



Morphett Vale Catholic Parish Bulletin

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - YEAR C

2ND FEBRUARY 2025

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REGULAR PARISH MASSES

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 9:00am
Saturday 6:00pm Vigil
Sunday 8:00am
Sunday 9:30am
Sunday 11:00am - Polish

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 9:15am
Wednesday 10:00am - Polish & 6:00pm
Thursday 9:15 am
Friday 9:15am

Feast Days This Week:

Wednesday 5th - St Agatha; Thursday 6th - St Paul Miki and companions

REGULAR PARISH DEVOTIONS AND EVENTS

RECONCILIATION: After Saturday 9:00am Mass or contact Fr. Christopher
PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK: Contact Parish Office or Fr. Christopher
ROSARY: Monday - 7:30pm and after weekday Masses
ADORATION: Every Friday following 9:15am Mass until 11am
DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION: First Sunday at 3:00pm
SACRED HEART OF JESUS: First Friday Mass at 9:15am
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY: First Saturday Mass at 9:00am
BAPTISM: Enquiry forms available from the Parish website
MARRIAGE: Six months notice - enquiries to the Parish Office
FUNERALS: Contact Fr Christopher or text Parish Mobile
CENACLE: Wednesday 1pm - 3pm in the Parish Hall - *All Welcome*
PLAYGROUP: Thursday 10:00 am - in the Parish Hall

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Presentation of the Lord

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd February 2025

9th February 2025

First Reading

Malachi 3:1-4

Isaiah 6:1-8

Second Reading

Hebrews 2:14-18

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

Luke 5:1-11

PSALM RESPONSE: Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

GOSPEL ACCL: Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

GOSPEL: 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 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Corey Hatcher; Kevin O'Neil; Narele Barlow; family and friends of the Marjchrzak, Koscielniak, Franciszczak, and Holownia families; Agnes, Bernadette & Andrew Listen; Roset & Steve Donnellan; Irene & Kazimierz Dabrowsc; Sr Carita Higgins RSJ; Norman, Paul & Luke Zadey; George & Moussa Adam, Adam Adam, members of the Saba, Khoury, About, Farchahk and Hannah families

If you would like the names of your family members to be included on the Prayer List, please contact the Parish Office. Due to privacy laws, names cannot be published in the bulletin without prior permission of the person or family involved.

MASS INTENTIONS: The schedule of Mass Intentions for the coming week is printed in the bulletin each week. If you would like a Mass said for a special intention, please use the envelopes which can be found in the foyer of the Church, print the information very clearly, and place the envelope in one of the offering bowls. It would be appreciated if you could give as much notice as possible for any Mass Intentions, especially if you would like the Mass said on a specific date. Emergencies, of course, can be accommodated.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS COMING WEEK

Mon 3			For the Parish - the living and the dead
Tues 4		9:15 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wed 5	St Agatha	10:00 am	Maria, Jozef, Zofia, Ignacy, Anna, Andrzej, Roman, Edgar, Sylwester
		6:00 pm	John McCormack
Thurs 6	St Paul Miki & companions	9:15 am	Marion Pratt
Fri 7		9:15 am	Narele Barlow
Sat 8		9:00 am	Majchrzak, Koscielniak, Franciszczak, Holownia
		6:00 pm	Peter Panter
Sun 9	Ordinary Sunday 5	8:00 am	Family and friends of Damian Hahn
		9:30 am	Agnes, Bernadette & Andrew Listen, Roset & Steve Donnellan
		11:00 am	Irena & Kazimierz Dabrowscy

JUBILEE CELEBRATION OF CONSECRATED-RELIGIOUS LIFE: The celebration of the contribution that Religious men and women have made, and are still making, to our lives is usually celebrated between October 8 and 12. In this Jubilee year the Roman Dicastery of the Consecrated Life has asked to celebrate on Sunday 2nd February - the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Please keep all Religious men and women in your prayers, especially this weekend.

LOVE ADELAIDE WALK FOR LIFE: The *Walk for life* will happen **NEXT Saturday 8th February in Pennington Gardens at 10:00 am.** Parking will be available at Adelaide Oval—enter from Pennington Tce - \$5.00 donation. Free tickets for the event are available at: trybooking.com/CVHLE Gates will open at 9:00am. Don't forget your drink bottle and remember to slip, slop, slap & slide. Love Adelaide requests that you PLEASE WEAR A WHITE SHIRT, walk peacefully and with love, and follow all directions of the police and marshals. No megaphones or personal signs will be permitted - official signs will be provided by Love Adelaide.

DAY OF THE UNBORN CHILD APPEAL: A special collection will be taken up at the Masses next weekend - **8th and 9th February** to support of the work of Birthline Pregnancy Support and Genesis Pregnancy Support Inc. The Day of the Unborn Child assists us to focus on those people in our families and communities who have experienced any sort of child-bearing loss, whether miscarriage, still-birth, the death of a baby soon after birth, or abortion.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND AWARENESS AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING: Pope Francis has designated February 8th as the International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking. There will be an online International Marathon of Prayer, commencing Friday February 7th— more information can be found at : <https://acrath.org.au/take-action/world-day-of-prayer/>

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY AND POLAND - 2025: Brochures are available showing details of the itinerary for the Pilgrimage - just ask Father Christopher. The information is also posted on the windows at the rear of the Church. The final cost will depend on the number of pilgrims and will be confirmed as soon as the number has been settled. Please register with Harvest Journeys: 1800 819 156 (free call) and quote PV25103 - or contact them via email: info@harvestjourneys.com

WANTED: thank you to those who have already indicated their willingness to undertake some of the tasks around the parish. We will certainly be calling on those people when the need is there. If you would like to offer your help with things like laundering, creating or embroidering Altar linen, or archiving etc. please let the office know during office hours thank you. Maybe, also start thinking about offering your services for the 'usual' rostered ministries. We will be calling for those volunteers around April/May but we still make room for you now.

