

SANTA CLARA PARISH COMMUNITY OF BENTLEY



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THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD SUNDAY, YR A

1-2 FEB 2020

THEME: A LIGHT TO ENLIGHTEN THE NATIONS.

FIRST READING: Book of Prophet Malachi

3: 1-4

The Lord whom you seek will come to his temple.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 23: 7-10

R. v. 8

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

SECOND READING: Letter to the Hebrews

2: 14-18

He had to be made like us in all things.

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: The Holy Gospel according to Luke

2: 22-40

My eyes have seen your saving power.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Lk 2: 30-31

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

REFLECTIONS

The feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple offers the continuation of the story of the life of Jesus with some intriguing insights into the world and customs of Joseph and Mary. Jesus who is brought up under the Law and offered in the Temple will ultimately replace the Law and the Temple.

The Gospel has three key elements: First, Jesus is consecrated to the Lord, raised by Joseph and Mary in an obedient home, and brought up under the Law of Israel. He is also amongst the poor whose piety and maturing are nourished by his being from the poor family and their reliance on God alone.

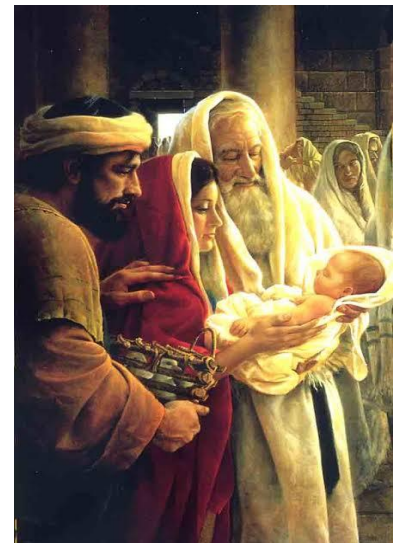
The second element is the old man Simeon who has been waiting upon God to work at the appointed time. He sought the 'consolation of Israel' amidst the frustrations and hopelessness of the Israelites who became prisoners of their own lands and locked out of the world of grace. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon found the Holy Family in the Temple and from their meeting came a beautiful poem, often recited in prayers before retiring for the night.

The third element is the presence of prophet Anna whose life did not pan out as expected. Seven years of marriage led to countless decades of loneliness. Yet her comfort is found in fasting, prayer, and presence in the Temple. Again, we are with the poor and seemingly abandoned woman far from having a successful. Yet Anna has the insight and is able to proclaim the message of redemption. She takes the initiative to come forward, recognizes the gift of the child, responds in thanksgiving, and proceeds to proclaim a message of hope to all who are lonely, poor, and downtrodden.

In the first reading, prophet Isaiah made references to the messenger, the Temple, and the purifying. The sons of Levi (Levitical priesthood) will come under scrutiny. Even as Jesus is presented in the Temple, Simeon and Anna are foretelling a cleansing of the Temple itself. This is carried forward in the excerpt from the Letter to the Hebrews where the priesthood and sacrifices of the Temple, the very Temple where the presentation of the Lord took place, is replaced by Christ.

In the second reading, it is understood that as the new High Priest, Jesus is successful in cleansing the Temple and expiation of sin. In a sense this brings the cycle of Christmas readings to a pinnacle: the celebration of the incarnation is the celebration of salvation. This allows us to know the Temple, the priesthood, the sacrifice, and the cost of discipleship as reflected by Joseph, Mary, Simeon, and Anna who are obedient in faith and practice. The faith itself will undergo change, and the institutions of practice will undergo purification.

(Reflections by Gerard Moore from Pastoral Liturgy, Year A, Vol 50, 1 and Australian Catholics; photo credit: National Catholic Register)



HAPPENINGS IN AND AROUND SANTA CLARA

YOUTH CORNER

FEBRUARY & MARCH PARISH YOUTH MASS CHANGES

Instead of having the Youth Mass in the first Sunday of the month, there are temporary changes in the next couple of months. Youth Masses will be on **16 February at 9.30am and 15 March at 9.30am.**

TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION AROUND LAKE MONGER

In honour of Our Lady of Lourdes, there will be a torchlight procession around **Lake Monger** on **Friday, 7 February at 7.00pm** with rosary and hymns. Congregate at the **Gazebo near Powis St down from the car park end of Dodd St.** This invitation is open to everyone especially families and friends and those of Rosary Confraternities and Legionaries. The paths are accessible to wheelchair and strollers. For those unable to walk (approximately one and half hours), there will be an area at the starting point to gather and participate in the rosary. Please bring your own chair. Please also bring torches as no naked flames are allowed. Contact Mignonne Goes on 0478 598 860 or Rosemary Bennett on 0421 580 783 for more information.

