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2nd February 2020

Feast of the Presentation
of the Lord

Malachi 3: 1-4

Heb 2: 14-18

Luke 2: 22-40

**“God is the source of life, wealth and honour.
Live life for His glory.”**

– Lailah Gifty Akita

We celebrate, today, the glorious event of Jesus being presented in the Temple by Mary and Joseph. Simeon, a “righteous and devout” man, had been waiting for this moment throughout his life. The passage above is what he spoke when the moment finally arrived.

This is a profound statement that came from a humble and faith-filled heart. Simeon was saying something like this: “Lord of Heaven and earth, my life is now complete. I’ve seen Him. I’ve held Him. He is the one. He is the Messiah. There is nothing more I need in life. My life is fulfilled. I am now ready to die. My life has reached its purpose and culmination.”

Simeon, like any other ordinary human being, would have had many experiences in life. He would have had many ambitions and goals. Many things he worked hard for. So, for him to say that he was now ready to “go in peace” simply means that the purpose of his life was fulfilled and that all he has worked for and striven for has come to culmination in this moment.

That’s saying a lot! But it’s really a great witness for us in our daily lives and gives us an example of what we should strive for. We see in this experience of Simeon that life must be about encountering Christ and fulfilling our purpose in accord with God’s plan.

For Simeon, that purpose, revealed to him through the gift of his faith, was to receive the Christ Child in the temple at His presentation and to then consecrate this Child to the Father in accordance with the law.

What is our mission and purpose in life? It will not be the same as Simeon but it will have similarities. God has a perfect plan for everyone that He will reveal to us in faith. This calling and purpose will ultimately be about our receiving Christ in the temple of our heart and living in and with Him for all to see. It will take on a unique form in accord with the will of God for our life. But it will be as significant and important as Simeon’s calling, and will be integral to the entire divine plan of salvation for the world. (Catholic homily edited)



Once a group of 50 people were attending a seminar. Suddenly the speaker stopped and decided to do a group activity. He started giving each attendee one balloon. Each one was asked to write his/her name on it using a marker pen. Then all the balloons were collected and put in another room.

Now these delegates were let into that room and asked to find the balloon which had their name written within 5 minutes. Everyone was frantically searching for their name, colliding with each other, pushing around others and there was utter chaos.

At the end of 5 minutes no one could find their own balloon. Now each one was asked to randomly collect a balloon and give it to the person whose name was written on it. Within minutes everyone had their own balloon.

The speaker then began, “This is happening in our lives. Everyone is frantically looking for happiness all around, not knowing where it is.”

God calls everyone to lead a meaningful and fulfilling life with all His gifts given to us. It is in using those gifts for the well-being of others, that we can find happiness for ourselves. God’s calling comes to us practically everyday of our lives to do something or to let go of something. Let us continue to listen, anticipate and act in faith as that plan unfolds so that we, too, may one day rejoice and “go in peace” confident that this calling has been fulfilled.

God’s blessings,

Fr. Vince

WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY

I would like to introduce to you our new Assistant Priest, **Fr Jessie Balorio**. Some of you may have already met him when he celebrated one of the Christmas Eve Masses and the Sunday evening Mass. Fr Jessie was ordained in November 2018 and was assigned to the parish at Richmond. He officially starts his ministry at Kenthurst on 14th February. I hope you all join me in welcoming him to our community.
- Fr Vince



Social Justice @ St Mads

This year in the 53rd World Day of Peace message broadcast on the 1st January 2020 Pope Francis writes, "When we learn to live in forgiveness, we grow in our capacity to become men and women of peace."

<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2020/01/03/world-day-of-peace-message-2020/>

The Office of Social Justice has created a discussion guide that we can use as we start to prepare for the season of Lent.

1. What do you think are the major obstacles to peace in your community, in Australia, and in the world?
2. How can listening and memory help us in Australia to address the violence in our past and avoid further violence?
3. Can you think of examples of how memory has not been at the service of peace? How can these situations be changed?
4. Did you know that the language of reconciliation was introduced into political discussion of a just and proper settlement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples by the churches? How might we continue along a journey of reconciliation in Australia today?
5. What impact might an 'ecological conversion' have on our spirituality? How might that be expressed in our relationship with the world around us?
6. How does the Message connect with our contemporary experience here in Australia?
7. How might this Message be received by people in other countries?
8. Do you think that some points made in the Message might be directed to particular contexts?
9. In what ways can you personally respond to this Message?
10. What changes might your parish, school or local community make in response to the Message?



