

*Diocese of Broken Bay Under the Pastoral Care of the Discalced Carmelites since 2008*

**2 February 2025, The Presentation of the Lord**

**Parish Mass Times:**

Monday to Friday: 9am  
Saturday: 9am, 6pm (vigil)  
Sunday: 8am, 10am, 5pm  
Public Holidays: 9am  
Rock Mass: Once a term

**Baptism:** Third Sunday of each month by appointment

**Wedding:** Contact Parish Office at least 6 months prior notice

**Morning Prayer:** Monday - Friday: 8:30am

**Anointing of Sick:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 9am or by request

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Saturday 9:30 – 10am concluding with Benediction

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 9:30am

**Rosary:** Immediately after weekday Mass and Saturday (8:35am)



**Every Monday**  
(during term time)  
Divine Will Prayer Group  
10-11:30am

**First Friday of Every Month**  
Exposition/Adoration at 7pm  
followed by Mass at 7:30pm

**Every Sunday at 10am Mass**  
Children's Liturgy

**Every Friday**  
(during term time)  
Lectio Divina; Zoom 10am

**Second Thursday**  
**of Every Month**  
Anointing of the Sick – 9am

**Monday 3 February**  
Divine Will Prayer Group  
Hall at 10am

**Thursday 6 February**  
Parish Craft Social Group  
Hall at 10:30am

**Friday 7 February**  
Exposition / Adoration at 7pm  
Mass at 7:30pm

**Sunday 9 February**  
100th Birthday celebration for  
Joe Mestres. Hall following 10am  
mass.



***“Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation.”***  
(Gospel)

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

Today's Gospel is our story because it parallels the story of how our parents took us to be initiated into the Christian community. Moreover, at baptisms we have attended, we have prayed that the child being baptized will be healthy, free from harm, grow in faith and not be a cause of grief, harm or shame in later life to family, friends or strangers.

We have all met Anna, a representative of the elderly women who are the glue of our parish communities, and who have held firm to their faith when those they trusted have faltered and failed. We have also met Simeon—men who have grown old gracefully, who beam with delight at the sight of infants being brought into the faith community by proud and loving parents; men who have wrestled with questions and struggled with doubts but have still stayed faithful to God. These characters stand as beacons of hope, trust and courage for us all.

Let us pray today that, like them, we will remain true to the God who loved us into life, especially when we struggle to reflect that love to others. Doing that will lead us to the day when, with Simeon, we can pray: *“Now, God, I am ready to go home to you in peace.”*

May God bless you, Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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Jennifer Perrott, Faith Facilitator  
Gerri Hadwen, Sacramental Co-Ordinator  
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Join us on Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> of  
February for Friday Holy Hour

The first Friday of every month  
*Eucharistic  
Adoration*  
at 7pm

Followed by Mass at 7:30pm



#### DIVINE WILL PRAYER GROUP

The Divine Will Prayer  
Group will recommence on  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> of February in  
the Hall at 10am. The  
group will meet every

Monday during term time. The prayer group  
reflects on the Hours of the Passion from the  
writings of Luisa Piccarreta. We look forward to  
welcoming you!

#### Prayer Zone



#### Please pray for the ill:

Bryan Walsh; Michelle Fisher; Fr Sergio  
Chauria; Jessie Chang; Amy O'Connell;  
James Frederick Riley; Tom Brewer; Sylvia  
Fishburn; Nicolette Harris; Marshall O'Brien;  
Helen McCarthy; Quentin Stewart; Rob  
Sanders; Anne Jardane; Naomi Upton;  
Vanessa Park; Rebecca Davies; Grace Cheah;  
Elizabeth Walsh; Maria Garcia; Jose  
Mestres; Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Thi Nguyen;  
Carmel Hadley; Fergus O'Brien; Michelle  
Soumier; Gracie Spencer; Brendan Stone

***If you know of anyone who can no  
longer attend mass due to illness; or if  
you have noticed one of our  
parishioners is no longer attending  
mass, could you please let Michelle or  
Christina know.***



Joe Mestres turns 100 years old this Sunday.

#### **Happy Birthday Joe!!**

Let us celebrate this special occasion next  
Sunday **9<sup>th</sup> February**,  
after the 10am Mass in the hall.

