

GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40

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 he 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 town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Holy Land Pilgrimage with Fr Thomas

Would you like to join Berala Parishioners for a Pilgrimage to the Holy Lands? Dates will be between mid Sept – mid October 2020 (including school holidays). COST: From AUD \$3890 PP (All Inclusive Land Package) Please contact the Berala Parish Office by Email info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au or by telephone 9644 7787, to register your interest or obtain more information.

IMITATION to all interested in Catholic music and its history.

Come to the OPEN NIGHT to celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of *The Gregorian Schola of Sydney* See and study digitized manuscripts with music copied hundreds of years ago including those composed by St Hildegard of Bingen d.1179. **Listen to the schola singing them.** Join with them and take part in Q and A. It is unlikely that such an opportunity will be repeated. **When:** Thursday, 13th February, commencing 6.30pm. **Where:** St Bede's Church, 43 Pyrmont Rd, Pyrmont. Bookings are essential and recommended early. Email Stephens.harry@gmail.com. Entry by voluntary donation. Enquiries 0418 230 322.

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday: 6pm (Vigil),

Sunday: 8am,
10am (Children's Liturgy),
6pm, 12noon (Polish).

THIS WEEK'S MASSES

Tuesday - 8.00am

Wednesday - 8.00am

Thursday - 8.00am

Friday - 8.00am

Saturday - 8.00am

Nursing Home Masses

NIL

Vietnamese Mass

7 pm - 1st Thurs of each month.

DEVOTIONS

Benediction: Saturday 7am and
2nd & 4th Wednesday of the Month
at 8.30pm

Rosary: Saturday 8.25am.

Vietnamese Divine Mercy Prayer:
6.30pm - 1st Wed of each month.

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation:

Saturday 4.30 - 5.30 pm
Or by appointment.

Marriages: By arrangement with
at least 6 months notice.

Care for the Sick: Any time. Please
call the Presbytery.

Baptisms: Preparation classes are
held in the Presbytery on the
1st Sunday of each month



Responsorial Psalm

R. 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!

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

This weeks readings - Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18;
Luke 2:22-40.

Next Weekend: 5th Sun Ord - Year A.

Readings: Isaiah 58:7-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5;
Matthew 5:13-16.

The Presentation of the Lord - Yr A - 2 February 2020

Josephite Association Meeting

The first Josephite Association meeting for the year will be on Sunday 9 February at 2.00pm in the presbytery. All welcome.

Cemetery Meeting

A Cemetery meeting will be held in the presbytery on Tuesday 11 February commencing at 10am

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

The first PPC meeting for 2020 will be held on Tuesday 11 February commencing at 7pm in the presbytery.

Visit Of The Relics Of St Thérèse Of Lisieux and Her Parents

The National Pilgrimage of the Relics of Saints Thérèse, and her parents, Louis and Zélie, will visit the Archdiocese of Sydney in February and March. A copy of the full itinerary can be found on the Backboard in the Foyer so that you are aware of where and when you can take the opportunity to venerate the relics of one of the Catholic Church's most popular saints and her parents who helped nurture her faith. The Parishes closest to St Felix who will be holding these relics will be;

- ♦ **St Joachim, Lidcombe** on Saturday 14th March from 2.30pm with an all-night vigil until 6.00am the next day.
- ♦ **St Therese, Padstow** on Sunday 15th March from 7.00am to 1.00pm and
- ♦ **St Peter Chanel & St Joseph's Berala** on Monday 16th March from 8.30am to 4.00pm.

Mass Intentions Recently Deceased: Bianca Troncone; Teresa Vu Thi Kim Lien; Linda Yusnanda

Anniversary: Bernard Danh; Eugenie Thien Tai Tran; Phaolo Minh Truc Le; Jean Marie An; Phero

Deceased: Mary Nuner; Carmen Nuner; Brad Fenech; Charles Nuner; Jes Nuner; Stever Nuner; Fr Jim Fallon; Noma Compton

Sick: Marie Abi-Saab, Tom Quilty, Jason Timbs & Bart Hennely, Dau (Xuan); Gerard Go; Fatima Fernandes; Marian Periera; Catherine & Lourdes Raspaniti; baby Alan Dien Quan Nguyen; Monina Rodriguez Pineda; Tenshi Asriel Magdaleno Arcenas; Rose Nuner; Maria Carta; Teresita Martinez; Maria Kovatsun; Frannie; Madelyn Nicole; Jun Ibarra; Abida Gill; Vo Van Kiet; Maria Bui Thi Don; Josette Ackad; Nivea Wani; Diana Emilie Perez ; Lillian Jaja, Billy, Fr Ray Farrell

