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PARISH INFORMATION

www.stpetertheapostle.org.au

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Weekday Masses	Tuesday - Friday	9:00am
Reconciliation	Saturday	5:00pm - 5:30pm
Weekend Masses	Saturday	6:00pm
	Sunday	8:30am
	Sunday	10:00am
		5:00pm

Baptisms and Weddings	(08) 6468 6643
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Parish Secretary	Lesley Lockwood
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Sacrament Coordinator	Chris Neville (School Term)
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Sacrament Office	Parish Hall
Office Hours	Tue 8:30am - 4:30pm Wed 8:30am - 3:30pm

Parish Priest	Fr Jeronimo Flamenco Castillo
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St Peter the Apostle Catholic Church

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2 February, 2020

Presentation of the Lord Yr A

2020

Fr Jeronimo Flamenco
Parish Priest



GOSPEL REFLECTION by Diane Bergant CSA (Taken from 'Pastoral Liturgy')

Traditionally this is the fortieth day of Christmas. Though the Christmas season closed with the Epiphany, the Presentation brings us back to some of the Christmas themes. The feast is on the edge, a kind of hinge between the seasons of Christmas and Lent.

The temple is not merely a building where believers gather to worship God. It is sacred because it is the dwelling place of God on earth. Therefore, the coming of God to the temple was always a time of great anticipation and excitement. It promised blessing and rejoicing. The first reading declares that God will come to the temple in might and power. This coming will be terrifying. The sacred precincts have been desecrated and so God will come to purify it with fire and lye. This picture of purification is modified by the reading from the Letter to the Hebrews where we see that the purging and refinement are accomplished in the self-sacrifice of Christ

It took the eyes of the old man and the faith of an old woman to recognise that the Lord had indeed come into the temple. Ritually, it was the child who was redeemed. In fact, it is the world that will be redeemed by this child. He is the light that shines in the darkness of the world; he will enlighten all people, Jew and Gentile alike. This feast shares the theme of universality so prominent on the feast of the Epiphany. The king of glory opens the portals for the entire universe to enter.

PLENARY COUNCIL SESSION—REMINDER

Parish Hall on Saturday, 8 February at 9am-11am. A coffee/tea break included.
Forum 5: *How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is: Missionary and Evangelising?*

Feast Days this week

Wed 5 Feb—**St Agatha**—Venerated in Rome as a virgin martyr on this day since the 4th century. Remembered in legend for her faith and for remaining resolute under torture. Died in Sicily, perhaps during the persecutions of the third century.

Thurs 6 Feb—**St Paul Miki and companions**—A group of 26 martyrs crucified at Nagasaki (Japan) died on 5 February 1597. Most were Japanese and most were laypeople, some still youths. Paul Miki, aged 35 years at his death, was a Jesuit scholastic from an aristocratic Japanese family. Remembered as a notable preacher who inspired the local Church in his own time and in the centuries that followed to be strong in faith during persecution and isolation.

Mass Times next week

Tuesday:	9.00am	Wednesday:	9.00am	Thursday:	9.00am	Friday:	9.00am
Saturday:	Vigil 6.00pm						
Sunday:	8.30am	10.00am	5.00pm				
Reconciliation:	Saturday:	5.00pm - 5.45pm					

Good Neighbours

The next Healing Mass will be held on Wednesday 12th February in the Church Hall at 10.00am followed by morning tea. Anyone requiring transport please contact Marie 9275 6307.

All are very welcome and we would love to see some new members joining us for the new year.

A reminder to committee members that our meeting is scheduled for Monday 3rd February in the Parish House at 1.30pm.

PREP—Parish RE Programme

The parish offers catechism classes for children wishing to receive a Sacrament who are NOT in a Catholic school. We hold classes every Tuesday between 4 and 5pm (term time) in the parish hall.

To be enrolled or if you have any queries, contact Chris (stpetersstc@gmail.com) or come along to enrolment day next Tuesday, 4 February, to join one of our classes.

Classes will commence on Tuesday, 11 February.

Baptism Preparation Sessions

If you are having your child baptised in our parish, it is a requirement that you attend a preparation session prior to Baptism.

The next date for this session is **5 April.**

Further dates will be available in later months.

Please contact the parish office for more information.

Parish Meetings next week...

Mon 3 Feb Good Neighbours 1.30pm P/house

RCIA 7.30pm P/house

Tues 4 Feb SVDP 6.30pm P/house

Thurs 6 Feb Finance Comm 6.30pm P/House

Next week's readings (8/9 Feb) are for 5 Sun
Ord Time Yr A

1st Reading: Isaiah 58: 7-10

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2: 1-5

Gospel: Matthew 5: 13-16

Items from this week's 'Record'

Salesian camp, annual gathering of prayer and strengthening community bonds.....

Upholding the Salesian charism of Saint John Bosco, a group of 100 students from across the state – proudly referred to as the Western Australia Young Salesians – participated in their annual camp from 6 to 10 January 2020 at the Nanga Bush Camp in Dwellingup.

During the camp, the students aged 12 to 16, were given the opportunity to network, pray and further strengthen their faith through several activities and prayer sessions.

On the Monday, North Beach Parish Priest Father Hyginus Ebede celebrated Mass while St Mary's Cathedral Assistant Priest Fr Conor Steadman led in the Thursday outdoor Mass.....

KCLA strengthening youth leaders in their faith journey.....

The graduation Mass and ceremony for 11 student leaders from the 2019 cohort of the Knights Catholic Leadership Academy (KCLA) took place on Monday 20 January 2020 at St Mary's Cathedral.

KCLA Chaplain Father Stephen Gordard celebrated the 6.30pm Mass attended by graduates, KLCA staff, mentors, and family members of the graduates.....

Bushfire Appeal Mass: "Be the light in the midst of darkness" says Archbishop Costelloe

Perth Catholics have last weekend gathered at St Mary's Cathedral on Australian Day, 26 January for a special Mass for the victims and survivors of the bushfires as well as for those who have been, and still are, caught up in fighting the fires and in supporting the fire-fighters, and for all who have been affected in any way by this disaster.....

Parish Finance Update

2nd Collection/Planned Giving (26 Jan)

\$2,019.85

Family Fast (Jan) \$152.50

Direct Debit (Dec) \$944.00

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First Reading: Malachi 3: 1-4

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. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm: 23: 7-10

(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: Hebrews 2: 14-18

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. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: Luke 2: 32

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

Alleluia

Gospel: Luke 2: 22-40

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 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. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**