

The Presentation of the Lord

2nd February 2025

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD:

First Reading: 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 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

Responsorial Psalm:

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

**O gates, lift high 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: Hebrews 2:14-18

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.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40

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.

Welcome to the Parish of Cororooke.

St Brendan's Coragulac
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St Brendan's 1st, 2nd 3rd & 5th

Sundays: Lay Led @ 9.30am 4th

Sundays Mass @ 5.00pm with Fr Michael

St Joseph's: Mass 1st Sunday of Month
@ 10.30 am with Fr Kevin

St Brendan's: 2nd Feb Lay Led @ 9.30am

Communion Minister A Ruddell

Commentator: C Grist

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St Joseph's: 2nd Feb MASS@10:30

Family: D Melville

ALTAR & SACRISTY DUTIES

St Brendan's: FEB: J O'Dowd/H Holland

St Joseph's: FEB: Hickman

Counters: 9-16th Feb: N McKay

RECENTLY DECEASED: Lorna Osborne,
Peter Morrissy, Monica Matthews, Tony Jones,
John Scarrott

ANNIVERSARIES: Frances McCarthy, Ancza
Buckle, Judy Palmer, Monica Martin, Joan Baggot,
Tarlea Roache, David Matthews, Mick Hickey, Pat
Lenehan, Majella Darcy.

***We keep in our thoughts and prayers all those who seek healing and wellness. May they feel valued and supported especially...
Kathleen O'Donnell, Helen McCormick,
Kerryn Williams, Claire Ryan***

Upcoming Dates:

Book Club: Things Left Unsaid, by Tracey Lien

Meeting 24th March @6:30

Change to Mass Roster

Fr Kevin Arundel has shared that he will be retiring "for good" at Easter. The immediate effect of his stepping back will be that we will be three Masses short every month in our roster. The Leadership Teams in both Colac and Cororooke are discussing the options. There is merit in accommodating the greater number of people (keep all three Masses in Colac) but there is also merit in respecting the importance of the smaller communities (drop a Mass in Colac so the smaller places can continue to have Sunday Masses.) Easter Sunday will be the last of our current arrangement. Happy to hear your ideas.

Option I Cut out one of the Masses in Colac and use that time slot for Masses in Coragulac, Pirron Yallock and Birregurra.

Option II Have Masses in C, PY & B on weekdays.

Option III Any other ideas?

Other thought: If we drop a Colac Mass, which one might it be?

Please contact Lucy, if you wish to have your say.

Prayer for February - for vocations to the priesthood and religious life: Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

Jubilee Year 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope

- Pope Francis has declared a Jubilee Year of Hope in 2025, centred on the theme, "Pilgrims of Hope." A Jubilee is a special year of grace and conversion, involving prayer, pilgrimage and sacramental repentance, held every 25 years, or during other years as called for by the

Pope. Through a series of concrete rituals, acts and commitments, the goal of a Jubilee year is to inspire and encourage holiness of life among the faithful and therefore to strengthen the Church's witness to God's loving mercy in and for the world.

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.

Pope Francis