

St Peter Apostle Mission Parish

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2 February 2025 The Presentation of the Lord Year C



DEVOTIONAL PRAYER FOR FEBRUARY THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Heavenly Father, on this Feast of Candlemas (**the Presentation of the Lord**), we recall the gift Mary and Joseph gave to the world by offering baby Jesus to You in the temple. We offer up to You all the children in our family. We place them into Your perfect will and we turn their futures over to You. Amen.

Entrance Antiphon

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

1st Reading Mal 3:1-4

A reading from the prophet Malachi.

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 fuller's 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

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

2nd Reading Heb 2:14-18

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Hebrews.

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

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

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WEEKEND MASSES

Sat: 6:00pm
Sun: 8:30am, 10:30am, 5:00pm
Spanish – 1st & 3rd Sun at 1:15pm
Filipino – 4th Sun at 12:00 noon

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue, Thu, Fri – 8:30am
Wed – 7:00pm
Sat – 9:00am

LITURGY OF THE WORD/COMMUNION SERVICE

Mon – 8:30am

CONFESSIONS

Wed: 6:30pm
Sat: After 9:00am Mass

DEVOTIONS

First Friday: 7:00pm to 8:15pm
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Fri 9:00am & Divine Mercy Chaplet
Sat 2:30pm
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Novena
Wed after 7:00pm Mass
Rosary
Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri - 8:00am
Sat 8:30am
Sun 8:00am

BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Sundays at 12 noon
Baptism Preparation Meeting
1st Monday of the month, 7:00pm

WEDDINGS

By Appointment

ANOINTING OF THE SICK, HOUSE BLESSINGS, VISITS & QUERIES

Parish Office on (03) 9749 4300

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Gospel
Lk 2:22-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

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.'
The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion My eyes have seen your salvation, which
Antiphon you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

Next Week's **Is 6:1-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11**
Readings

Feasts of the **St. Agatha** **Wed, 5 Feb**
Week **St. Paul Miki & Companions Thu, 6 Feb**

WELCOME TO OUR NEWLY BAPTISED

We welcome into our Church community **Austin Lorenzo Maple and Gabriel Lariche-Waldron** who are to be baptised this Sunday. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the love of Parents, Godparents, family and friends, we pray that these children will lead lives full of happiness, faith and love.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN ATTENDING NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Dear Parents, please note the enrolment procedure for the Sunday school Sacramental Program below:

There will be an Enrolment / Information session on **Tuesday 11th February at 7pm in Church. Attendance at this session is required to register your child for the Sacramental program. Please bring your child's Baptism Certificate with you.** Payment to be made on the day. Fees are mentioned below.

Sunday School – \$50 per family

Sacramental fee – \$50 per child.

Reconciliation – No Fee.

Enquiries, please email Sharon: snaps0910@gmail.com

MONTHLY HOLY MASS & EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Join us every second Thursday of the month, **starting 13th February 2025**, for an evening of prayer and reflection at St. Peter's Church. Holy Mass & Eucharistic Adoration: 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Celebrant: Fr. Rojan George VC Come and spend time in the presence of the Lord. All are welcome!

ROSTERS

Money Counters – 9 Feb 25

Kitty Stuttard / Eileen Lewis / Bonny De Sousa / Rosemary Hibbert

Roster for Readers – 8/9 Feb 25

6:00pm	Jeffrey Poppen
8:30am	Dominic Hankins
10:30am	Sunil Vaz
5:00pm	Valerian D'Souza

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – 8/9 Feb 25

6:00pm	M. Maple / Praful & Sharon A. / J. Tramontana
8:30am	A. Hankins / P. Fitzgerald / B&K Adie
10:30am	F. Caruana / S. Colla / G. Schembri / M. Naufahu
5:00pm	Sunita D / B. Palatty / E. Chio / Volunteer

Music Ministry – 8/9 Feb 25

6:00pm	Footsteps
8:30am	St. Philomena
10:30am	Filiorum Dei
5:00pm	Shepherds of Christ

PARISH NEWS

WEEKLY PARISH DATES

Sundays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30am Mass – Children's Liturgy held 1st and 3rd Sundays. After 5:00pm Mass in Hall – Youth Group for youth 12 to 17 years on 2nd and 4th Sundays. 6:00pm in Community Centre – Young Adults (SPYA) meeting on 1st & 3rd Sundays.
Tuesdays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00pm Online Zoom Rosary - Meeting ID: 893 5477 8556. Passcode: rosary. 7:00pm – RCIA Meeting in Theatre, contact Francis Thomas 0401787372.
Wednesdays	7:00pm Mass followed by Mother of Perpetual Succour Novena.
1 st Fridays	7:00pm to 8:15pm Mass & Adoration
2 nd Fridays	7:30pm to 8:30pm Shalom Kids Holy Hour with Exposition & Benediction.
Saturdays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:30pm to 4:00pm St. Peter's Charismatic Prayer Community Praise & Worship. 1.30pm to 4:00pm - Healing Mass on 1st Saturday of the month. Next Healing Mass on Saturday 8th February 2025.
Baptisms	12 noon – Baptisms held 1 st & 3 rd Sundays. Baptism Preparation Meeting held on 1 st Monday of the month at 7:00pm. Next Baptism Preparation Meeting Monday 3rd February 2025 at 7:00pm in Church.