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2020

Enrolment to our **Parish Sacramental Program** is still open. This program prepares the children for the fruitful reception into sacramental life and helps them gradually increase their Catholic faith. This program is a partnership effort among the families, Santa Clara School, the Missionaries of Charity (catechists) and the Parish community. This program includes: a) Penance or Reconciliation (Year 3), b) First Holy Communion or Eucharist (Year 4), and Confirmation (Year 6). The children enrolled in this program will have to undergo a workshop together with their parents to enable them to have a better understanding of the Holy Sacraments. They also need to attend a Commitment Mass which will be held on **Saturday, 29 February at the 6.30pm Mass and on Sunday, 1 March at the 9.30am Mass in our church.** Collection of enrolment forms will be on the **7th and 14th of February (Friday) at 2.30-3.30pm at the Parish Hall.** Requirements for those who will be doing the Sacrament of Reconciliation or those who will be doing the sacraments in the Parish for the first time will be the following: 1) Enrolment Form, 2) Baptismal Certificate, and 3) Sacramental Levy of \$30/child.

PLENARY SESSION

Women and men are invited to a plenary listening and discernment session on the theme: "Open to Conversion, Renewal and Reform" to be offered on **Saturday, 8 February at the Catholic Education Office Ruislip St, Leederville** and facilitated by Dr Pina Ford, Team Leader Catechist Service. Please **arrive after 9.00am for a 9.30am start.** The session will run until 12.30pm and will include a morning tea break. **RSVP by Tuesday, 4 February** phone: 9397 5988, mob 0400 886 835, email: kerrymacfarlane2@gmail.com.

FIRE SAFETY AT HOME- DFES (www.dfes.wa.gov.au)

Every year, people die in house fires. Most die from inhaling toxic smoke and dangerous fumes. Sadly, most household fires are accidental and preventable. Losing your home to fire is a devastating experience with huge emotional and financial costs. By installing smoke alarms throughout your home and preparing an escape plan, you can help protect your family and property. You can reduce your risk and improve your safety by taking these simple steps:

- install mains powered smoke alarms;
- develop and practice an escape plan with household members;
- be alert when cooking and never leave food unattended;
- never leave lit cigarettes to burn unattended;
- stay warm safely by keeping all items at least one metre from a heat source;
- clean chimneys and flues regularly from built-up ash and soot;
- always stay alert when using anything that may catch alight or start a fire;
- never leave children unattended with candles, matches, and lighters;
- don't overload power boards, keep them free of dust and don't put items on top of them;
- if a fire starts in your home, leave immediately and call 000; and remember,
- do not re-enter a burning house under any circumstance.



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IMPORTANT PARISH INFORMATION

18-19 JAN 2020 COLLECTIONS

First Collection - \$ 555.95

Second Collection - \$ 547.45

BUSHFIRE CRISIS APPEAL Special Collection - \$ 917.55

WHY FILL UP PARISH CENSUS/ENROLMENT FORM ?

Being in the Census List helps the priest provides better ministerial service to our Parish community - such as anointing of the sick, providing communion and sacraments, giving school referral to students, and sacramental documentation. If you are **NEW** to our church, be a greater part of our Parish community and **let us know who you are** by filling up the **Census Form**. Our Parish wants to reach out especially to those who are new to the area or wanting to build on their relationship with God by being a part of a worshipping community. **Please don't hesitate to see Fr. Chris or phone 9458 2944.**

INCLUSION OF PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES IN CHURCH

The Church affirms that every person has inherent dignity and is created in the image of God. All human beings can know and love their Creator. The Catholic Archdiocese of Perth through the **Personal Advocacy Service** encourages local churches and communities to welcome people with intellectual disability to come and be engaged in the celebration of the Holy Mass.

SICK PARISHIONERS OR NEED A VISIT AT YOUR HOME BY THE PRIEST?

Are you unwell? Or do you know of someone who is sick and needs prayer or a visit at your home by Fr. Chris? Please let him know by dropping a note or by using the General Intention/Mass Offer envelopes or by calling the office at **9458 2944** from Tuesday to Friday at 9.00am to 12.00noon.

