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The Presentation of the Lord

2 February 2014

First Reading Mal 3:1-4

A reading from the prophet Malachi

The Lord whom you seek will come to 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 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

Ps 23:7-10. R. v.10

*(R.) Who is this king of glory?
It is the Lord!*

- O gates, lift up 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 Heb 2:14-18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

He had to be made like us in all things.

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 Lk 2:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Gospel Lk 2:22-40

*A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Luke*

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 turtle-doves 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:

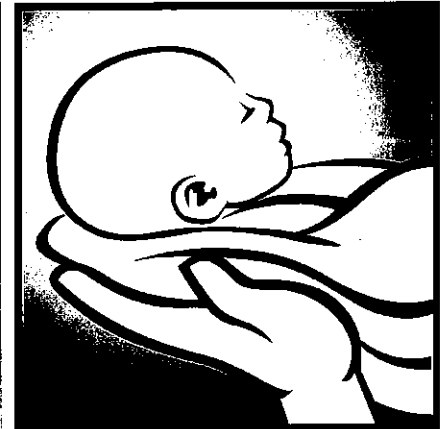
*'Now, Master, you can let your servant
go in peace,
just as you promised;
because my eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared for all the
nations to see,
a light to enlighten the pagans
and the glory of your people Israel.'*

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.



Reflection

by Greg Sunter

The gospel writer has merged two different ritual events into one in this passage: a ritual of purification following childbirth and an act of redeeming a first-born son through tribute to the Temple. The ritual of purification referred to would take place forty days after childbirth and today's feast is the fortieth day from Christmas and the celebration of the birth of Jesus. It was a ritual for the mother, not the child. Mary and Joseph took the opportunity of attending the Temple to bring Jesus into the presence of God who, according to tradition, dwelt in the Temple. The tradition associated with this purification of women after childbirth dictated that a lamb and a turtledove or pigeon be sacrificed. However, for the poor, an extra turtledove or pigeon could be substituted for the lamb. The gospel tells us that Mary and Joseph were sacrificing a pair of birds. This fact gives us an indication of the status of Mary and Joseph – they were sufficiently poor that they could not afford to sacrifice a lamb.

The other ritual alluded to in the passage relates to the tradition from Exodus 13:2 and Numbers 18:15 that every first-born son belonged to the Lord and had to be 'bought back' or 'redeemed' by payment to the Temple. The original command of the first-born belonging to the Lord meant that the child was destined to serve in the Temple. However, the child could be 'redeemed' from this service by payment to the Temple.

There is a great contrast between the forceful entry into the Temple by the Lord as foretold by Malachi in today's first reading and the humble entry of the baby Jesus into the Temple. It reinforces the way in which throughout his ministry Jesus confounded many of the expectations about the Messiah.

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NEXT WEEK'S SUNDAY MASS TIMES		
8th & 9th February 5th Sunday In Ordinary Time		
Hamilton	Mass	6:00pm
	Mass	10:30am
	Mass	5:00pm
Dunkeld	SAWC	9:00am
Glenthompson	Mass	9:00am
Macarthur	SAWC	9:00am
Penshurst	No Service	

**WEEKDAY MASS or
(Prayer of the church with Holy Communion)**

PENSHURST	HAMILTON
Wednesday: Mass 10am.	Tuesday 10am Mass
	Wednesday 10am Mass
	Thursday 10am Mass
	Friday 10am Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Hamilton
Fri After 10am Mass
Sat Before 5.30pm Mass

Other Mass Centres
Sunday
Before 9am Mass



PRAYER TIME IN OUR PARISH

Christian Meditation
Parish House Wednesday 7.30pm.

Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary
9.30 am before weekday Mass or C.S
7 pm Thursday & Sunday.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
After Mass Wed. 10.30-12 noon.

**ST MARY'S ROSTER:
8th & 9th February**

	6pm Mass	10:30am Mass
Welcome	Kylie-Anne Shanahan John Schurmann	J&S Hockey Alida Aylmer
Commentator	Annette Mason	Maree Bell
First Reader	Naomi Phillips	Val Lovell
Second Reader	Ray Corbett	Helen Tripovich
Offertory Procession	Maria Grinham Mary Walter	C Storer Family
PowerPoint and iPad	Chris Jansen	Glenn Howell
Ministers of Communion	Team: 1 B Kaaye, P&M Dunn + Volunteer	Team: 2 V Lovell, P Stanhope, P Fitzgerald, T Daffey & F O'Brien.

Ministers of Communion This Weekend

6 pm	Team: 8 G Healy, T Grove & K Shanahan (3 Required)
10:30 am	Team: 1 R Taylor, G McDonald, S Pierce + 2 Volunteers (5 Required)

**ST JOSEPH'S ROSTER
16th February 2013**


Lector	Coleen Page
Prayers	Brendon Kelly
Special Minister	Terry Pezzutti
Gifts	Kelly Family


St Mary's Church CLEANING
FEBRUARY
M WALTER,
J NEWEL,
I UNDERWOOD,
A LAMPARD,
&
J CASS

PARISH COLLECTIONS

Stewardship Starting Date 13/10/2013 :
Stewardship Pledged Full Year : \$122,000.
Priest's Support: \$1,095.

This week's Count Team: 2 I & B Ferguson & Team
Next week's Count Team: 3 R Corbett, B Shanahan & T&N Oliver.



