True 7.False
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Can you help the Holy Family find their way to the Temple so that Baby Jesus can be presented there?