Presentation of the Lord - Year A  
2nd February 2020

Worship

Entrance Antiphon: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4.

Responsorial Psalm: Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! This is the light of revelation to the nations, and the glory of your people, Israel. Alleluia!


Universal Prayer Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

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

Dear Sisters and brothers,

We celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of Lord. Jesus, in solidarity with us, is being presented at the temple. We bless the candles this weekend to remind us that Jesus is the light to the nations and we encounter Jesus in the Word of God and the Holy Eucharist. May this celebration bring joy and peace to our families.

Joseph and Mary presenting Jesus in the Temple seems like a simple act of worship, but it foreshadows the end of Jesus’ earthly life. Joseph and Mary are handing over the child in their care to God the Father.

Their presentation is an act of honesty and humility: they’re admitting that this child is God the Father’s from the beginning, and they’re admitting that for them to be entrusted with this child is an honor they don’t deserve.

That’s where we can see a link between what Joseph and Mary were doing on the day they presented Jesus, and what human parents do on the day they bring their child to the baptismal font. Each and every child is not only a gift from God, but also belongs to God, from the day of his or her conception, all the way to the day of his or her death, unto the eternal life that God wills for each of His children.

So it was with Jesus. Jesus did not belong to Joseph and Mary. Jesus was not entrusted to Joseph and Mary in order for Joseph and Mary to be fulfilled. Jesus was entrusted to Joseph and Mary that they might prepare Him to fulfill the Law some thirty-three years later on Good Friday.

Joseph’s and Mary’s vocations were to prepare Jesus’ earthly path to Calvary. We can think here of the Old Testament story of Abraham presenting Isaac, his first-born, for sacrifice on Mount Moriah.

St. Luke the Evangelist in today’s Gospel passage foreshadows for us the share that Mary will have in the Passion of the Christ. Once Mary and Joseph have presented Jesus in the Temple, Simeon explains to Mary that “this child is destined... to be a sign of contradiction—and you yourself a sword will pierce—so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.”

Many blessings,

Fr. Anthoni Adimai SdM.
Administrator – Adelaide Cathedral Parish

Special Collection for the Day of the Unborn Child Appeal Feb 2nd

This Sunday, 2nd Feb is also the annual Day of the Unborn Child Appeal to support the work of pro-life organisations such as Birthline, Right to Life SA, MaterCare Australia and Genesis Pregnancy Support Inc. in the Archdiocese. A special collection will be taken up at all weekend Masses in the Parish. We thank you for your generosity.

Feast Mass of St. Blaise on Feb 3

The Feast Mass of St. Blaise will be on 3rd Feb at 12.10pm in St. Francis Xavier’s Cathedral. There will be blessing of the throats at this Mass and all are welcome to attend.

Feast Mass of Our Lady of Lourdes on Feb 10

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes Mass and anointing of the sick will take place on 11th Feb at 10am in St. Francis Xavier’s Cathedral. For more information particularly regarding the needs of those who are ill and need special arrangements, please contact Archdiocesan Events on: 8210 8220 or email: events@adelaide.catholic.org.au
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**ACP Scripture Study Program**

**“The Gospel of Matthew”**

For those who might like to take up to the Pope’s call for greater exposure to scripture, there are three places left in our module of the Gospel of Matthew. The sessions include small group discussion (one group in Vietnamese) and a 20 minute video lecture. The sessions are between 7.30 and 9.00 pm on Mondays in the Cathedral Hall. We invite participants to make any donation that is possible to support this Adult Faith Formation initiative. To help you discern your contribution, we offer you three levels of payment to consider; full cost $42.50, subsidised rate $28, concessional rate $20. The cost includes a copy of the Gospel, a commentary and a work book combined in one volume and access to electronic copies of the lectures. Participants should bring a Bible. For information on the module or the program contact Br Martyn on 0426884800 or at martynpaxton@gmail.com.

**Music Notes from the Cathedral Choir**

In this beautiful Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, the theme is centered on light, and we use candles to express our own intimate connection with the light of Christ in our lives.

Saint Sophronius once preached “Our lighted candles are a sign of the divine splendour of the one who comes to expel the dark shadows of evil and to make the whole universe radiant with the brilliance of his eternal light. Our candles also show how bright our souls should be when we go to meet Christ.”

So the Introit speaks of a “light of revelation to the Gentiles” and repeats this refrain at the Gospel Acclamation. Notice also the amazing line in the final hymn “unresting, unhasting silent as light”. Have you ever thought of what sound light makes? No, but the writer of that hymn, a Scottish poet and silent as light also the amazing line in the final hymn “and repeats this refrain at the Gospel Acclamation. Notice also the amazing line in the final hymn “unresting, unhasting silent as light”. Have you ever thought of what sound light makes? No, but the writer of that hymn, a Scottish poet and writer named Walter Chalmers Smith, did!

Again in the Canticle of Simeon sung at Communion we read “For I have seen salvation, Lord, and this may all men see: that light which is your Israel’s boast enlightening ev’ry land.”

Let us, like Simeon, “go forth in joy exult(ing) to see the baby boy; mak(ing) known to all this Light divine.”

Please contact the Music Director on 82108128 or tdavey@adelaide.catholic.org.au for more information. New choristers are always welcome.

- **Timothy Davey - Director of Cathedral Parish Music**
Prayer Requests

**Recently Deceased:**

Cathedral: Michael Paul.

Queen of Angels: Arnaldo Covino.

**Deceased Anniversaries:**

Cathedral: Kevin Colmer, and Seven Gavino.


Queen of Angels: Anna Marafioti and Yosef & Francesca Yurisevich.

St. Mary’s: Zygmunt Pavlak, Angela McDonald and Anthony Butler-Bowden.

