

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

**The Presentation of the Lord
2 February 2020**

**Year A
#10.20**

Reflection

The New Covenant is established in Jesus

Jewish law stipulated that within forty days of a child's birth the parents should present their baby in the temple as an act of thanksgiving. In the Bible the number forty always indicates a time of formation. So forty days after Christmas the Church has today's celebration.

In today's gospel passage, it is the devout Simeon and the prophetess, Anna, who declare the greatness and far-reaching influence of the child that has been brought to the Temple. He embodies all those who longed to see the Christ. She embodies all those who prophesied his coming.

In a few sentences Luke tells us that just as the Israelites entered the Promised Land after forty years in the desert, so now the time of waiting, searching and hoping is over. Israel can receive the promised Messiah. The old covenant has been fulfilled and the new covenant is established in Jesus.

It is not Jesus himself who proclaims his greatness but those who have observed him and recognised the revelation of God's presence amongst the people. It is a role that continues today. Those of us who believe and recognise the presence and influence of God in the world are challenged to proclaim it in both our actions and our words.

So to us. We present ourselves in the temple today and it's important we remember that we do not have to put on a show for God. God does not need a performance from us; God invites us to an encounter of love. Seeing that God knows us intimately it's crazy that we should be anything but ourselves before him. But we sometimes go through the pretence of dressing things up, pretending otherwise or putting on a show.

Today's feast reminds us that when we encounter the presence of God a range of responses are on display. Just recall the ones in today's Gospel: expectation, hope, frailty, thanksgiving, foreboding, puzzlement, love and joy.

Resources used: Reflection, by Greg Sunter & Homily, by Richard Leonard SJ.

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MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 6:00pm

Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am, 6:00pm

Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9:30am

Liturgy of the Word with Communion:

Tues 9:30am

Baptisms:

1st & 3rd Sun during 10:00am Mass

Reconciliation: Sat 5:00pm - 5:30pm



Hearing Loop: in the central body of the church.

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SMOKE FREE ZONE

There is a 4-metre smoke free zone from the entrance and exits of the church buildings
Thank you



"Be on earth the Heart of God"

Simeon's Prophecy

Simeon is transported with joy; his heart overflows and he must needs cry out, "Enough, Lord, it is enough!" However, the time has come for him to forego this bliss; once more he presses the child to his breast, gazes earnestly at him and returns him to Mary, with this ominous glimpse into the future: "Behold this child is set for the fall and the resurrection of many in Israel, and as a sign of contradiction, and your own soul will be pierced by a lance. "

A moment before it was pardon, harmony, resurrection and life, that constituted the prophet's vision; these last words would seem to be inconsistent. This child is the peace, yet he will serve as a pretext for an appalling war. He is the way, truth and salvation; the splendor, glory and complete gift of God, yet he will be forever the object of discussion and debate, the source of error and heresy; - in short, of all condemnation. That is why your soul, Mary, will be pierced through with a sword of sorrow. Yes, you will be victim to suffering, because you will see the graces of your Son's Heart abused and his great love ignored.

Jules Chevalier msc
(Our Lady of the Sacred Heart p.128f, 1890)

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be everywhere loved..... forever!

Stewardship

Mary and Joseph were good stewards of their child, teaching Him to live in obedience to the practices of their faith from His infancy and throughout His "growing up" years. Those of us entrusted with the care of children — whether our own children, godchildren, nieces and nephews, grandchildren, or students — have a vital role to play in the faith formation of these young ones. We, like the Holy Parents, must steward these children well, forming them in the faith by both instruction and example throughout their lives.

What a privilege and high calling we have as Christian stewards. Let us take these stewardship lessons to heart and present our gifts and our young ones joyfully to the Lord.

Stewardship Reflections from TheCatholicSteward.com

Archdiocesan Bushfires Response:

There is a leaving collection after each Mass this weekend in support of this appeal. Our collection will support Sacred Heart Parish, Moruya. In line with the Archdiocesan response our target is \$3,000.00



Eucharistic Adoration First Friday Monthly 8pm - 9pm starting 7th February.

Everybody is welcome and encouraged to come along to spend time with our Lord in prayer and thanksgiving to refresh our souls. There will be periods of reflective music (Taizé) and silent adoration.

SENIORS RETREAT

Date: Thursday 20 Feb 2020
Time: 10am - 3:00pm
Venue: St John the Apostle Catholic Church
Facilitator: Sr Lorraine Cupitt rsm
Registration Essential
RSVP 17 Feb 2020
Ph: 6254 3236 or
Email: kippax@cg.org.au
Lunch, tea/coffee will be provided

ACOLYTE INFORMATION AND DISCERNMENT SESSION

Will be held on Monday 10 February at 7:30pm in the Parish Library. Registration form for you to provide your contact details is available in the foyer. For more information, contact Sabina Van Rooy: 0428 329 951.



*RCIA will re-commence on
Tuesday 4 February.*

*Please continue to keep our
RCIA candidates; Louise Bulfin,
Iain Forsyth, David Graham,
Rebecca Neiberding & Jennifer
Wheatley, in your prayers.*



We're Going Back To School



PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION ENROLLING NOW

Saturday 1st & 8th February after 6pm Mass
Sunday 2nd & 9th February after 10am Mass
Enrolments in the Church Foyer
Classes will commence on 16 February

Lenten Prayer Program



This year our Lenten Prayer Program is from the Wollongong Diocese. The program starts on Ash Wednesday 26 February and concludes with Easter Sunday, 12 April 2020. It is perfect for individual devotional reading in addition to the longer-form Sunday Gospel reflections, spiritual direction, Gospel readings, responsorial psalms, prayers and reflection questions for prayer groups.

