

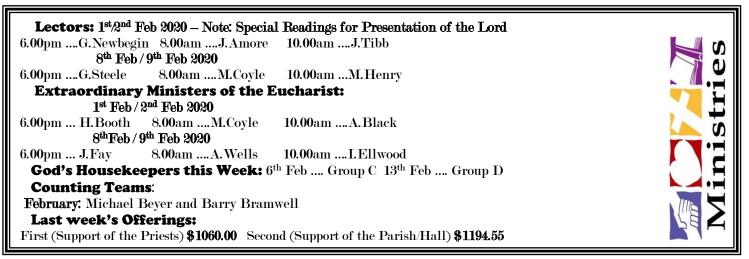
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Image: MondayThe Presentation of the LordMonday9.00amMass of Monday Ord. Time week 4, yr II		
Tuesday { 4.30pm { 5.00pm Wednesday 9.00am	Lectio Divina on last Sunday's Gospel Mass of Tuesday Ord. Time week 4, yr 1 Mass of Memorial St Agatha, virgin, m	
Thursday No Mass		
Friday (4.30pm	Scripture Rosary	> to end
〔5.00pm	Mass of Fri. Ord Time wk 3, yr II with And	ointing Human Trafficking
Saturday ∫ 9.15ām	Reconciliation	
↓► 11.00 am	Mass of Memorial St Bakhita, virgin	
Saturday 6.00pm M	ass of 5 th Sunday in Ord Time Yr A	
<u>Sunday</u> 8.00am M	ass of 5 th Sunday in Ord Time Yr A	PlenaryCouncil 2020
10.00am M	ass of 5 th Sunday in Ord Time Yr A	

●Bushfire Appeal: Through Vinnies, help those affected by the Fires. You can give on line at <u>https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-nsw-bushfire-appeal-vic</u> Thanks to those who contributed to last weekend's appeal, \$2156.15 was raised. *KFr Joe*

• Season of Light The season of Light is complete with the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. We bless candles this WEEKEND at Masses (details, see p2). These candles go to our homes to be a focus of prayer as we take the light of Christ to our world. We bear the Light of Christ throughout the year.

● In the tradition of St Blaise, the **blessing of throats** is offered after Masses this weekend. *∠Fr Joe*

•Buy a Ticket in our Combined Catholic Churches Raffle 2020. This is a Major Fundraiser for the Parish. There are **14 Prizes including 3 Cars**. Tickets are **\$2** each and can be purchased in the church foyer or from the Parish Office. Buy a ticket; support our Parish. $\not \approx Fr$ Joe



Joe: Forty days ago we celebrated the joyful feast of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Today we recall the holy day on which he was presented in the temple, fulfilling the Law of Moses and at the same time going to meet his faithful people. Led by the Spirit, Simeon and Anna came to the temple, recognized Christ as their Lord, and proclaimed him with joy. United by the Spirit, may we now go to the house of God to welcome Christ the Lord. There we shall recognize him in the breaking of bread until he comes again in glory.

Blessing of Candles:

Fr Joe: Let us pray. God our Father, source of all light, today you revealed to Simeon your light of revelation to the nations. Bless + these candles and make them holy. May we who carry them to praise your glory walk in the path of goodness and come to the light that shines for ever. **ALL: AMEN**.

Entrance Hymn

During the Week only

Lord Jesus, your light shines when we reach out to those in need. Lord, have mercy.
Christ Jesus, your crucifixion has won a power we can rely on. Christ, have mercy.
Lord Jesus, your light shines in good works to the glory of God.Lord, have mercy.

FIRST READING: Malachi 3:1-4 The Lord who you seek will come to his temple.

> RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

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 !

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Who is the king of glory?

The Lord, the mighty, the valiant, the Lord, the valiant in war.

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O gates, lift high, your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory !

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Who is the king of glory? He, the Lord of armies, he is the king of glory.

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SECOND READING: Hebrews 2:14-18 He had to be made like us in all things.