**Sick:**


**Baptisms**

We offer our congratulations to the families of **Paige O’Brien and Alexander Little** who were baptised at the Cathedral of St. Francis Xavier. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

**Walk for Life on February 8th 2020**

*(Please note the Change in Venue)*

(Please note the change in venue from Victoria Square to at Pennington Gardens which is directly opposite St. Peter’s Anglican Cathedral, North Adelaide)

The new Extreme Abortion Law allowing Abortion to Birth is before the South Australian Parliament. Please join in the Walk for Life March to protest again this extreme law on February 8th 2020 that starts from Pennington Gardens, North Adelaide (opposite St. Peter’s Anglican Cathedral) at 9.30am and ends at Parliament House at 11.30am.

Please wear a white T-shirt. Love Adelaide T-shirts are available at the Sanctuary Surfers Shop. No megaphones and no signs. Posters will be provided for the event. Please obey the Police and Marshalls on the walk. This walk will be peaceful.

Bishop Greg O’Kelly SJ is planning to attend, along with Greek Orthodox Bishop Silouan Fotineas, and pastors of other denominations. Please endeavour to attend in large numbers, to send a message to our parliamentarians that such extreme abortion laws are unacceptable.

For more information on the event kindly email: info@clayandpotter.com.au or check details on Facebook: Love Adelaide.

You can also call Alan Tyson 8364 4516, 0412 389 875 or email: itm54au@gmail.com It is time to be the Voice for the Voiceless. Thank you for your support.

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1st Holy Communion classes begin today Sunday 2nd February at 11am.

The annual blessing of throats for the feast of St. Blaise will take place after both the 7am and 9.30am Masses tomorrow, Mon 3rd Feb.

Atrium begins on Friday this week (7th Feb). The Tuesday classes begin next week, Tuesday 11th Feb.

The Walk for Life will take place this Sat 8th Feb beginning at 9.30am Pennington Gardens (opposite St. Peter’s Anglican Cathedral). Please wear a white t-shirt. Please take a flyer to distribute.

Advanced Latin (Monday mornings at 10.30am) and Intermediate Latin (Wednesday mornings at 10.30am) classes begin this week, 3rd & 5th February. Please contact Felicity Millerd (8336 5749 or felicitymillerd@yahoo.com.au) for details.

Beginners Latin classes.
For absolute beginners a chance to gain a little Ecclesiastical Latin know how.
Classes commence next Monday, 10th Feb. Classes will be held in the evenings beginning at 7 pm in the meeting room.

This Friday is the 1st Friday of the month.

6.30pm: Low Mass offered for the deceased members and friends of our community
7.30pm: 1st Friday Devotions with Adoration continuing overnight.
3am–4am: Holy Hour for clergy
5.30am–6.30am: Holy Hour for marriages & families concluding with Benediction and reposition.
7am: Low Mass
8.30am: Sung Mass
Please feel free to come and spend some time with Our Lord in prayer.

We have a limited number of spaces available in 2020 for our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atrium program for 3-4 year olds. Atrium is held from 10am – midday on Tuesdays, beginning Tue 11th Feb. Please contact Lucia Snelling on 0407 378 159 for more information.

The 2020 Latin Mass Community events calendar is now available on orange paper. Please take a copy home.

Fr. McCaffrey in currently in Auckland on visitation, returning 7th Feb.

The volunteer requirements for a police clearance have recently changed. All volunteers aged 14 years and older are now required to obtain a police check before they can volunteer. Please see Fr. McCaffrey for more details.

Please remember the sick in your prayers, especially, Elisabeth Duluk, Anne Russell, Miki Caputo, Terry Hockley (Jess Marsh’s father), Germaine Miernik, Vincenza Martucci (Ines Barson’s mother). Please remember also the recently deceased, especially Beni Hasheem, Elizabeth Doyle, and also those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Just a reminder that all children need to be accompanied to and from the toilet, ideally by an adult family member. Please be careful of small children when exiting the car park after mass and a reminder to all parents to watch their children after mass.

It would be appreciated if you could park at the back of the car park near the creek first and avoid parking in the numbered spaces in front of Ellengowan Hall. There is more car parking available in St. Peter’s Street (across Payneham Rd), and also across the creek (off Nelson St). Thank you for your understanding.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word at Burnside

This Sunday we have the first Children’s Liturgy of the Word for Children at the 9 am Mass at St John Vianney’s Church, Burnside. We invite children of primary school age to join with the leaders for their own reading of the Gospel of the day taken from the Lectionary for Masses with Children. They will participate in interpreting and applying this message to their own lives at their level of understanding. We welcome parents who wish to join their children. The next Children’s Liturgy of the Word for Children will be on Sunday 1 March, which is the first Sunday of Lent.

Hospital, Prison and School Chaplaincy Information Evening

If you have ever considered this ministry you are invited to an information evening on the 4 February at 7pm. Ministry Formation Building, 127 South Road, Thebarton. RSVP aheinemann@adelaide.catholic.org.au or call 0403 831 241 for more details.

Safeguarding Children

Just a reminder that all children need to be accompanied to and from the toilet, ideally by an adult family member. Kindly ensure that children are supervised by an adult family member in the carparks at all times.

Fringe Organ Recitals at the Cathedral

St Francis Xavier’s Cathedral on Wednesday February 19, March 4 and 13. The Archdiocese of Adelaide with the Adelaide Fringe invite you to attend the Lunchtime Organ Recitals at the Cathedral. The recitals will run on three separate dates, all beginning from 1pm. The three organists this year are Jacinta Jakovcevic (Feb 19), Christopher Trikilis (March 4) and Sian Garder (March 11). Entry is free. All welcome. Please phone 8210 8220 (Archdiocesan Events) for any further information.