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THE PRESENTATION *of the* LORD

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2 celebrates the 40th day since the birth of Our Lord at Christmas. The presentation is described in the Gospel of St. Luke, and according to the gospel, the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph took the infant Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem forty days after his birth to perform the redemption of the firstborn son, in obedience to the Jewish Law or Torah.

The feast is also known as Candlemas because the Mass of the

feast includes the blessing of candles to be burned through the year. It is a reminder that at His birth Christ was the light that came into the world, to illumine our hearts and minds with the light of truth, and the light by which we are led to the eternal light. The blessing echoes the words of the prophet Simeon who, on meeting the child in the Temple proclaims: "Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace... because my eyes have seen the salvation... a light to enlighten the pagans" (Lk. 2:29-32).

And with this feast the crib built for Christmas is put away for another year as we move through the season of Ordinary Time and towards the season of Lent.

Today the Church also prays in a special way for those in consecrated life, men and women in religious life as Monks, Nuns, Brothers, and Sisters whom Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI called the "watchmen among the People of God who perceive and proclaim the new life already present in our history."

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HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Holy Mass

Tuesday, 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 9:15 a.m.

Friday, 9:15 a.m.

Saturday, 9:15 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, 7:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Confessions

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Holy Rosary Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Rosters

Readers

8:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

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Holy Mass

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 8:15 a.m.

Thursday, 8:15 a.m.

Friday, 8:15 a.m.

Saturday, 8:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Confessions

Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

First Friday of the month, 6:15 p.m.

Holy Mass and Adoration

of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the month, 7:00 p.m.

Holy Mass in Latin

First Thursday of the month, 6:00 p.m.

Ghanaian Chaplaincy Mass

Second and last Sunday of the month,
11:30 a.m.

Vietnamese Chaplaincy Mass

Sunday, 5:00 p.m.

Rosters

Church Cleaning Group 1: L. Hale,

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L. Franco

Readers

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10:00 a.m. Belinda Martin,

Joseph Ojiba, Rosza Kazmer

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*Lord Jesus Christ, our Redeemer,
by the grace of your Holy Spirit
cure the weaknesses of your servants,
and mercifully restore them to full health.
St. Raphael the Archangel, pray for us.*

IN MEMORIAM

Kabalan Abboud, Pius Ari, Danny Azan, Betty Borg, Kathleen Bradbery, Paul Bradbery, Charles Bugeja, Dick Cahill, Gwen Cahill, Vince Cahill, John Lawrence Denmeade, Christine Derwin, Carmelo Galea, Carmen Galea, Maria Gambin, Maureen Gardiner, Joseph Gibrine, John Graham, Kathleen Gunderson, Simon Haddad, Keegan family, Khalil Khoury, Nouhad Khoury, Therese Khoury, Anthony Koop, Anita Valenton La Rosa, Betty McGrath, Jack McIntyre, Giovanni Molinaro, Sam Moussa, Samantha Moussa, Des Miller, Haydee Nursoo, Neville O'Sullivan, Doris Pickering, Emmanuel Tabone, Phil Thompson, Bernadette Ulbrich, Joseph Vella, Miriam Welangoda, Xian Xi (Joseph) Yao, Dib Zaiter.



*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

N O T I C E S

First Collection and Second Collection Contributions

With the current situation we are unable to take up our usual collections during Mass. Because of this, we have placed two boxes by the doors of the church for the first collection and the second collection. Your support of these collections is greatly appreciated. The money raised in the first collection supports some of the works of the diocese. The money raised in the second collection directly supports the works of the parish and helps us to meet our expenses and to continue to meet the costs and expenses of operating the parish. Thank you, especially, to those who are a part of the planned giving programme and use their envelopes to contribute each week to the parish. Your regular contributions are a great support.

You can also financially support the parish by arranging a direct debit. If you would like to set up a regular contribution, let us know and we will be happy to assist you with this. Or, if you would like to be part of the planned giving programme, we will be pleased to arrange a set of envelopes for you for regular contributions which greatly assist the parish in planning the work we carry out.

Revocation of the Dispensation from the Obligation to Attend Mass

As of Wednesday, 15 December, the Bishop of Parramatta has revoked the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass. The dispensation was granted during the time of public health restrictions, but with the lifting of most restrictions, the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday has been re-instated and the Sunday obligation is imposed.

Candlemas and the Blessing of Candles Wednesday, 2 February

The Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, known as Candlemas, this Wednesday. As is traditional, candles are blessed on this day.

If you have candles that you would like to be blessed, please bring these to Mass at either Holy Trinity Church at 8:15 a.m. or Holy Family Church at 6:00 p.m.

First Holy Communion Preparation and First Confessions

The Holy Masses for the reception of first Holy Communion scheduled originally for last year will be offered on 19 February at Holy Family Church and on 26 February at Holy Trinity Church.