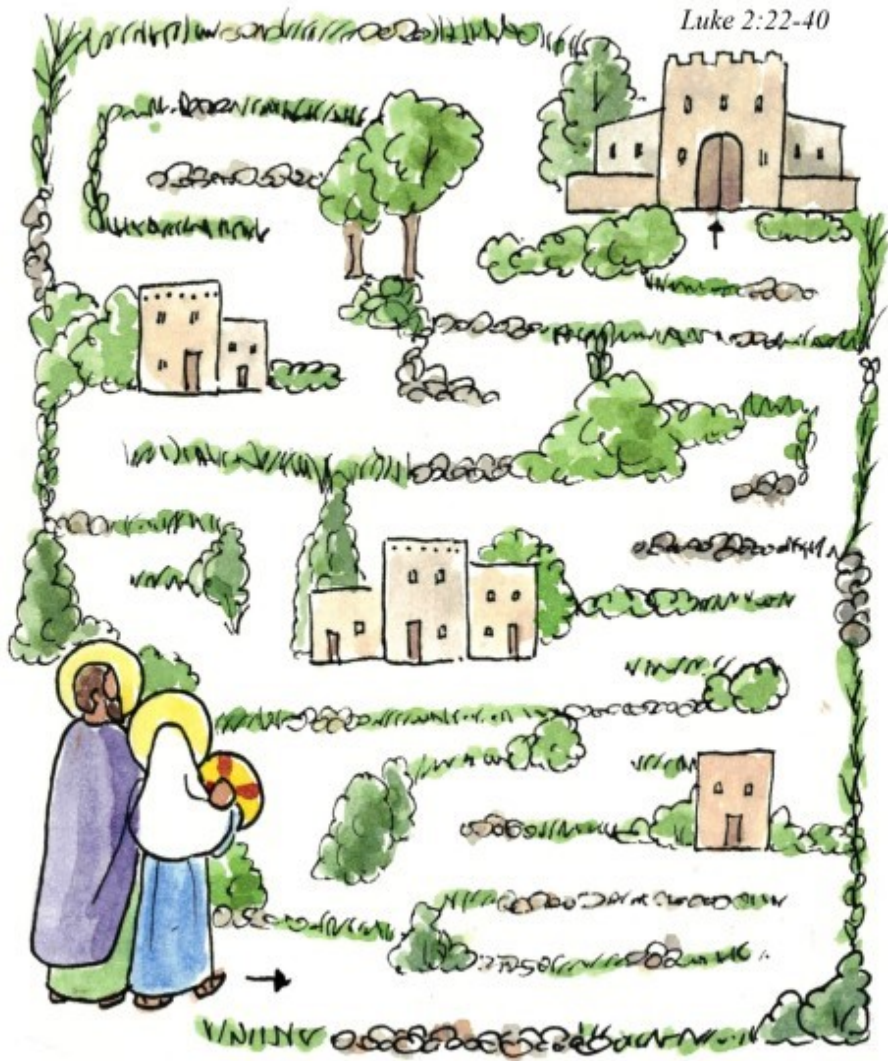
DIVINE MERCY 2025 CALENDAR: The 2025 Divine Mercy Calendar is now available as an app and can be purchased online for \$5.00 - <https://divinemercury.com.au/products/2025-divine-mercy-calendar-app>. More information about the app and other things such as movies and devotions can be found at <https://divinemercury.com.au>

The Kids' Bulletin

Feast of the Presentation of Jesus

February 2nd, 2025

Luke 2:22-40



Can you help the Holy Family find their way to the Temple so that Baby Jesus can be presented there?

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

Saint Paul Miki and Companions

February 6

The Presentation: True or False?

How well do you know the story of the Presentation of Jesus in the temple? See if you can tell which of these statements are true and which are false!

1. Jesus was 12 years old when Mary and Joseph first presented Him in the temple. True or False?
2. Mary brought baby Jesus to the temple all by herself. True or False?
3. Joseph and Mary offered two pigeons or turtledoves when they presented Jesus in the temple. True or False?
4. When Simeon took baby Jesus in his arms he said to God, "my eyes have seen your salvation." True or False?
5. Mary forgot what Simeon said as soon as they left the temple. True or False?
6. Anna the prophetess, who also greeted the Holy Family, was an old woman. True or False?
7. Jesus stayed at the temple when Mary and Joseph went home. True or False?



WHEN CHRISTIAN MISSIONARIES CAME TO JAPAN AGAIN IN THE 1800'S, AT FIRST THEY THOUGHT THERE WERE NO CHRISTIANS THERE. BUT THEN THEY FOUND THEM PRACTICING THEIR FAITH SECRETLY. OUR LORD USES THE SACRIFICE OF THE MARTYRS TO STRENGTHEN THE FAITH OF OTHER CHRISTIANS.