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WE WELCOME ALL PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS TO OUR MATER CHRISTI FAMILY

A Call to Attention

The gong in the sacristy will be sounded ~3min before the start of every Sunday Mass. This is to serve as a reminder that Mass is about to begin and for us all to prayerfully recollect ourselves. I urge everyone to keep your conversations to a minimum inside the church out of respect for the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, to direct your own attention to prayer, and out of concern for others who are praying.

Fr Peter's Message

"Candlemass" is the name sometimes used for the feast we are celebrating this Sunday. The feast itself commemorates the purification of Mary Mother of Jesus and the presentation of Jesus in the Temple. This presentation and purification took place 40 days after His birth, as the Jewish Law required. This feast is now universally celebrated on this day 2nd February.

Candles are blessed on this day so that people will bring them into their domestic Church – their home. The candles remind us of the words of Simeon, "the light that has enlightened the nations." Jesus the "light" brings salvation to the nations. He is the light that guides us. He is the light that brings us hope. He is the light that leads the way.

Liturgy at Mater Christi

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| Monday | 9am | Mass |
| Tuesday | 5pm | Adoration |
| | 6pm | Mass |
| Wednesday | 9am | Mass |
| Thursday | 9am | Mass |
| Friday | 9am | Mass |
| Saturday | 5pm | Confession |
| | 6pm | Saturday Vigil |
| Sunday | 8am | Mass |
| | 9am | Mass (HPCPS) |
| | 10am | Mass |
| | 5pm | Mass |

Friendship Club are off to lunch at The Berrigan Bar and Bistro, Berrigan Dr, South Lake on **Wednesday 5th February at 12 noon**. All Parishioners are invited to join us. Please contact Jean McNamara on 0401 311 944. Look forward to seeing you all there.

February list of group meeting dates and times are out now. Please get your copy from the foyer of the church, you can also view these on the parish website.

Parish Pastoral Council

Would you like to nominate a parishioner to be a member of the Parish Pastoral Council? Please ask them before giving their name to either of the two priests.

The Parish Pastoral Council is a consultative body. As such, it has the right and duty to provide advice and constructive assessments to the Parish Priest. It is to be involved in prudent policy making, goal planning and setting of objectives to further the mission of the Parish faith community as an extension of the mission of Jesus.

Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

The parish has a Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. This statue is taken into the home for one week, so that the family might pray together while the statue is in the house. We encourage you to take a turn of welcoming the statue into your home. Please speak to one of the Legion of Mary ladies at the Piety Stall for further details.



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The Parish Council has been discussing the need for a social committee. If you would like to be involved in planning and organising social events throughout the year for various celebrations, please speak to the Fathers to find out more.

6 Day Youth Retreat 3rd to 8th February At the Vincentian Retreat Centre, Byford

"TrendSetters", is a youth retreat designed to inspire, engage, and strengthen the faith of the young members of our community. Jesus Youth Perth is hosting their annual Discipleship Retreat; Trendsetters! An unforgettable, 6-day program for high school graduates and young adults (18-21) looking to nurture their relationship with Jesus, identify their talents, charisms and step confidently into bold living as Catholics! To register or further queries contact Alphina on 0455 366 846 or Patrick on 0475 128 563.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND AWARENESS AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Pope Francis has designated **8th February**, the feast of St Josephine Bakhita, as the International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking following a request from Talitha Kum, the worldwide Network of Consecrated Life Against Human Trafficking. Join the live-streamed online Marathon Prayer on **Friday 7th February** via the link: <https://acrath.org.au/take-action/world-day-of-prayer/>. For further information email wamcro@perthcatholic.org.au or call (08) 9220 5950.

CATECHIST TRAINING - 19th February 2025



The Initial Formation Course, Part 1 provides Provisional Accreditation for Catechists teaching the Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) in parishes of the Archdiocese of Perth. This seven-week course, commencing in February, offers participants personal faith development and pedagogical skills for working with and teaching children. Content covered includes the mandated Archdiocesan curriculum and sacrament preparation. **To register and further info;** email Catechist Service, catechist@cewa.edu.au or call (08) 9380 1624.

Online Adult Faith Learning Opportunities

Faith Seeking Understanding: An Introduction to Catholic Theology

An enriching introduction to the Catholic intellectual and spiritual tradition, this course explores the foundational principles of faith and reason that operate in our human desire to know truth, beauty, and goodness in God.