~Sue Martin

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$ 1643.70

2nd Collection (for Parish) **Envelopes** = \$ 1632

Loose = \$ 1529.95

Credit cards/Direct Debit ave weekly = \$2107

TOTAL = \$ 5367.05

Bushfire Appeal = \$2748.50

If you donate to the parish and have recently changed your credit card, please phone the parish office on 96542260.

Thank you for your generosity!



Rite of Christian Initiation
for Adults

The RCIA programme continues this week and all are invited to attend the sessions, to learn more about our faith, and to journey along with our brothers and sisters.

There will be a talk on Wednesday, 5th February at 7pm in the function centre.

TALK #5: The Holy Spirit

Congratulations to Jasmine and Azalea Russo who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend!

BAPTISM PREPARATION:

The next **Baptism** preparation session will be on Saturday, **7th March at 4:30-5:30pm** in the function centre.

To book, please call the parish office on 96542260. Thank you.



Let us offer our prayers for the eternal repose of the soul of Antonio "Tony" Boffo whose funeral was held on Saturday, 1st February. Let us also pray for the family he leaves behind.

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For the recently deceased

Tony Boffo, Louis Sammut, Tony Votano, Michael Nincevic, James Gregory, and James Raj

For the dearly departed

Alan Brush, Michele Vaccarella, Dominico & Teresa Papandrea, Giulio Ceccato, Noeleen Hennessy, Stana Lovekovic, Joseph and Aldo Tallon, Frank Piperata and Mrs. Thelma Lopez

For healing of the sick

Adeline Lotze, Vince Luca, Kylie Baker, Lara Sawaya, Candida Irugalbandra, Sheila Cañabano, Florence Smith, Gregory Borg, Maria Peach, Paul Byrne, Andy, Patrick Breen, Jacqueline Kelly, Maria, Tricia, Rob, Michael Foley, Samuel Abella, Harper Grace, Margaret Collison, Margaret Gaudry, Anis Nicholas, Peter Balnaves, Dorothy Green, Pat D, Neil Rogers, Karen Bligh, Marlon Sabellano Alumios, Desmond Grogan, Louise, Vanessa, Ben Johnson, Cathy Voss, Mary Madden, John Donnelly, Louise Lambert, Charlie, Frank Tabone, John Lippman, Sarah Bilford Beattie, Giuseppe Grasso, Faye Willing, Patrick, Ben Eberand, Callum Goracz, Patrick Griffiths, Catherine Bourke, Tina, Marie, Joe, and Charles Vencyel

For the intentions of

Miriam Dieudonne and Geraldine Alumios Durango



All are welcome to
St Madeleine's Primary School Open Day
on Thursday 5th March 9am - 10:30am for new students K - Yr 6

For enquiries, please feel free to contact
Mrs Jeanette Black, School Principal

T: 96546751; E: stmadeleines@parra.catholic.edu.au

OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

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CHARITY SEWING DAY

A huge thankyou to all the wonderful people who took part in our sewing day. It was a huge success from the morning tea to the sewing and knitting outcomes! Great to catch up with old friends and make new ones! All agreed we should definitely do it again! Watch this space!

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH BUSHFIRE RESPONSE

Thank you for your support of the Vinnies Bushfire Appeal during the Australia Day weekend. Australia is currently facing an unprecedented bushfire crisis in many parts of the country, including within the Diocese of Parramatta. We are urged to pray constantly for those affected, for those fighting the fires and for an end to the bushfires. To access prayer resources, make a donation or for more information, including how to support people affected by bushfires within the Diocese of Parramatta, visit www.parracatholic.org/bushfires



OFFICE FOR WORSHIP LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES

The Office for Worship's Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will be held again next year, commencing early February 2020. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on 8838 3456 or anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org.

POSITIONS VACANT:

Volunteers – Mamre Creche - CatholicCare
Office Manager – Tribunal of the Catholic Church (NSW and ACT), Diocese of Parramatta
– Applications close 3 February.
General Manager, Early Years Education & Care – Catholic Diocese of Parramatta Services Limited (CDPSL) – Applications close 4 February.
More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

CEDP HIGH SUPPORT LEARNING CENTRES

Kirinari, located in Llandilo and Wiyanga, located in Dundas, are purpose built centres for learning that provide an inclusive education for students with a moderate intellectual disability and high support needs. If you have a child or know someone who would benefit from an alternate platform for learning in Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta, please phone (02) 9840 5689 for further information.