 **PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING
IN YOUR PRAYERS.**

DEATHS: *Kathleen Nancy Smith (nee Cullinane)*

ANNIVERSARIES: *Dorothy Harman, Fr Francis Harney, Fr Thomas O'Brien, Kathleen Dickie, Frank Grenfell, Leonie Lucas.*

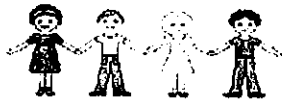
THOSE WHO ARE SICK: *Dorothy Harrison, Norma Oliver, Jean Clark, Brian Joyce, Frank Vogels, Val Carter, Dawn Anson, Joan Birrell, Jack Gower*

Prayer before The Blessed Sacrament

The Church is open daily till 8pm .
If you are prepared to spend time between
6pm & 8pm on a roster .
Contact: Rita Taylor.



St Mary's Parish HAMILTON



Wednesday Meet Up

St Mary's Parish extends an invitation to all parents of primary school children to come along to our Wednesday morning *Meet Up*. Bring along your toddlers or come on your own. We aim to provide a welcoming atmosphere where your presence will be valued. Activities will keep your children entertained and we will provide you with a cup of tea or coffee and morning tea.

Each Wed during school term.
9.30am – 11.30am

Maryknoll Centre Family Room (Off Lonsdale Street, behind St Mary's Hall)

Cost: \$2 per family.

Enquires to Sally Finch on 0447 351 873

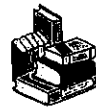
Starts 12th
Feb

Meditation

Will restart on Wednesday 5th February @ 7.30pm

St Mary's Parish house.

All Welcome.



St Mary's Book Club

Will meet at Blue Malt at 7.30 pm
on Wed. 5th Feb. to review:

The Elegance of the Hedgehog by Muriel Barberry.



Cuppa after 10.30am Mass Today Sun.

Maryknoll Activities

Everyone is welcome to join in the Groups listed below.

Noah's Ark Toy Library: Wednesdays 11—12

Pauline 0428287113 Located in Maryknoll Family Room

Southern Grampians Old Time Dance:

Geraldine Mather 55712546

Craft: Margaret Duyveston: 55788213

Good News for the Season of Lent

By your cross and resurrection.....

YOU HAVE SET US FREE.

Lenten groups will begin the week starting 2nd March, those who are interested please leave you name, a list is provided on the notice board in the gathering space of the church.



St Vincent De Paul

Conference Office @ Maryknoll Front Office

Open Monday to Friday 1-3 pm

55719859 OR 0408923181

WEBSITES OF INTEREST

Cath News - www.cathnews.com.au

Fr John McKinnon www.johnmckinnon.org

Fr John Corrigan blog - www.acountrypriest.com

FEAST DAYS February

2nd - The Presentation of the Lord

5th - St Agatha

6th - St Paul Miki & Companions

Prayer

God of light,
your Son shared our flesh and blood
and built us into a living temple
where you might dwell.
May the light of faith that illumines our hearts
shine brightly before the throne
of your mercy, and may the fire of
charity enkindled in our lives
bring warmth and joy
to our brothers and sisters.
**We ask this through
Christ Our Lord.**

Amen.

Parish Calender

- 12th Feb. Parents/Guardian general gathering & preparation for Reconciliation 7pm Dunworth Centre.
- 16th Feb. Opening year School Mass - 10.30am
- 16th Feb. Commitment to begin the Sacrament Program 10.30am Mass

News Report

Pope Francis writes a groundbreaking letter to the whole church: *Evangelii Gaudium* - The Joy of the Gospel.

Pope Francis has called for the Vatican - including himself as Pope - to give up some of its power and control, and attacked free-market capitalism as "a new tyranny".

His first major writing since his election in March lays out his blueprint for the church, which he wants to give a different impetus - less concerned with status, more compassionate and people-centred, merciful and braver in taking risks and changing.

He pleads with politicians to fight poverty, urges rich people to share wealth, and recognises the Pope too must be open to change.

"Since I am called to put into practice what I ask of others, I too must think about a conversion of the papacy. It is my duty, as the Bishop of Rome, to be open to suggestions which can help make the exercise of my ministry more faithful," he says. It is not advisable for him to take the place of local bishops in discerning every issue.

Most popes, like US presidents, are judged partly by how strongly they centralised power around themselves and exercised it. Francis' vision statement, calling for radical renewal, reverses the trend of centuries.

It will take time to filter down to the faithful in the pews, but it would restore to bishops the sort of autonomy they had before Pope John Paul II and modern communications, allowing them to make local decisions.

The US magazine National Catholic Reporter called the document - *Evangelii Gaudium*, The Joy of the Gospel - his "I have a dream speech", a reference to the groundbreaking speech by Martin Luther King 50 years ago.

Pope Francis also outlined a dream. "I dream of a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the church's customs, ways of doing things, times and

schedules, language and structures can be suitably channelled for the evangelisation of today's world, rather than for her self-preservation."

He has already advocated many of the changes, including moving the Vatican from an attitude of power and control to one of serving the church, but this 48,000-word document lays out his thinking and planning.

It reflects his own practices that gathered worldwide attention when he was elected Pope in March: rejecting the papal palace for a small apartment, paying his own hotel bill and carrying his own luggage. As Archbishop of Buenos Aires, Jorge Bergoglio took public transport and did his own cooking.

Catholic reaction has been enthusiastic. New Canberra Archbishop Christopher Prowse said the document had tremendous wisdom for more than just Catholics. "This is good for an Australian audience. We may tend to think we love God but helping my neighbour - I'll find some time for that in the future."

Catholic commentator Paul Collins said the document marked a profound shift in the church that would take time to filter down - "there won't be any change in church next Sunday". He said Pope Francis was taking seriously the idea of collegiality, rather than the Pope answering every question.

Melbourne Jesuit Andy Hamilton said it would be liberating for Catholics, taking them "out of the straitjacket". The emphasis had moved to compassion from orthodoxy, though the doctrines remained.

(Barney Zwartz, The Age, 28.11.13)

Read the document at

<http://www.vatican.va/evangelii-gaudium/en/index.html>