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The Presentation of the Lord, Year C —2nd February 2025

Luke's account of the presentation of the Lord in the Temple includes an instance of what is characteristic throughout his gospel: stories often comes in pairs, one with a male protagonist, the other with a female. Here the male and female protagonists are presented in one story. It is worth paying closer attention to the names Luke gives: Simeon, and Anna of the tribe of Asher. The names Simeon and Asher first appear in the account of patriarch Jacob's complicated family life (Gen 29-30). Jacob had intended to marry Rachel, but after the wedding night he discovered he had instead married her elder sister Leah. He did later marry Rachel too. In the meantime fertile Leah hoped that her bearing of children would bring Jacob to love her. Her second son was Simeon, said to mean 'Heard'. After Jacob married his beloved Rachel, she proved barren, and so she gave her maid Bilhah to Jacob in effect as her surrogate so that when Bilhah bore two sons Rachel claimed them as her own. Leah ceased to bear after four sons, yet still hoping for Jacob's love she copied Rachel's method and gave her own maid, Zilpah, to Jacob; Leah claimed each of Zilpah's two sons; she named the second son 'Asher', said to mean 'Happy', saying 'Happy am I! For women will call me happy', which is found in a modified form in Mary's Magnificat.

Luke's use of these names, Simeon and Asher, may be significant for their being the progenitors of the southernmost and northernmost tribes of Israel, such that the baby Jesus is metaphorically embraced by all of Israel. It may also be significant that both were second sons, one of a lawful wife and the other of a concubine, thus suited to play a part in the later frequent trope in Jewish and Gentile-Christian conflicts over who the true descendants of Abraham were: the children of the flesh (the elder son) or those by later adoption (the second son). In Luke's gospel the child Jesus was first visited by shepherds, the marginalised of society, however much lauded in the earlier Scriptures. Here he is warmly received by the Israelites, and yet we know that that point will not persist as the gospel unfolds since he will be rejected by at least the leaders of his people. Perhaps that point is that he is received by those who are attentive to the Scriptures, seekers after God and seekers of wisdom. Those who yearn for him do recognise him when he comes.

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First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4 (Year C)

Responsorial Psalm: Who is this King of Glory? It is the Lord!

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18 (Year C)

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

Gospel: Luke 2:22-32 (Year C)

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all.

This policy applies to Clergy, Religious, Staff, Parishioners, Volunteers, students on placement and Visitors to our sites.

For safeguarding inquiries or to raise any concerns, disclosures or allegations please contact our

Local Safeguarding Representative: Bob Snoke on 0419 247 698 sa.victoriapoint@bne.catholic.net.au

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MASS TIMES

SATURDAY

St Rita's Church

Reconciliation 4.15pm

Mass 5.00pm Vigil

COOCHIEMUDLO ISLAND

18 Jan & 1 Feb —Mass

(Liturgy of the Word with Communion – every other Saturday at 11am)

SUNDAY

St Rita's Church

Mass 7.00am & 9.00am

MACLEAY ISLAND

12, 26 Jan & 9 Feb – 1.45pm

(Liturgy of the Word with Communion – every other Sundays at 9am)

RUSSELL ISLAND

19 Jan & 2 Feb - 2pm

(Liturgy of the Word with Communion – every other Sundays at 2pm)

MONDAY

St Rita's Church

Rosary 8.30am

Mass 9.00am

Pro-Life Rosary 9.30am

TUESDAY

St Rita's Church

No Mass

WEDNESDAY

St Rita's Church

Rosary 8.30am

Mass 9.00am

THURSDAY

St Rita's Church

Rosary 8.30am

Mass 9.00am

FRIDAY

St Rita's Church

Mass & Adoration at 9am

MAREBELLO

1st Wed of Month – Eucharist

HEALING MASS

2nd Wed of Month – 9.00am Mass



ST VINCENT DE PAUL meet on 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month, at 10am in the Ruby Room.

