

NEWSLETTER

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The Presentation of the Lord

THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION is among the most ancient feasts of the Church. It dates from the fourth century in Jerusalem. The intrepid Spanish nun Egeria made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem in 381-383 AD and she kept an amazing diary for the nuns at home. It gives us much valuable information about the liturgy in Jerusalem. She reported that, forty days after the Christmas celebration, there was solemn procession to Constantine's Basilica of the Resurrection, with homilies preached and the Eucharist celebrated.

She writes: "The fortieth day after [Christmas] is undoubtedly celebrated here with the very highest honour, for on that day there is a procession, in which all take part, in the Basilica of the Resurrection, and all things are done in their order with the greatest joy, just as at Easter. All the priests, and after them the bishop, preach, always taking for their subject that part of the Gospel where Joseph and Mary brought the Lord into the Temple on the fortieth day... And when everything that is customary has been done in order, the sacrament is celebrated, and the dismissal takes place."

About 450 AD in Jerusalem, people began the custom of holding lighted candles during the Divine Liturgy of this feast day. This referenced the words of Simeon who said he had now seen *a light of revelation for the world*. Traditionally the feast in England would be called Candlemas and church candles were blessed on this day.

At first the feast was a relatively minor celebration. But then in 541, a terrible plague broke out in Constantinople, killing thousands. A period of fasting and prayer was organised and great processions were held throughout the towns and villages to ask for deliverance from evils, and the plague ceased. In thanksgiving, the feast of the Presentation was elevated to a more solemn celebration and established throughout the Eastern Empire by the Emperor.

In Rome, the feast does not appear in the liturgical books until the seventh and eighth centuries. There it carries for the first time the title the Purification of the Virgin Mary. But in fact it spread quite slowly in the West.

In the secular calendar, the day signalled the end of winter - it is groundhog day in USA. Poet Robert Herrick (1591-1674) says this was the day to remove the Christmas decorations - and indeed the Presentation of the Lord is the last reference liturgically to the Christmas cycle.

"Down with the rosemary, and so
Down with the bays and mistletoe;
Down with the holly, ivy, all,
Wherewith ye dress'd the Christmas Hall."

Best wishes,
Tom Elich, Parish Priest




RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Who is this 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!

Malachi 3:1-4

Hebrews 2:14-18

Luke 2:22-40



Please pray for our departed loved ones, especially Aunty Joan Hendriks, Sr Joyce Tippet SGS, Sr Maureen Mitchell SGS, Lorraine Montiford, Maria Borzelleca, Jim McAuley, Barbara Stefano and Bette Ferguson **recently deceased and also for** John Fletcher, Gary Fletcher, Stan Grzegorzolka, Eloy Luciano, Rosa and Manuel Gutierrez-Cuervo, Barry O'Keefe, Ron Harrington, Elizabeth and Victoria Neuman, Mary, Patrick and Patricia O'Connell, Noel Nicholson, Muriel Jones, deceased members of the Begley and Bourke families and Patricia Vieyra.

Please remember the sick in your prayers - James Bates, Maureen O'Connor, Daphne Wallace, Carmen Turner, Marlyn and John Chester, John Clarke, Jan Low (nee Stefano), George Danen, Jennifer Tuck (nee Moss) and Diane Peck.



PRAYER REQUESTS

DATE CLAIMERS 2020

Wednesday 5 February Parish Council meet at 7:30pm
Thursday 6 February St Vincent de Paul meet at 6pm
Liturgy Committee meet at 7pm
Friday 7 February Drop in Morning 10am in the Hall
Sunday 9 February Opening School Mass 8am
Monday 10 February Finance Council meet at 7pm
Friday 14 February Anointing Mass 9:30am

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR 2020

Please mark these important dates in your diary for next year.

PENANCE (Year 5 children)

Parent workshop sessions

20 February 7:30pm OR 21 February 9:30am

FIRST COMMUNION (Year 4 children)

Parent workshop sessions

23 April 7:30pm OR 24 April 9:30am

Celebration of First Holy Communion 13-14 June

CONFIRMATION (Year 3 children)

Parent workshop sessions

30 July 7:30pm OR 31 July 9:30am

Celebration of Confirmation 8 and 10 September



BUSHFIRE RESPONSE: THANK YOU to all parishioners who contributed to last weekend's special Bushfire appeal. The parish has sent a donation of \$2,500 to St. Vincent de Paul who are supporting communities affected by recent events.

AUNTY JOAN HENDRIKS – it was with great sadness that the parish learned of the passing away of Aunty Joan Hendricks earlier this week. Aunty Joan was a highly respected Aboriginal Elder of the Quandamooka People of Moreton Bay and a past student of both Saints Peter and Paul's Catholic Primary School and Lourdes Hill College. She was a leader in the field of justice and reconciliation for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Queensland and was recognised both nationally and internationally for her work in furthering the understanding and appreciation of indigenous spirituality and culture. Aunty Joan was 84.

WELCOME – This Sunday we welcome Fr Peter Wieneke to celebrate our Sunday 5.30pm mass. Please make him welcome and we thank him for his valued assistance.

Sts Peter and Paul's school runs a **SUPPORT-A-READER** program for student in years two and three and are looking for volunteers to participate. The program is designed to develop reading skills and enhance literacy and is held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 1.50-2.55pm. If you would like to help please contact Mary Clarris via the school on 3399 1281 or email mclarris@bne.catholic.edu.au

VOCATION VIEW: A child's handful of pulled dandelions will bring joy to a mother. A small act of kindness will surprise a lonely heart. Who will bring joy and kindness today? Pray for Vocations. To speak about your vocation, please contact the Vocation Centre on 3324 3351



A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us.