➢ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! This is the light of revelation to the Nations, And the glory of your people, Israel. Alleluia!

➤ GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40

My eyes have seen your saving power.

Please pray for those who are sick especially:

John Coughlin, Mike Henry, Denise Vidoni, Maurice Sikorski, Denise Marmion, Mark Burns, Jenny Brewer, Hank Morris, and all those who need our prayers. May they receive the Lord's comfort and strength.

(Because we respect your privacy – For people to be named on the list of the prayers for the sick: their names must first be submitted on an AUTHORIZATION FORM available in the church foyer or from the Parish Office.).

Please pray for Colin Corboy who died recently, and for Marc Moutou, Ray Young, Mary Wood and Cathy Crowe whose anniversaries occur about this time, and for all who have died. May they rest in peace.

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PARISH PRAYER

Father, pour out your Spirit upon the people of this Parish so that, inspired by your Word, nourished at your table and graced by your empowering love, our lives may be devoted to the service of our brothers and sisters and the building of your Kingdom. May our Parish Community truly be, for this place and time, the Body of Christ your Son, through whom we make this prayer. **AMEN**.

Responses during the Mass

Fr Joe. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And with your spirit.

✤ Penitential Rite: see p2

All: 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.

✤ Homily then Creed:

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, he 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 shall 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

★At the end of the preparation of the gifts:
Fr Joe: Pray my brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
(ALL STAND) now:

All: May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

Fr Joe: The mystery of faith.

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

DismissalFr Joe: Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.ALL: Thanks be to God.

Readings for next Sunday:
Ordinary Time Wk 5, Yr A1st Reading:Isaiah 58: 7-10Resp. Psalm:Ps 111: 4-92nd Reading:1st Corinthians 2: 1-5Gospel:Matthew 5: 13-16

WORD of God – are we Listening better? →Use these notes to pray through <u>Lectio Divina</u> on the text of this Sunday's Gospel:

Lectio: Our text in Luke's Gospel comes after the recounting of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem. The angels acclaim "Glory to God" and the shepherds are the first to see the infant Jesus at the invitation of the angels. But there is no mention of wise men visiting or Herod's massacre of the Innocents. The verse before our text records that the child was named Jesus and circumcised on the eighth day. But this presentation in the Temple (in Jerusalem) may have been a month after Jesus' birth according to their Laws for a mother's purification, as well as, for the dedication of Jesus, Mary's first-born. Remembering God's sparing of the first-born in Egypt, a first-born child was dedicated to God and then, as it were, brought back by an offering made at the Temple. These events in the Temple are directed by the Holy Spirit. Luke next mentions Jesus when he is aged twelve years old.

Read Luke 2: 22 – 40

Meditatio: Do I understand the rituals/customs associated with the birth of a child? What does my name mean to me? How have I been purified and/or dedicated? Has the Holy Spirit helped me to recognize Jesus in my life? How is Jesus a light for me, for the nations? Am I ready to face the good **and** the bad times in my life? Have I learned lessons through facing up to bad times? Will I be a faithful servant of God into my old age? Has God surprised me? Where am I on my journey to maturity?

Oratio: Pray for parent in their care of their infant and young children. Pray that parents will not delay having their children baptized. Pray to be open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. Pray that Jesus will be a light to the nations. Pray for an acceptance of the challenges/crosses of life. Pray that the seeds of faith given at Baptism will come to maturity especially from within families.

Contemplatio – Dwell in stillness, simply aware of the boundless expanse of mercy that surrounds you.

After your prayer – Use a blessed candle as a focus of prayer in your home. \bowtie Fr Joe

Coming Events in 2020 2020 – Plenary Council Year

- ullet 30th Jan 7th Feb Novena to St Bakhita
- $1^{st/2^{nd}}$ Feb.- blessing of candles & throats
- 4th February Pastoral Council meeting
- Performance Pastoral Council mee
 26th February Ash Wednesday
- 12th April Easter Sunday