PASTORAL PLANNING ALPHA TEAM TRAINING WORKSHOP: 9 FEBRUARY

The Pastoral Planning Office is running a training day in the Alpha Catholic program at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown, Sunday 9 February from 9.30am to 4.30pm. The workshop will look at where Alpha fits in the faith formation process in a Parish. To register, and for more information, please contact Lisa in the Pastoral Planning Office on 8838 3497 or lisa.bright@parracatholic.org.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK MASS: 11 FEBRUARY

A Mass for the World Day of the Sick will be celebrated in the Diocese of Parramatta on Tuesday 11 February 2020 at Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, St Patrick's Church, Blacktown at 10.30am. The Mass will include the Sacramental Rite of Anointing of the Sick and Prayers for Healing. Please RSVP to Marisa VanderHout on (02) 8838 3460 or marisa.vanderhout@parracatholic.org to assist with seating and catering.

INSTITUTE FOR MISSION THEMES OF FAITH: STARTING MARCH 2

The Themes of Faith program invites participants to share conversation and reflection in small groups. Each group is accompanied by a mentor with a focus on different key life/faith theme each time. Sessions, arranged in two blocks of 5 Monday evenings, start on 2 March. To register, visit <https://www.ifm.org.au/tof> and for more information, contact Donnie or Fr Paul on (02) 9296 6369 or donnie.velasco@ifm.org.au or paul.roberts@ifm.org.au

INSTITUTE FOR MISSION REFLECTIVE MINISTRY PROGRAM: STARTING MARCH 10

If you are serving in any ministry or hoping to get involved, this program gatherings will nurture your relationship with God and further equip your purpose and serving!
Sessions start on Tuesday 10 March and will run every Tuesday night for twelve weeks. To register, please visit <https://www.ifm.org.au/reflective-ministry> or for more information, contact Sr Grace on (02) 9296 6369 or grace.roclawska@ifm.org.au.

*It's not enough to have lived.
We should be determined to live for something.
-Winston Churchill*

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest:
Rev Vincent Savarimuthu

Assistant Priest:
Rev Jessie Balorio

Parish Secretary:
Lisa Echevarria

Sacramental Coordinator
Sally Coppini

St Madeleine's Primary School
Phone: 9654 6751
Principal: Mrs Jeanette Black

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Phone: 9654 6700
Principal: Mrs Jayne Campbell

PARISH SERVICES

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 5.30pm
Sunday 8:00am, 10:00 am, 5.30pm

Children's Liturgy

10am Mass during School terms

Weekday Masses

9:15 - Tuesdays to Fridays
10-10:30 Fridays - Adoration

Prayer Group: Wednesdays after the
9.15 am Mass

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.00pm

Baptisms: Every 4th Sunday at 11:20,
or during 10am Masses

Weddings: By appointment

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- ◇ Kobe Bryant's Catholic faith
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- ◇ Which Greens policy is the real one?
- ◇ The China option?
- ◇ Movie review: *Marriage Story*

You have been chosen to a kind of
apostleship: a mission that is great,
noble and divine. Great, because it
embraces the universe, noble
because by it souls are raised to
God, divine, because it comes forth
from God.
-St Madeleine Sophie

PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Welcomers Coordinator:

Music Coordinator: Alexandra Mifsud

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	ACOLYTE	Peter Balnaves	Steve Fry	Joe Touma	Sam Ursino
	READERS	Geoff & Jacinta Mifsud	Catherine Diekman Gerry McArdle	Jacqui Nisbet Roslyn Earl	Jan Schroder Gael Carpani
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	JUN MINISTERS	Kerstin Grima Emilie Mifsud	Bailey & Casey Gambrell	Christian Maaht Elizabeth Cauchi	Tiago Gregory Hannah Tran
	MUSICIANS	Lisa J	Joan & David	Anucia & Friends	Bobby
	COUNTERS	Franc & Ivanka Valencic, Kay & Archie Brooks		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Sally Coppini
FLOWERS	In memory of Louis Sammut and Tony Boffo		ALTAR LINEN	Peg Grogan	

8/9 FEB	WELCOMERS	Trish Keating	Fran & Rocco Scardino Doreen Sagers	Jenny & Peter Firkins	Nicole & Joseph Spina
	ACOLYTE	John Puleo	Tony McMahon	Phillys Hannah	HJS—Akash Arnold
	READERS	Paul Cashman Mary Sammut	Tony Hooper Bill Dowers	Ann & Mark Lee	Simmy Cesamolo Frederick Kyngdon
	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Colleen Dunlop Marie Coddington	Tricia Spencer Kathy White	Sandra Tabone Roslyn Earl	Selina Calleia Jason Hatcher
	JUN MINISTERS	Tara & Sam Coddington		Christopher Kang	Thomas Foxall Saniya Arnold
	MUSICIANS	Bev & Pat	Joan & David	Merle & Doug	Bobby
	COUNTERS	Sandra Tabone & Zakia Touma		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Kim Parslow
	FLOWERS	Teresa Capaldi, arr'd by Maureen & Mari		ALTAR LINEN	Vicky Hooper