Please join us and bring a plate to share.

#### **FEAST DAYS - JAN/FEB**

Sun 2<sup>nd</sup>, The Presentation of the Lord

Wed 5<sup>th</sup>, St Agatha, virgin, martyr

Thurs 6<sup>th</sup>, St Paul Miki and companions,  
martyrs

Mon 10<sup>th</sup>, St Scholastica, virgin

Fri 14<sup>th</sup>, Sts Cyril, monk, and Methodius, bishop

Teaching them to  
**OBSERVE**  
all that I have  
**COMMANDED**  
you. And behold, I am  
**WITH YOU ALWAYS**  
to the end of the age.

**MATTHEW 28:20**

This weekend marks the beginning of a 4 week campaign looking for new catechists or rather being a part of passing on of our faith to the next generation. It is a wonderful opportunity to not only serve the Lord, as we are required to do, but to grow in our own faith as well. If you feel or have felt a tug in your heart, please speak to one of our catechists or Jen.

We are currently looking for 3 catechists to fill classes that are now vacant.

All training is provided. Other classes are available if you would be happy to share teaching a class. We also have some catechists away for the next 2 months and need someone to fill in. If you can spare 60-90 mins per week to plan and teach, that includes a 30 minute class, please contact Jen Perrott in the office on (02) 9144 6998 or 0415 242 898.

## Catechists Needed

**St Ives North**  
Tuesdays, 1pm Years 5 & 6

**St Ives Public**  
Wednesdays, 9:40am Year 1/2

**Turrumurra North**  
Wednesdays, 10:20am Year 5/6



**Tuesday,**  
**11 February 2025**  
**in hall**  
**at 12pm**

**CATECHIST**  
**MEETING**

**REMINDER**

Please let Jen know  
your attendance  
asap



## Social Justice Corner



### Holocaust Memorial Day

The world commemorated the 80th anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi concentration and extermination camp Auschwitz on Tuesday, 27 January 2025. Until the liberation of some 7,000 prisoners remaining at the site of the camp by soldiers of the Red Army, the Nazis murdered approx. 1.1 million people in Auschwitz, mostly Jews, but also Poles, the Roma, Soviet prisoners of war and people of other nationalities. On Holocaust Memorial Day, many nations, including Australia, also reflected upon the recent rise of anti-Semitic incidents in their cities. This includes the recent acts of antisemitism that have impacted our local Jewish community.

In his Angelus prayer last Sunday, Pope Francis warned of the "scourge of antisemitism." Pope Francis reminded us that "The horror of the extermination of millions of Jewish people and others of different faiths during those years must never be forgotten or denied." "I renew my appeal for everyone to work together to eradicate the scourge of anti-Semitism, along with every form of discrimination and religious persecution. Together, let us build a more fraternal, just world, educating young people to have hearts open to all, in the spirit of fraternity, forgiveness, and peace."

### A Prayer for Holocaust Memorial Day

*Loving God, we come to you with heavy hearts, remembering the six million Jewish souls murdered during the Holocaust. In the horrors of that history, when so many groups were targeted because of their identity, and in genocides which followed, we recognise destructive prejudices that drive people apart. Forgive us when we give space to fear, negativity, and hatred of others, simply because they are different from us. In the light of God, we see everyone as equally precious manifestations of the Divine and can know the courage to face the darkness.*

*Compiled by Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis, Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby and Senior Imam Qari Asim in 2020*



## PARISH SOCIAL CRAFT GROUP

A happy group for a relaxing morning every fortnight - bring your own craft or handiwork if you wish.

Next get together **Thursday 6 February 2025 @ 10.30am** in the Parish Hall. Enq.: Angela 0405 507 982



## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

**For vocations to the priesthood and religious life.**

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

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## The Word

### Sunday 2 February 2025: The Presentation of the Lord

#### First Reading

From the prophet Malachi 3:1-4

*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.  
The Word of the Lord.

#### Responsorial Psalm Ps 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

From the letter to the Hebrews 2:14-18

*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.  
The Word of the Lord.

#### Gospel Acclamation Lk 2:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

#### Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Luke 2:22-40

*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 turtle-doves 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.'

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 own 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.