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2 February 2020

The Presentation  
of the Lord

Year A

**Entrance Antiphon:** Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

**First Reading:** *A reading from the prophet Malachi (3:1-4)*

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 days of old.

**Responsorial Psalm:** (Ps. 23)

**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:** *A reading from the letter to the Hebrews (2:14-18)*

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

**Gospel:** *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (2:22-40)*

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 turtledoves 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.

**Memorial Acclamation:** When we eat this bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

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

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday 01 February 2020, 6:30pm**

- Birthday Blessing for Natasha Lakahni
- Birthday Remembrance for the soul of Daisy Fernandez.
- Healing for Mary Fernandez who is sick.

**Sunday 02 February 2020, 7:15am**

- For the souls of Helen Minjoot, Teresa Noronha, John Ioo, Bertha Theseira

**Sunday 02 February 2020, 5:00pm**

- For the Holy Souls from the Fuller, Watts, Rowland, and Woods families.

**Note: Mass intentions envelopes & notices for bulletin are to be submitted/emailed to the office by Wednesday 6pm.**

## PASTORAL CORNER

In this Sunday's Gospel, Mary & Joseph bring Jesus to a temple ceremony to offer him to the service of God, as the Law says, "Each first born boy belongs to the Lord." Simeon recognises Jesus as the Messiah, 'a Light for all nations!' Can you imagine how Simeon would have felt? He had so longed for this day.

Today we celebrate the Light that has come to us through Jesus and pray that we will shine with his brightness.

Sometimes we can see that God is at work in other people, particularly when they are doing kind deeds and using loving words. Is there someone you know who is a visible instrument of God's love? And Why?

Today find time to light a candle and reflect on why Light is used to symbolise God. Then this week pray for God's help to see his Light in a someone we find trying and hard to relate to.

### PRAYER OF ST. EMILIE

St. Emilie, Good and generous labourer of the Gospel. You who were attentive to the call of the Spirit in the church and reached out to all peoples regardless of religion, race or colour, give us this spirit to reach out in love, so as to reveal by our lives the infinite love of the Father for all humanity. *St. Emilie, pray for us. AMEN*

### PARISH MASS & PRAYER SCHEDULE

**Weekend Mass:** Sat: 6.30pm Sun: 7.15am, 9am & 5pm

**Weekday Mass:** Tues-Fri: 6pm

**Wednesday morning Mass:** 9am (Except 1<sup>st</sup> Wed, at 8am)

**Adoration & Rosary:** Tue: 9 - 10am

**Legion Of Mary:** Every Wed after Morning Mass

### Bushfire Crisis Prayer

Hear our prayers, O God, for the efforts  
To quench the fires that rage in our land;  
And, sustaining our spirits,  
Keep us graciously from all harm  
And give success to the work of our hands.  
We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

**Ash Wednesday** is on 26 February 2020. As is our practice the blessed palms from last year's Palm Sunday will be burnt to make the ashes. Please bring your palms from last Palm Sunday and leave them in the foyer by Sunday 16 February.

**Ash Wednesday Masses:** There will be a School Mass at 9am to which ALL are welcome and the usual Mass in the evening at 6.00 pm.

**2020 St Emilie's Parish RE Program Classes** will resume on Tuesday 11th February. There is still an opportunity to enrol your children on Tuesday 4th February 2pm and 5pm in the Church Foyer. Fees are \$25 per child or \$35 for two or more children with an additional fee for Sacraments. Cash or cheque only. For newly enrolled children we require a copy of their Baptismal Certificate. While we encourage enrolments to take place before classes begin on the 11th, we can still enrol children when the classes have begun. Enquiries Lyn Harkins on 0404 325 900 or email lharkins@iinet.net.au.

**Receiving Communion from the Chalice:** The recent outbreak of the Coronavirus is raising some concern within our community especially with regard to the reception of Holy Communion from the Chalice. While there has not yet been any official statement issued by the Archbishop's Office, we have been advised that Parishioners should make their own decision as to whether they drink from the Chalice or not. As a general rule, please note that anyone who thinks they have the flu, a cold or cold sores might, at any given time, consider not drinking from the chalice out of concern for others.  
(Fr. Jean-Noël MARIE)

**St Emilie Parish 2020 Sacramental Program Enrolments:** A reminder to all Parish parents, who have children making either the Sacrament 1st Reconciliation, Sacrament of 1st Holy Communion or Sacrament Confirmation in 2020, enrolment forms will be available in the church foyer from the weekend of 1st & 2nd February for parents to enrol their children in the Sacramental Program. This applies to children at St Emilie Primary School and children attending the Parish RE Program after-school classes. Children making a Sacrament are also required to attend a Commitment Mass. The dates for the Masses are **15th, 16th, 22nd & 23rd Feb**. Further details about Commitment Mass times and registration are on the Notice Board in the Foyer. Enquiries: Lyn Harkins on 0404 325 900 or email lharkins@iinet.net.au

**The Vines of St. Emilie** welcome all members & new members' meeting for the first time this year on 4th February Tuesday. Adoration and Rosary in church from 9am to 10am followed by the usual format of morning tea/coffee etc. in the small hall. Just a gentle reminder to let us know if you are unable to attend for catering purposes. Transport can be arranged for those needing it. For further inquiries please contact Mary on Tel: 93932128 or at the Piety Stall.

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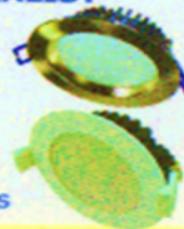
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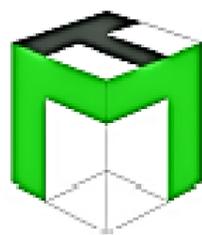
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