The preparation for these Masses will be held on 17 February at Holy Family Church and on 24 February at Holy Trinity Church, followed by the Sacrament of Penance (first confessions).

Further details have been sent to those who have enrolled their children for these Sacraments.

These Masses are for those who enrolled for the Sacrament last year. For those in year 3 this year, Masses will be arranged later this year.

New Parish Bank Account Details

If you would like to make a contribution, either regularly or as a one-off, the new bank account details for the parish are:

BSB: 067-950

account number: 00007247

account name: Granville Catholic Parish of the Holy Cross

Thank you and may God bless you for your support and your generosity.

Shrove Tuesday Burning of Palms and Burial of the Alleluia and Pancake Supper

On Shrove Tuesday, 1 March, we will hold our usual Burning of the Palms and Burial of the Alleluia followed by our pancake supper. This will be held at Holy Family Church beginning with Mass at 6:00 p.m. and then followed by the burning of palms and the burial of the Alleluia. If you can help by preparing pancakes to be brought for our pancake supper, please speak with Fr. Andrew.

N.S.W. Government Public Health Restrictions Extended to 28 February

The N.S.W. Government has extended the public health restrictions to 28 February.

Please use hand sanitiser and note that **face masks are mandatory**. Checking-in by use of the government QR code or by manually completing the sign-in sheets is also compulsory as it is for other places in order to assist with notifications of case alerts and contact tracing when necessary.

Please be aware that if you do not check-in on arrival that the N.S.W. Government can impose fines on individuals. N.S.W. Police and N.S.W. Health officials may conduct spot checks on individuals to ensure compliance.

Government Public Health Requirements

1. Check-in using the QR code.
2. Wear a face mask indoors.
3. Maintain social distancing.

Please assist the churches to remain open by following these simple requirements which are for our sake and for the sake of the common good.

CANDLEMAS *and the* PRESENTATION *in* THE TEMPLE



The Catholic Feast of Candlemas has an ancient and interesting history. This feast commemorates the Blessed Mother's obedience to the Jewish law of presenting herself for purification 40 days after the birth of a male child. And we also see St. Joseph offering the redemption of the firstborn male according to the law of Moses. Mary and Joseph are in the Temple (Luke 2:22-38) at the same time as the old priest, Simeon, and the prophetess, Anna. Simeon had understood he would not die until he had seen the Messiah. Upon seeing Our Lord in Mary's arms, Simeon recites the canticle that has become known as the *Nunc dimittis*. "Now Thou dismiss Thy servant, O Lord... because my eyes have seen Thy salvation... a light of revelation to the Gentiles..."

A light of revelation to the Gentiles. The Mass for that day speaks of light. It is on this day that candles used in the home are blessed—hence, Candlemas. The blessing of candles represents Christ whose birth illumined a world shrouded in darkness. St. Anselm in the 11th century spoke of the blessed candle,

the wax, the wick and the flame this way: The wax is for Our Lord's flesh; the wick in the flesh is for his soul; and the flame is for his divinity.

The Church's blessing of the candles includes the bees, the wax and the faithful. This liquid comes from the labor of bees (symbol of purity) to the perfection of wax, and then goes on to bless the faithful. "That Thou would vouchsafe to bless and sanctify for the use of men, and health of body and soul, whether upon the earth or in the water." It is interesting to note that the following day, the Feast of St. Blaise, that these candles are used in the blessing of throats.

The first recorded history of this feast comes from a visitor to Spain in 380 to the Holy Land. She records a procession with candles on that day. She stated it had been an ongoing tradition for many years. Pope Sergius (701) prescribed a procession with candles. Interestingly, it was a penitential rite, with the priest in purple robes invoking God's mercy. The tradition of blessing candles for the home began at the end of that century and continues to this day.

In ancient times tenant farmers paid their rents on Candlemas. Farmhands and maids moved in with their new masters the day after Candlemas.

The Poles have a beautiful legend which states that Mary, the Mother of God of the Blessed Thunder Candle, watches on wintry nights for prowling wolves roaming the villages. With her Thunder Candle, Mary wards off the hungry wolves.

In many areas winter greens left over from Christmas were burned on Candlemas and their ashes spread on field or garden for a healthy spring harvest.

In Scotland children brought candles to light the schoolroom on this day. They also brought money for the teacher to purchase treats for the students. The child bringing the most money was King or Queen for six weeks. The King or Queen decided which afternoon in the week would be free time... (No word on what happened when it didn't end before Lent.)

Source: "Candlemas and the Presentation in the Temple," Sandra McDevitt, National Catholic Register (ncregister.com)



THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

*You are invited to bring your own candles to Holy Mass
for them to be blessed for use in your home*

WEDNESDAY, 2 FEBRUARY

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH at 8:15 a.m. | HOLY FAMILY CHURCH at 6:00 p.m.