PROMISED WEEKLY AMOUNT:	\$5316.40
ENVELOPES/CR CARD/BANK CR:	\$3579.75
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READERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS AVAILABILITY FORMS

As the next Roster from March to May 2025 will include the Easter Ceremonies, please complete the Availability Forms which have been emailed (copies are also available in the Hall) and return them to the Parish Office **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2025.** Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

ALPHA EXPERIENCE REGISTRATIONS OPEN

We are excited to announce the next Alpha Experience commences **Sunday 9th February at 6:30pm at St Peters Church Hall.** Alpha is a great experience with interactive **weekly (Sunday) sessions from 6.30 to 8.30pm** that create a safe and honest space where people can explore life, faith and meaning. Enquiries to Joel 0433167180, Dario 0438525148 or Anita 0411772230, email: hopperscrossingalpha@gmail.com. Limited spaces. Please register by filling in the form at <http://bit.ly/alphahc> or scan QR code. The current program is open to all those who have not done Alpha before. There will be a **promotion of Alpha at all masses this weekend and a sausage sizzle at the 10.30am mass on Sunday 2nd February.** All funds raised will be used to support the Alpha program.



ST PETER'S MEN FOR CHRIST MINISTRY LAUNCH

We are thrilled to announce the launch of *St. Peter's Men for Christ Ministry!* Join us for a **Men's Breakfast on Saturday, 15th February at 8:30am** at St. Peter's Community Centre. The event features a talk on *Christian Leadership* by **Dcn. Royden Dsouza**, along with details about the ministry. All men aged 18+ are welcome. A gold coin donation would be appreciated. **Register now:** <http://tinyurl.com/spmensbreakfast> or scan QR code. Seats are limited, please book early.



ST PETERS YOUNG ADULTS (SPYA)

SPYA is a welcoming and safe space for young adults (ages 18-35) to come together to deepen their relationship with God, build lasting relationships with likeminded individuals, and serve with purpose, making a meaningful difference in our parish and beyond. SPYA meets 1st and 3rd Sundays at 6pm in the Community centre. *"But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."* Matthew 6:33 Message us if you have any questions on:

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THE SENIORS SHARED LUNCH, WEDNESDAY 5TH FEBRUARY, will be held at the Community Centre from **11:30am to 1:30pm.** Please bring a plate of food to share. Tea, coffee provided. Contact Margaret Craigie on 0456914652 for further details,

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for Rosendo Madeloso, Bill Kotow, Remigio Vasquez, Andrea Prea, Elizabeth Cura, Willem Christ, Fr Babu Varghese Kattikattu MC, Fr Denis Carabott mssp, Mary Jorre, Khamsiah Lat, Gerry Shaw, Lolita Aguilos, Oscar Gomez Herrera, and all who have died in disasters all over the world.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: We pray for Lily Soares, Neneng Austria and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: We pray for Violet Lawrence, Jeffrey Dalton, Sean Donaldson, Dale D'Souza, Stephen Beaton, John O'Regan, Draga Vekic, Thais Long, Ollie Orlinski, Gina Linning, Teresita Grisancich, Alister Dias, Rohan Graham, Gus Jones, Frank O'Brien, Roland Arigadas, Delflor Fernandez, Terry Pountney, Eileen Lewis, Romano Apostoli, Mavis D'Cruz, Helena Coghlan, Elaine Dalton, June Shaw, Elizabeth Palmeiri, Michael Benedict, Kerri Jewell, Wilfrid D'Cruz, Bettina Coli, Lucas Slee, Luz Viviana Sastre, Frida Silva, Juan Antonio Mena and all who are ill in our Parish.

GOSPEL FOCUS – A SWORD

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.



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GOSPEL REFLECTION


Traditionally this is the fortieth day of Christmas. Though the Christmas season closed with the Epiphany, the Presentation brings us back to some of the Christmas themes. The feast is on the edge, a kind of hinge between the seasons of Christmas and Lent. The temple is not merely a building where believers gather to worship God. It is sacred because it is the dwelling place of God on earth. Therefore, the coming of God to the temple was always a time of great anticipation and excitement. It promised blessing and rejoicing. The first reading declares that God will come to the temple in might and power. This coming will be terrifying. The sacred precincts have been desecrated and so God will come to purify it with fire and lye. This picture of purification is modified by the reading from the Letter to the Hebrews where we see that the purging and refinement are accomplished in the self-sacrifice of Christ. It took the eyes of the old man and the faith of an old woman to recognise that the Lord had indeed come into the temple. Ritually, it was the child who was redeemed. In fact, it is the world that will be redeemed by this child. He is the light that shines in the darkness of the world; he will enlighten all people, Jew and Gentile alike. This feast shares the theme of universality so prominent on the feast of the Epiphany. The king of glory opens the portals for the entire universe to enter.

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FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD (also known as CANDLEMAS), SUNDAY 2ND FEBRUARY

A special 'Blessing of Candles' will be given at the **6:00pm Mass on Saturday 1st February and 8:30am, 10:30am and 5:00pm Masses on Sunday 2nd February.** Everyone is invited to bring their own candles and place them on the table near the Sanctuary before the start of Mass. These blessed candles serve as a symbol of Jesus Christ, who referred to Himself as the Light of the World.

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