Thursdays 13th February - 20th March from 10am to 11:30am (6 sessions) with Natalie Thomas at Newman Siena Centre (ClunelT). Cost is \$45. **Further info:** contact the Centre for Faith Enrichment on (08) 9241 5221 or email cfe@perthcatholic.org.au.



| This Week's Meeting Dates & Times | | | |
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| Date | Time | Group | Venue |
| Sunday 2nd February | 16:00 | Youth Choir Rehearsals | Church |
| Wednesday 5th February | 18:30 | Finance Committee Meeting | Office Meeting Room |
| | 19:00 | Catholic Charismatic Renewal | Church |
| Saturday 8th February | 14:30 | Youth Choir Rehearsals | Church |
| | 14:45 | Bible Study Session | Office Meeting Room |

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Paul Miki was a Japanese Jesuit priest who was well known for his preaching. During his life the number of Christians in Japan was steadily growing. This displeased the Japanese ruler, Hideyoshi. He ordered the execution of Paul Miki and 25 of his companions. They were all crucified near Nagasaki in 1597; the first Christian martyrs in Japan. It is said that Paul Miki gave his last sermon from the cross, during which he forgave his persecutors as Christ had done.



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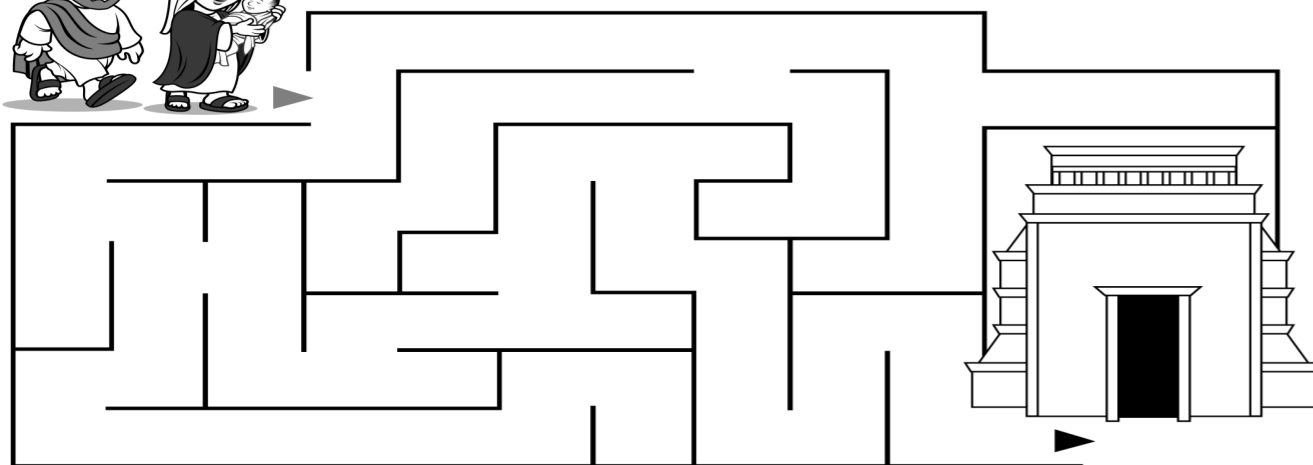
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| baby | eyes | peace | Simeon |
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Mary and Joseph had to travel from Nazareth to Jerusalem to take baby Jesus to the temple. Help them find their way.



The Presentation of the Lord

2 February 2025

First Reading Mal 3:1-4

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.

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

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.

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

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.



'Why do we do that?'

by Fr Nicholas

Kneeling in the Latin Church (Roman Catholicism) is the greatest sign of humility and reverence. To kneel is to humble oneself before another who is acknowledged to be far greater than oneself. It was common in the past for servants to kneel before their masters and subjects before their rulers, but this posture has almost completely disappeared from our daily life - except in the Church. As Catholics we understand that to step foot in a church is to come before One who is far greater than we are, and that Christ's divine humility that causes Him to be present literally in the Eucharist urges us also to a profound humility. To kneel is indeed a gesture of humiliation, of surrender and even of subjugation, but we do not do this as slaves resenting their masters. Pondering the awe inspiring mystery of the Son's humility in the Incarnation, and especially of His further humility to be present in the form of bread and wine in the Eucharist, the only fitting way to respond is for us to imitate Him. God could impose Himself on us with all His divine majesty and splendour, but He chose to humble Himself and share in our humanity. By humbling Himself the Lord seeks to win our devotion, even though it is His by right. He has first come close to us so that we might trust and come close to Him; and as we observe how He has acted toward us, we in turn learn how to act towards Him. This dynamic flows like an undercurrent throughout the Mass. God is close to us, very close, but He is only discoverable to those who humble themselves and sink to their knees.

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