✳ **ACBC BUSHFIRE APPEAL COLLECTION** – A huge thank to all who generously gave to the Bushfire Crisis Appeal last weekend. The amount we collected was directed to the Bushfire Crisis Appeal of St Vincent de Paul.

✳ **MORNING TEA** – as it is the first Sunday of the month, there is a morning tea after the 9.30am Mass. Everyone is welcome. Thanks to the Fundraising/Social Committee.

✳ **SWAHILI MASS** – This Sunday at 3.30pm. Everyone is invited to join.

✳ **FUNDRAISING/SOCIAL COMMITTEE** – Over the first and second weekend of February (**1 & 2 February and 8 & 9 February**), the Fundraising/Social Committee will be selling raffle tickets for Valentines. **Raffle Draw: Sunday, 9 February** after the 9.30am Mass outside the church during the morning tea. **Takeaway food will also be on sale in the 8 & 9 February weekend.** Please support this fundraising activity for the renovation of our presbytery.

✳ **BIRTHDAY / WEDDING ANNIVERSARY BOOK** – please write your birthdays and wedding anniversaries on the **2020 Diary** provided near the church entrance. Print your name clearly in **CAPITAL LETTERS** so Father can pray for you on your special day during the Mass. **NO DEATH ANNIVERSARIES PLEASE.**

Plenary Council Prayer

*Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.
Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.*

*O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia
and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.*

*Give us the grace to see your face in one another
and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.*

*Give us the courage to tell our stories
and to speak boldly of your truth.*

*Give us ears to listen humbly to each other
and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.*

*Lead your Church into a hope-filled future,
that we may live the joy of the Gospel.*

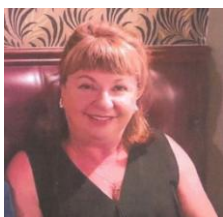
*Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
bread for the journey from age to age.*

Amen.

*Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.
St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.*



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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SAT	1 Feb	6.30 PM	Mass
SUN	2 Feb	7.30 AM	Mass
		9.30 AM	Mass – 1) RENATE DESMOND – who died on New Year’s Day R.I.P. 2) FOR THE EARLY CURE OF THE WUHAN CORONAVIRUS ENDEMIC VICTIMS
		3.30 PM	Swahili Mass
MON	3 Feb	8.00 AM	Mass
TUES	4 Feb	8.00 AM	Mass
WED	5 Feb	8.00 AM	Mass
THUR	6 Feb	7.30 AM	Benediction and Cenacle
		8.00 AM	Mass
FRI	7 Feb	9.00 AM	Mass
SAT	8 Feb	8.00 AM	Mass
		11.00 AM	Reconciliation / Confession

LITURGY AND EUCHARIST MINISTRY ROSTER

1 – 2 Feb 2020	6.30 PM	7.30 AM	9.30 AM
Commentator	Rhodora Zamora	Janise Bowyer	Sean Spiegl
Lector	Gilbert Meetoo	Hugh Cahill	Bernadette Villahermosa
Acolyte / Special Ministers	Cyril / Brian & Sandra	Bernie / Miriana & Janise	Alex / Sister & Ann
Ushers	Jimmy & Alice	Volunteer	Maria & Volunteer
Altar Servers	Sam & Abigail	Volunteer	Naomi & Zoe
8 – 9 Feb 2020	6.30 PM	7.30 AM	9.30 AM
Commentator	Leanne Bayens	Sandra Kelly	Danette O’Kelly
Lector	George Grainger	Hugh Cahill	Georgia Martins
Acolyte / Special Ministers	David / Jimmy & Alice	Albert / Miriana & Tilli	Bernie / Sister & Debra
Ushers	Ron Bayens	Volunteer	Maria & Volunteer
Altar Servers	Luke & Volunteer	John	Jocelyn & Mark

FLOWER ARRANGING AND CLEANING ROSTER

1 Feb 2020	Miriana, Josiane, and Ann
8 Feb 2020	Couples for Christ

WANT TO DONATE TO OUR CHURCH?

There are 3 ways you can give your donation for our Church:

- 1) Envelopes found at the Church entrance
- 2) **Direct Debit** (get a Direct Debit Form from our Finance Committee)
- 3) Via **EFT - Santa Clara Parish Bentley. BSB: 086-006, Account No. 6878 13154**

Thank you!

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

“Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the confidence of things not seen.” – Hebrews 11: 1