Available in the Bookstore

Book - \$10.00

Book and CD Pack - \$18.00 (3 available)

VINNIES FEBRUARY DOORKNOCK

Vinnies won't be door knocking this February. **Instead**, Vinnies will set up in indoor locations around Canberra and Queanbeyan, collecting for the **Vinnies Bushfire Appeal**

St John the Apostle Vinnies will be collecting at the Kippax Fair on Saturday's and Sunday's in February.

A big thank you to everyone who has volunteered so far but there are still plenty of spots that we need to fill.

Please enter your contact details on the sheets in the foyer, contact James Cox on 6254 8450 or 0432 563 299.



Liturgy Team 2020

The Liturgy Team held its first meeting for 2020 on 23 January. We welcomed four new members, Nunga Umaru, Christine Lancaster, Joe Ots and Marian Crowley.

Our team for 2020 and their areas of responsibility are listed below.

Pastors	Fr Kimi and Fr Michael
Coordinator	Sabina Van Rooy
Acolytes	Sabina Van Rooy and Nunga Umaru
Hospitality	Chitra Jayawardena and Christine Lancaster
Lectors	Mary French and Shane Murtagh
Music	Joan Breen and Joe Ots
Special Ministers	Elaine Laycock and Marian Crowley
Junior Servers	Sabina Van Rooy
Power Point	Xavier Munoz
Minute Taker	Shane Murtagh

PEOPLES CLIMATE ASSEMBLY

Feb 2 – Feb 6

Parliamentary Precinct, Canberra

The Australian Religious Response to Climate Change is co-hosting this assembly with a focus on the 12noon rally at Parliament House on Tuesday 4 February. (www.arrcc.org.au)

"How inseparable is the bond between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society, and interior peace" (Pope Francis 'Our Common Home' 2015 para 10)



SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

We are reading

***Bridge of Clay*, by Markus Zusak**

Sunday 16 February

3:00 pm Parish Library

SJASJ FEBRUARY

Social Justice Brochure
in the Church foyer



*Let us pray for those who are sick.
We remember them in our Masses.*

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Recently Deceased: *Nola Newton*

Anniversary: *Margaret Hill, Declan Morris, Rupert Waterford, Jehanne Thelland, Alexander Powell, Alice Tonna, Robert Thomas, Doreen Kennedy, Salvatore Nasca, Julian Oakley, Annie McCreath, Clements Cox, Bruce Walker, Carmelita Godfrey, Maria Carrusca, Faye Menegazzo, Victoria Wilkinson, Kenneth Vella, Stella Bell, Margaret Ephgrave, Margaret Davis, Elias Kiki, John Maher, Peter Moore, Roberto Millucci, Robert Galliano, Rene Stubbs, George Griffiths, Trent Foster, Glenn Foster, Nellie Bannon*

Readings – 9 February 2020

First Reading Is 58:7-10
Psalm Ps 111:4-9
Second Reading 1 Cor 2:1-5
Gospel Matthew 5:13-16

PRAYER LIFE

Charismatic Prayer: Maida: 0423 658 326	Thursday 7:30pm Rosary 7:00pm
Meditation	Friday 6.15-7.15 pm
Rosary	Monday – Friday 9:05am
Adult Choir	Wednesday 7:30pm

9 Feb Reading Roster

6:00pm	Judy Netting, Therese Kercher
8:30am	Mariana Rollgejser, Sigrid Kropp
10:00am	Ann Reynolds, Libby Kain/Collen Reed
6:00pm	Brian Mahony, Anna White

Becoming Catholic

Rite of Christian Initiation of an Adult [RCIA]
please contact the parish office for more information.

9 Feb Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Margaret Conlon, Robert Greig, Marian England, Anthony & Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	Brian Green, Fay Stephenson, Shane Murtagh, Margaret Stanford, Peter Polkinghorne
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Cathy Madsen, Frank Colley, Francesca Deklin, Margaret Gill
6:00pm	Marian Crowley, Andrew Webster, Andrew Luck, Margaret Curry, VACANT

SOCIAL LIFE

Coffee Club	Fourth Sunday after 10:00am Mass
Over 45's	Last Wednesday of the Month 9:30am Mass and morning tea
Pins & Needles	3 rd Monday of the Month 7:15pm Parish Library
Book club	3 rd Sunday of the Month 3:00pm Parish Library
Women's Breakfast	4 th Tuesday of the Month 7:30am Lucky Shot Espresso Bar Kippax
Youth Group	AGAPE - First & Third Sunday after 6:00pm Mass Parish Centre
Men's Group	3 rd Friday of the Month 6:00pm Parish Centre
School of Religion (Parish Centre)	Sunday 9.15am during school term

9 Feb Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Michael Horan, Jenny Maher
8:30am	Mandy Lalor, Mercia Needham
10:00am	Judy Kenny
6:00pm	Kay Dwyer, John McGee

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	3 Feb	Margaret Ferguson
Grounds	8 Feb	Allan Laycock, Rob Breen, Mike Blyth, Dennis Punaird
Counting:	9 Feb	Group 4
Church Cleaning:	3 Feb	Debbie Milne, John O'Heir, Pat Keenan, Peter Hofman

LIBRARY NEWS:

"Lay siege to Heaven", "Walk in my shoes", "Peter Calvary – Prophet" and "Have a little faith" a novel by the author of "Tuesdays with Morrie" are some of the library books on display at present.

On a Lighter note

- Q. What instrument does a fisherman play?
A. A cast-a-net
- Q. What do baby swans dance to?
A. Cygnet-ure tunes