Upcoming Meetings: 3 February, 17 February, 3 March and 17 March 2025



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anne.lucas@sudpqld.org.au

Together, we can help create a stronger, more compassionate community. **Let's make it happen!**

Christian Meditation

Thursdays at 4pm in St Rita's Chapel

For more information: please contact the Parish Office and your enquiry will be directed to Lorr Popple

HOSANNA PRAYER AND PRAISE

Meetings held every Tuesday at 7pm at St Rita's Church.



All welcome

WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS

WH&S, Maintenance and Improvements

Recent Activities – Painting of the ramp to the church entrance, Clean and service Gas BBQ's, New Lock to Church gate.

Current Tasks needing to be done – repairs to downpipe on OSHC building, removal /sale of chairs and tables on presbytery side patio, complete the painting of OSHC verandah wall, removal of mould and sanding/ painting of presbytery window sills doors and door frames (scheduled for 2025), 2 Large Trees to be removed from the Presbytery Grounds, painting of presbytery gutters and eaves (on hold), plaster repairs to ceilings in presbytery.

Possible Future projects depending on availability of funding – replace rotted-out fence posts (presbytery yard fence along side school oval), replace carpet in chapel and church.

For any issues that need attention PLEASE CONTACT TONY HARRIS via the parish office



ST RITA'S PARISH - VICTORIA POINT

MEET & GREET

PLEASE BRING A PLATE

1ST & 2ND FEBRUARY 2025
AFTER ALL MASSES



POPES' 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.



PRAYERS

For all those who are ill, especially Miles Muscroft, Nicola Hardaker, Sebastian Ricca, Elaine Prestney, Maddy Brown, Lucas Bernal, Annette Doherty, Alfio Tomarchio, Michael Quilty, Chris Venter, Doris Williamson, Fr Jim Browne, Alan Williamson, Helen Stockwell, Marlie Meehan, Denise Fowler, Emma Heinrich, Paul Trubody, Jela Cicak, Matthew Scott and those who seek healing in their lives and for all those who care for them.

ANNIVERSARIES: We pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time, especially Chris Smith.

DECEASED: We commend the recently deceased to the loving care of the Lord, especially Marie Hennessey.



The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Forty days after Christmas, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, an event that the evangelist Luke recounts in Chapter 2 of his Gospel. In the East, the celebration of this feast dates back to the 4th century. By the year 450, it was called The Feast of the Meeting of the Lord because Jesus enters the Temple and "meets" the priests, as well as Simeon and Anna, representatives of the people of God. Around the middle of the 5th century, we know the feast was also celebrated in Rome. At a certain point, the blessing of candles was added to this feast to recall that Jesus is the "light to the gentiles". Thus, this feast is also sometimes referred to as Candlemas.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Safeguarding training is Mandatory within the Parish.

Please make sure you are up to date with your required training at all times.

Training Essentials 1

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gOHA_4Ls2jw

Training Essentials 2

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8AASki-Sr1A>

BUS TRIP DATE CLAIMERS



Tuesday 29 April
Woongooroo Estate
\$45

Fun, laughter and wine tasting for those who like a wee drop.

Thursday 18th September
Carnival of Flower
\$45

Will be popular, so please get in early when bookings open.

Thursday 20 November
Christmas Celebrations
\$30

What better way to start the Christmas season than with our Parish Family?

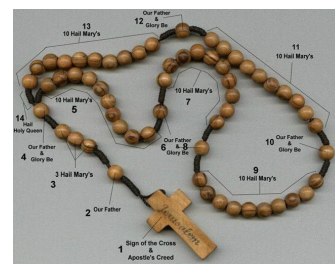
Further details will be given closer to each event. Bus will pick up at Benfer Road bus stop and the Marina.

MACLEAY ISLAND ROSARY

Wednesdays

9am

Holy Spirit Church



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Our faith will sustain us through challenging times.

Please keep supporting your Parish by continuing your weekly offering if you can, either by using our periodic direct debit or credit card facility or by direct deposit.

Our planned giving bank account details for direct deposits are as follows:

BSB: 064 786 **Account No:** 100027374 **Account Name:** Parish Donation - kindly reference your deposit with your surname and your planned giving number/envelope number if you have one.

Please contact the parish office for further information on 3207 9177.

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy spirit, Reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, Be glory and praise for ever. Amen. *(Pope Francis)*



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