



# ST LUKE'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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The Presentation of The Lord

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**FIRST READING** *Malachi 3:1-4*

*A reading from the prophet Malachi*

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**

*Psalm 23:7-10. R. v.10*

(R.) Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

1. O gates, lift up your heads; grow higher, ancient doors.

Let him enter, the king of glory! (R.)

2. Who is the king of glory?

The Lord, the mighty, the valiant, the Lord, the valiant in war. (R.)

3. O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors.

Let him enter, the king of glory! (R.)

4. Who is he, the king of glory?

He, the Lord of armies,

he is the king of glory. (R.)

**SECOND READING**

*Hebrews 2:14-18*

*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews*

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** *Luke 2:32*

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is the light of revelation to the nations, and the glory of your people Israel.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** *Luke 2:22-32*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke*

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 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.'

**REFLECTON** by Fr Michael Tate

*The Word of God for young and old*

In a time (in the Western world at least) when there seems to be a growing gap between the old and the young, it is good to reflect on this Gospel incident.

Is this the model for overcoming the distance between young and old in our culture? Can the young, like Mary, listen to the wisdom of tradition from an elder? Can the old like Simeon still be open to a moment of serendipity mediated by the young?

The answer is: 'Yes, when young and old come together around Jesus.' As Pope Francis remarks of this encounter: 'Jesus is at the centre.' (*Homily 2 Feb 2018*)

At whatever age we find ourselves, Mary is only too willing to place Jesus in our arms to fulfil our hopes and our yearnings.

Perhaps we could pause for a moment to accept the gift of Jesus placed in our arms and hearts so that we can say with Simeon:

'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace...' A young woman, still in her teens, a newly-wed cradling her newborn son in her arms, places that baby in the arms of a very old stranger who embraces her child with all the fervour of a now fulfilled hope.

## ENTRANCE

### 409 Praise the Lord

Praise the Lord! you heav'ns, adore him;  
Praise him, angels in the height;  
Sun and moon, rejoice before him;  
Praise him, all you stars and light.  
Praise the Lord! for he has spoken;  
Worlds his mighty voice obeyed;  
Laws which never shall be broken  
For their guidance he has made.

Worship, honour, glory blessing,  
Lord, we offer as our gift.  
Young and old, your praise expressing,  
Our glad songs to you we lift.  
All the saints in heav'n adore you,  
We would join their glad acclaim;  
As your angels serve before you,  
So on earth we praise your name.

## OFFERTORY

### 442 In Faith and Hope and Love

*Refrain:*

In faith and hope and love  
with joyful trust we move  
towards our Father's home above.

Christ, our star, our map our road  
To the Father's high abode.

Christ, our bread along the way;  
Christ, our rescue when we stray.

Christ, our shelter, Christ our friend,  
Our beginning and our end.

## St Luke's Monthly Morning Tea

Please join us for our parish morning tea  
following mass **TODAY**  
9:00am at St Luke's Green  
**ALL ARE WELCOME**  
Please bring a plate of food to share



## THANKSGIVING

### 404 Christ Be Our Light!

Longing for light, we wait in darkness,  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
Light for the world to see.

*Refrain:*

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others.  
Shared until all are fed.

## RECESSIONAL

### 425 Now Thank We All Our God

Now thank we all our God,  
With hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done,  
In whom the world rejoices;  
Who from our mothers' arms,  
Has blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love,  
And still is ours today.

O great and bounteous God  
Through all our life be near us!  
With ever joyful hearts  
And blessed peace to cheer us;  
And keep us in his grace,  
And guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all ills,  
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God  
The Father now be given,  
The Son and Spirit blest,  
Who reigns in highest heaven,  
Eternal Triune God,  
Whom earth and heav'n adore.  
For thus it was, is now,  
And shall be evermore.

# NOTICES

## Mass for the Anointing of the Sick

will be held at 9am on Friday, 7 February  
for those who feel the need for this sacrament



Mass will be followed by Benediction.  
Please feel free to invite others to this Mass who you  
feel may benefit from this sacrament.



“The **Little King's Movement**”  
once a year conducts a Parish  
Appeal, a Door Knock supported  
by some Catholic Schools. The  
Movement caters for people  
with disabilities in social and  
spiritual activities.

Today (and next Sunday), St Luke's will be collecting for  
The Little King's Movement – collection envelopes will be  
made available. If at this time you are unable to help  
financially you may be able to give some of your time or  
talents, if please contact the Movement.

Please give envelopes to Shirley Hallinan or place on the  
collection plates.

~ **A VERY BIG THANK YOU** ~  
from **Saint Veronica's Welfare, West End**



Thank you to those who donated their five cents towards  
missions last year. We were able to purchase four donkeys  
for the people in Sire Nekemte, Ethiopia. Those donkeys will  
help the Bethany Fathers in their work, providing access to  
portable water for families.

## THE CATHOLIC LEADER

Available from the churches this weekend for \$2

This week's edition includes:

- Queensland Catholics were named in the Australia Day honours list, including Orange Sky founders Nic Marchesi and Lucas Patchett.
- As three saintly relics make their way to Queensland, Carmelite Sister Catherine Ann reflects on the role the relics of St Therese of Lisieux played in her vocational journey to religious life.
- Queensland Catholic Kerri Brennan has been busy helping women from the country sell their crafts online to supplement falling farming incomes.

## SAINT OF THE WEEK - ST AGATHA



St Agatha has been honoured since ancient times, although very little is known about her other than legend. Early tradition describes her as a young, wealthy virgin who was devoted to Christ. During times when Christians were persecuted, she refused the advances of the consul Quintinian, who threatened to have her charged.

Agatha held firm to her beliefs and was subsequently tortured and martyred. In the early church, St Agatha was invoked against fire, particularly the volcanic eruptions of Mt Etna. She is also a patron against breast cancer.

### Contact Local Safeguarding Representative

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*If you have an item you would like considered for the newsletter please contact the Parish Office.*

# THE ORDER OF MASS

## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.*

## PENITENTIAL ACT

*Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our  
sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred  
mysteries.*

**I confess to you almighty God  
and to you my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,  
through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault (*striking the breast*)  
therefore I ask the blessed Mary ever-virgin,  
all the angels and saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

*May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.  
Amen.*

## GLORIA (when spoken)

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.**

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, (*all bow*)  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and is seated  
at the right hand of God the Father almighty,  
from there he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. **Amen.**

## AFTER THE PREFACE

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

## THE MYSTERY OF FAITH

1. We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection,  
until you come again.

OR: 2. When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
until you come again.

OR: 3. Save us, Saviour of the world,  
for by your Cross and Resurrection  
you have set us free.

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

*The Lord be with you.  
And with your spirit.  
May almighty God bless you  
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.  
Go forth, the Mass is ended.  
Thanks be to God*