Weekly Rosters

Sat 6pm 2 FEBRUARY		8am	10am	6pm
Comm	Kalisiana Mar	Philip Castillo	Anthony Rowe	
Reader	Emmanuel Icard	Ligaya Castillo	Helen Vujevic	Anthony Eltarraf
Acolyte	Joseph Bui (A)	An Dang (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
Minister	Gloria Booby	Mesake Mar	Jeannette Chong	Amelia Mezentsef
Minister	Cindy Hoang	Robyn Molloy	Bev Lamaro	Loreto Eduardo
Choir	St Anne's	SSOG	St Felix	Youth Choir
9 FEBRUARY				
Comm	Gabrielle Nguyen	Maxwell Asuzu	Mary O'Hea	
Reader	Gloria Booby	Kiara Asuzu	Emanuela Viner	Nhung Bui
Acolyte	Tuyen Tran (A)	An Dang (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
Minister	Emmanuel Icard	Thao Nguyen	Rosa House	Paul Ngoc
Minister	Cindy Hoang	Melanie Campisi	Tu Nguyen	Phu Nguyen
Choir	St Anne's	SSOG	SMMC	Sacred Heart
	2 February	9 February	Notes: <u>SSOG</u> : Singing Servants of God <u>SDMG</u> : Samoan Divine Mercy Group <u>SMMC</u> : St Mary Mackillop's Choir Group 2: Robyn Molloy, Rosa House, Jeannette Chong, Anna & Willy Gabut, Hien & Vu Bui (<i>Florist</i>)	
Altar Society	Group 1	Group 2 (<i>see notes</i>)		
Church Cleaners	SDMG	Polish Group		
SVDP	A Nguyen	D Rodrigues		
Children's Liturgy	Ligaya	Donna		
Morning Tea	E & B Valencia	J & S Fonseca		

Reflection

Recognize Jesus

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Discuss with the family the persons of Simeon and Anna as they meet Jesus. (Luke 2: 25–40)

Because Simeon and Anna lived lives of prayer and fasting in the Temple, they were filled with the Spirit of God. That is why they were able to identify Jesus as the Saviour even though Jesus was only a baby. To these two holy people, he was recognizable as the Redeemer who had been promised. Simeon described Jesus as “a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.”

We too are called to recognize Jesus as Lord. Together as a family discuss ways to recognize Jesus as Lord by praying and attending Mass, fasting, and serving others. As a family, decide on one specific sacrifice you can make in order to alleviate the suffering or need of someone you know.

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See Through Bible

Ever wondered what the relevance the Bible has in your personal life in this day and age? Join Fr Thomas as he presents a special Bible Study programme commencing Tuesday, 3 March from 7.30pm -8.30pm at St Peter Chanel Church, Berala. To secure your spot, you can book online: <https://www.trybooking.com/BHQTO>. Alternatively, contact the Berala Parish Office on 9644 7787. Registration Fee is \$5.

2020 Lenten Program

This year we will order the Lenten Program from the Diocese of Wollongong once again. It is themed 'Grace'. If you have a group of people and would like to do this Lenten Program please let the Parish office know how many books you require. Alternatively, you may wish to do your own personal devotional reading. Ash Wednesday is on 26 February.

Devotions to Honour Our Lady of Lourdes

Mass and Blessing of the Sick will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, Earlwood, on Sunday the 9 February 2020 (behind Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Earlwood), entrance via St. James Avenue, Earlwood, commencing with recitation of the Rosary at 2:30 p.m. followed by Mass and the Blessing of the Sick at 3:00 p.m. The Principal celebrant will be The Reverend Fr Brian Lucas.

Some parking for disabled people is available in the school grounds and general parking in the nearby council car park.

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org.

You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM REQUEST FORM

Would you like to become a regular contributor to the Parish?

If so, please fill in this slip and return it to the Parish Office. Otherwise send an e-mail with your details to Marie at admin@stfelixparish.org.au

Name..... Telephone No.:

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