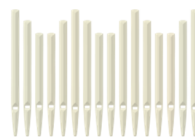
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to Protect the World
During the Coronavirus Pandemic**

O Mary,
you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain,
keeping your faith firm.
You, Salvation of the Roman People,
know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection.
Under your protection, we seek refuge,
Holy Mother of God.
Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial,
but deliver us from every danger,
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

Saints & STUFF CANDLEMAS



The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, or Candlemas, on February 2 each year also marks in some parts of the world, like Eastern Europe, the close of the Christmas season. This is why Pope St. John Paul II, who was from Poland, would have the nativity scene remain in St. Peter's Square until this day.

Historically, Candlemas Day was important in the lives of farmers. An old English song went: "If Candlemas be fair and bright, Come, Winter, have another flight. If Candlemas brings clouds and rain, Go, Winter, and come not again." So if the bright sun "overshadows" the brightness of Candlemas Day, there will be more winter. However, if the light of Candlemas Day radiates through the gloom and darkness of the day, the end of winter is near. In the United States Protestants replaced Catholic Candlemas Day with Groundhog Day to continue this custom.

CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother in the Order of Grace*

967 By her complete adherence to the Father's will, to his Son's redemptive work, and to every prompting of the Holy Spirit, the Virgin Mary is the Church's model of faith and charity.

968 Her role in relation to the Church and to all humanity goes still further. "In a wholly singular way she cooperated by her obedience, faith, hope, and burning charity in the Saviour's work of restoring supernatural life to souls. For this reason she is a mother to us in the order of grace."

969 "This motherhood of Mary in the order of grace continues uninterrupted from the consent which she loyally gave at the Annunciation and which she sustained without wavering beneath the cross, until the eternal fulfillment of all the elect. Taken up to heaven she did not lay aside this saving office but by her manifold intercession continues to bring us the gifts of eternal salvation... Therefore the Blessed Virgin is invoked in the Church under the titles of Advocate, Helper, Benefactress, and Mediatrix."

CATHOLIC Trivia

Candlemas Around the World

France and Belgium

Crepes are cooked and eaten today as a symbol of the returning sun after the winter months

Luxembourg

Children carrying lighted candles wander the streets singing, hoping to receive a reward in the form of sweets or loose change

Puerto Rico

A statue of the Virgin of Candlemas is carried in procession through the streets to the church followed by people carrying lit candles

Peru

A festival of culture, music and dancing is held each year and forms one of the three largest festivals in South America alongside the Carnival in Rio de Janeiro and the Carnaval de Oruro in Bolivia



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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

The Readings

Introit (Ps. 105:47)

Save us, O Lord our God!
And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise you.

First Reading

The Prophet Jeremiah (1:4-5, 17-19)

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations. So now brace yourself for action. Stand up and tell them all I command you. Do not be dismayed at their presence, or in their presence I will make you dismayed. I, for my part, today will make you into a fortified city, a pillar of iron, and a wall of bronze to confront all this land: the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests and the country people. They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you—it is the Lord who speaks.'

Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 70:1-6, 15, 17. R. v. 15)

R. I will sing of your salvation.

In you, O Lord, I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.
In your justice rescue me, free me:
pay heed to me and save me. R.

Be a rock where I can take refuge,
a mighty stronghold to save me;
for you are my rock, my stronghold.
Free me from the hand of the wicked. R.

It is you, O Lord, who are my hope,
my trust, O Lord, since my youth.
On you I have leaned from my birth,
from my mother's womb you have been my help. R.

My lips will tell of your justice
and day by day of your help.
O God, you have taught me from my youth
and I proclaim your wonders still. R.

Second Reading

The First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians (12:31-13:13)

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous;
love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or
selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love
takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the
truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to
endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of
prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the
gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and
knowledge—for this, too, the time will come when it
must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our
prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all
imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I
used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue
like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are
put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a
mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The
knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall
know as fully as I am known.

In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope
and love; and the greatest of these is love.

Gospel Acclamation (Lk. 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Lord sent me to bring
Good News to the poor
and freedom to prisoners.
Alleluia!

Gospel of Luke (4:21-30)

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is
being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the
approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious
words that came from his lips.

They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied,
'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal
yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened
in Capernaum, do the same here in your own
countryside."' And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no
prophet is ever accepted in his own country.

'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you,
in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years
and six months and a great famine raged throughout the
land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was
sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in
the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel,
but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.'

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was
enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of
the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill
their town was built on, intending to throw him down the
cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

Communio (Cf. Ps. 30:17-18)

Let your face shine on your servant.
Save me in your merciful love.
O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.