A teacher asks her class to use the word 'dandelion' in a sentence. One child quickly puts his hand up. 'The cheetah is faster dandelion!'

NO PARKING please on the paved area in front of the church

CHECK OUT THE PARISH WEBSITE

www.bulimbacatholic.com

GET THE PARISH NEWSLETTER ONLINE

School newsletter: www.stspq.qld.edu.au

WANTED! - Interested parishioners and/or parents to join the 'CHILDREN'S LITURGY of the WORD' volunteer team in 2020

The 'Children's Liturgy of the Word' program (for children Prep to Year 2) is held concurrently with Sunday morning 8am Mass during school terms.



What's involved? A team of two volunteers are rostered one Sunday per school term to facilitate the session using pre-prepared material accessed anytime from an online portal. (<https://www.kidsliturgy.com/>). **Interested?** Contact Ana Croger 0407 628 389 or anacroger@gmail.com to join the team or to find out more! New volunteers are paired with more experienced volunteers and are invited to attend the an orientation session in March 2020. [Please note: As part of the Parish's commitment to the Archdiocese's Safeguarding Policy, volunteers working with children (considered a 'high risk' category) require a Blue Card (Volunteer), Police History Check and need to attend a mandatory 2 hour safeguarding training session arranged through the Parish Office.]

PARISH MORNING TEA VOLUNTEERS –

We are looking for volunteers to assist with hospitality after 8am Sunday Mass on a shared roster. Parish morning tea is usually held twice each month and is a vital parish community ministry. If you are available to help, please contact the parish office.



DROP-IN-FRIDAY Come and enjoy hospitality plus morning tea with some friendly people on the first Friday of each month in the Parish Hall 10am-12 noon. Learn to play cards. Join the knitting table or just join in the conversation. The first date for 2020 is Friday 7 February. All very welcome.

WE CELEBRATE WITH THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY OF STS PETER & PAUL THE BEGINNING OF A NEW YEAR on Sunday 9 February at 8am Mass. We congratulate the year 6 students on their elevation to leadership roles. The Parish warmly welcomes you to this celebration of the opening of the 2020 school year and wishes you every blessing from God in your learning and in your growing together.

PARISH LENTEN GROUPS – We are seeking interested parishioners who would like to be involved in leading a group this year, please contact the parish office.

ST THERESE OF LISIEUX – for the first time in 18 years, the relics of St Therese and her parents will visit Australia on a four-month pilgrimage. Our Lady of Mt Carmel parish will be the first place to host her on 6/7 February. Further information is available at <https://catholicmission.org.au/relics-of-saint-therese-of-lisieux> or by contacting Mt Carmel parish on 3397 1587.

LITTLE KING'S MOVEMENT caters for people with disabilities in social and spiritual activities and once a year conducts a Parish Appeal. Envelopes available at the church doors.

CATHOLIC HEALTHCARE LTD are holding an open day at **VILLA MARIA AGED CARE**, 171 St Paul's Terrace, Fortitude Valley. Saturday 22 February 10am-2pm. RVSP 1300 951 501

PARISH ROSTERS

Readers, Communion Ministers, Sacristans and Altar Servers

Team 2 - please arrange a substitute if not available

Children's Liturgy Roster

9 February – Francine Beg and Rachel O'Neill

Hospitality Roster

9 February – Sharon Foley and Lisa Kelly

23 February – Patricia Sevele and Carmen Wardle

Casserole Bank Roster

9 February – Team 2 please contact Erica Wilcox

+ Liturgy this Week 3 February – 9 February 2020

MONDAY	7:00am		Parish Mass at Lourdes Hill Convent, 50 Hawthorne Road
TUESDAY	-		-
WEDNESDAY	7:00pm	St Agatha	Mass
THURSDAY	-	St Paul Miki and companions	-
FRIDAY	8:30am 10:30am		Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Funeral service Aunty Joan Hendriks – Star of the Sea, Cleveland
SATURDAY	9:00am		Mass
SUNDAY	6:00pm (Saturday); 8:00am; 5:30pm		Mass: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Children's Liturgy of the Word during 8am Mass</i>
	<i>Readings – Isaiah 58:7-10 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Matthew 5:13-16</i>		

OTHER LITURGY AND PRAYER

RECONCILIATION	Saturday at 9:30am and 5:00pm
ROSARY/ANGELUS	Saturday before the 9:00am Mass
MEDITATION	4pm Lourdes Hill Convent, 50 Hawthorne Road, Hawthorne

ENTRANCE HYMN

ALL THE EARTH

*CHORUS All the earth proclaim the Lord,
Sing your praise to God.*

Serve you the Lord, heart filled with gladness,
Come into his presence singing for joy!

Know that the Lord is our Creator,
Yes, he is our Father, we are his own.

We are the sheep of his green pastures,
for we are his people, he is our God.

Enter his gates bringing thanksgiving,
O enter his courts while singing his praise.

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GLORIA *Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.*

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,
we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us

For you alone are the holy one, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim
your death, O Lord, until you come again.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us
Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us
Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

SHEPHERD ME O GOD

*REFRAIN Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
Beyond my fears, from death into life,*

God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.

Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,
You lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,
My spirit shall sing the music of your name.

Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,
Your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

A NEW HEART FOR A NEW WORLD

REFRAIN

*Create a new heart, Holy Lord,
beckon our lives through your word,
open our eyes to your call,
united as one for your world.
Heighten our minds to your thoughts,
Heal us of pride and of hurt,
may we go forth in your name
we pray our hearts change.*

The heart of the cross,
lowly and poor, calls us on.
Lord, it is you promising hope,
promising truth.



Restless,
the hearts who yearn for your peace in this land.
Deepen the dream justice brings life,
justice redeems.

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