2ND FEBRUARY 2014
PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - YEAR A

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The name of Jesus is the glory of preachers, because the shining splendour of that name causes God's word to be proclaimed and heard.

Gospel Reflection

The coming of the child Jesus to the temple to be presented to God according to the Law of Moses took place forty days after his birth. Today's feast day echoes themes of our Christmas celebration. Traditionally it has been a festival of light, with processions of blessed candles. The coming of Spring in the northern hemisphere provided a symbolic setting for recalling the appearing of the Light of the World.

The gospel reading from Luke's Infancy Narrative is a masterpiece, an apparently simple account that weaves together several themes that are fundamental to the gospel story he is about to tell. What a contrast between the prophet Malachi's description of the Lord coming to his temple and the scene sketched by Luke – in which all the characters are from the anawim, the poor and humble ones of God's people to whom first and foremost the messianic blessings were promised. Luke underlines the fact that the Holy Family made the presentation in fulfilment of the Law of Moses. Until his "hour" had come, Jesus himself was a faithful observer of the Law, the God-given prelude and foreshadowing to which he would bring fulfilment. He was truly one with us in the life we lead, as the reading from Hebrews reminds as: "because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help those who are tempted". Luke includes a moving detail, pointing to the fact that Joseph and Mary were not well off. The offering prescribed, in Leviticus 12, was a lamb; the pair of birds was the offering of those who could not afford the lamb.

The meeting with Simeon and Anna introduced the dimension of prophecy; Simeon gave God thanks and praise – echoing the phrases used by the prophets of old he declared what they foretold was being fulfilled: "a light to enlighten the pagans, and the glory of your people."

It is Mary that is at the centre of Luke's Infancy Narrative. He closes the scene with the mysterious prophecy of Simeon pointing to Mary's place in this work of God. Christian history was to bring a remarkable fulfilment of Simeon's words to the humble mother of Jesus.

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Gathering Hymn	**GA530** Gather Your People
Psalm Response	Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!
Recessional Hymn	**GA502** The Summons

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Mass Times

St. Bernardine's Church
25 Vergulde Road, Regents Park

Mon 3rd Feb	7.30am
Wed 5th Feb	9.00am
Sat 8th Feb	5.15pm *Reconciliation*
	6.00pm
Sun 9th Feb	7.30am, 9.00am

St. Catherine's Church
74-76 East Street, Jimboomba

Thurs 6th Feb	8.00am
Sun 9th Feb	5.30pm

Our Lady of the Assumption Church
Corner of Stoney Camp Road and Mt. Lindesay Highway, Park Ridge

Sun 9th Feb	7.30am

St. Paul de Chartres chapel
12-16 Fedrick Street, Boronia Heights

Mon 3rd Feb	9.00 am
Tues 4th Feb	9.00 am
Wed 5th Feb	9.00 am
Thurs 6th Feb	9.00 am
Fri 7th Feb	9.00 am

(*Friday only— Hostel Community Hall*)

Today's Readings:	Next Week's Readings:
Mal 30:1-4	Is 58:6-10
Heb 2:10-11, 13-18	Cor 2:1-5
Lk 2:22-40	Mat 5:13-16

We pray for those who have died, especially Gertrude Scamp and all our deceased relatives and friends, that they may enjoy the vision of God with those in heaven.

'The Gospel offers us the chance to live life on a higher plane, but with no less intensity: 'Life grows by being given away, and it weakens in isolation and comfort. Indeed, those who enjoy life most are those who leave security on the shore and become excited by the mission of communicating life to others'.

Para 10, from Apostolic Exhortation *Evangeli Gaudium*, Pope Francis, Nov. 24, 2013

What's Happening This Week

Sunday 2nd February
Presentation of the Lord
10.30am Baptisms ~ *St Bernardine's Church*
7.30am Hospitality after Mass
~ *Our Lady of the Assumption Church*
5.30pm Hospitality after Mass
~ *St Catherine's Church*

Monday 3rd February
9.30am Prayer Group ~ *St Bernardine's Church*
7.00pm St Vincent de Paul meeting ~ *The Hut*

Tuesday 4th February
7.00pm Flame of Love Prayer Group
~ *St Bernardine's Church*

Wednesday 5th February
10.00am Fifties Plus Group morning tea
~ *see notices*
6.30pm CLEO - Ladies Eating Out
~ *see notices*
7.00pm Baptism Preparation
~ *St Bernardine's Church*

Thursday 6th February
9.30am Craft Group ~ *Logan West Library*

Sunday 9th February
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4.00pm St Catherine's Church Committee meeting
~ *St Catherine's Church*

Fifties Plus Group will meet for morning tea at 10am on Wednesday 5th February at the home of Marie and Alan O'Brien, 15 Clabon St, Hillcrest. Please phone Christian for any further information: 0407 576 746.

CLEO DINNER Ladies Night Out

The CLEO (Catholic ladies Eating Out) DINNERS, are held monthly, providing an opportunity for ladies in our community to meet informally in a friendly, supportive group. Everyone welcome, especially new faces. RSVP would be appreciated.

Wednesday 5th February 2014 at 6.30pm
China Rose Restaurant
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