

# Our Weekly Prayers

Sunday Church Diocese The World Our Ministry Unit Those in need Anniversary	2nd February <b>The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemass)</b> Pray for the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia Pray for the Archbishop of Brisbane and Metropolitan of Queensland For our neighbouring countries in the Pacific Region Pray for clergy that support the cathedral For the aged and lonely
Monday Church Diocese The World Our Ministry Unit Those in need Anniversary	3rd February Anniversary of 1st Anglican Service at Sydney (1788) Pray for the Diocese of London, Bp Dame Sarah Mullally (England) Pray for the Ministry Units of the Southern Region Area Dean: Christopher Wright For our neighbouring countries in Asia For our those involved in Prison Ministry For those who look after others Ernest Hardin (2004), Barbara Campbell (2006)
Tuesday Church Diocese The World Our Ministry Unit Those in need Anniversary	4th February Anskar, missionary bishop in Sweden (d.865) Pray for the Diocese of Long Island Bp Lawrence C. Provenzano (USA) Pray for the Ministry Units of the Central Region. Area Dean: John McKim For all retired people For the Ministry Unit Wardens, members of the Ministry Unit Council (MUC) and the Cathedral Chapter For those suffering with mental diseases Florence Williams (1981), Hepsy Breuer (2011), Kellie-Anne Jones (2014), Benjamin Porter (2022)
Wednesday Church Diocese The World Our Ministry Unit Those in need Anniversary	5th February Martyrs of Japan (d.1597) Pray for the Diocese of Los Angeles Bp John Harvey Taylor (USA) Pray for the Ministry Units of the Northern Region. Area Dean: Michael Lindsay For the Prime Minister of Australia, the State Premiers and all MPs. For our ministry at Bolton Clarke Retirement Village For all families in crisis Dick Goon-Chew (2019)
Thursday Church Diocese The World Our Ministry Unit Those in need Anniversary	6th February Pray for the Diocese of Louisiana Bp Clark W. P. Lowenfield (USA) Pray for the Ministry Units of the Peninsular Region. Area Dean: Annette Woods For the refugees of the world For those who look after the grounds For those who see no purpose in life Joan Weston (2012), Nancy Pollard (2015)
Friday Church Diocese The World Our Ministry Unit Those in need Anniversary	7th February Pray for the Diocese of Western Louisiana Bp Jacob Wayne Owensby (USA) Pray for the Ministry Units of the Torres Strait Region. Area Dean: Chris Wright For the peoples and rulers of the countries of Europe For those on the fringe of our Ministry Unit For those with life-threatening diseases Arthur Castle (2008), Pauline Strid (2011)
Saturday Church Diocese The World Our Ministry Unit Those in need Anniversary	8th February Pray for the Diocese of Luapula Bp Robert Mumbi (Central Africa) Pray for the Diocesan Registrar, Fr Kevin Bourke For the children of the world For those who serve as Eucharistic Assistants For all people with disabilities Ronald Johnson (1994), Jean Manson (2017)

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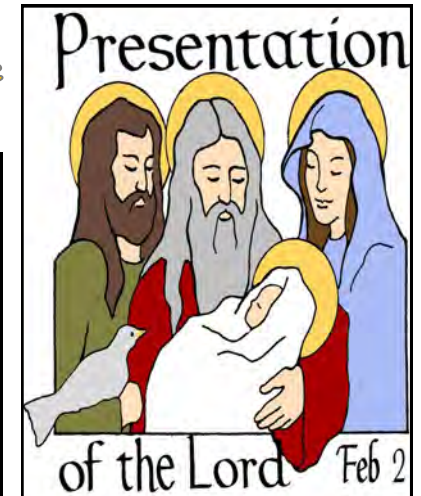
## The Presentation of Christ in the Temple 2 February, 2025

### REGULAR SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Eucharists:  
5.00pm (Sat) St Margaret's, Magnetic Island  
7.15am St Mark's, Belgian Gardens  
9.00am St James' Cathedral

Monday to Friday:  
8.30am Morning Prayer/Eucharist  
St James Cathedral

Wednesday Eucharists:  
12 noon St James' Cathedral  
5.30pm St James' Cathedral



### Welcome to our worship this weekend.

We hope that you enjoy worshipping with us, and we invite you to stay behind and join us before the service at St Margaret's or after the services at St Mark's or St James for a cuppa.

We are a warm and welcoming church, accepting of all God's people; a diverse congregation in age and backgrounds; a place where everyone is valued for who they are now and not just what they might become; a place where everyone is encouraged to grow in faith, hope and love.

For more information about us, or about weekday services, Baptisms, Weddings, and other activities in the Ministry Unit, please speak with someone over morning tea or contact Fr Kenneth directly on 0422 148 952.

As a congregation we acknowledge the Bindal and Wulgurukaba peoples. as Traditional Owners of the land on which our churches are built. We pay respect to Elders past, present and future. We value the traditions, cultures and aspirations of the First Australians of this land and hold in great significance the valuable contribution that Traditional Owners have made and continue to make within the Townsville Community.

## MINISTRY UNIT DIRECTORY

**Dean:** Fr Kenneth Lay 0422 148 952  
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## THANKSGIVING

Please consider direct deposit for your freewill offering to God's work in the Ministry Unit,  
**Account Name: Church Wardens of St James Cathedral General Account**  
**BSB: 034 222 Account Number: 250713**  
 ANFIN also offers a direct giving option. There are brochures on the back table to complete. It is also possible to complete and lodge the application online. If you wish to do this, please email Fr Kenneth (kenneth700@gmail.com) and he will send you the link.

# WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Day	Week	Event
Sunday	2nd	<b>Presentation of Christ in the Temple</b>
		7.15am Eucharist at St Mark's
		9.00am Eucharist at St James
Monday	3rd	6.00pm Evensong
		8.30am Morning Prayer/Eucharist
Tuesday	4th	1.30pm Eucharist at Bolton Clarke
Wednesday	5th	8.30am Morning Prayer/Eucharist
		7.00am Bible Study recommences
Thursday	6th	8.30am Morning Prayer
		11.00am Bible Study recommences
		12.00pm Eucharist at St James
		5.30pm Eucharist at St James
		8.30am Morning Prayer/Eucharist
Friday	7th	12.00pm Eucharist at St Paul's Charters Towers
		3.00pm MUC Meeting Charters Towers
Saturday	8th	8.30am Morning Prayer/Eucharist
		9.00am Friends of the Cathedral AGM
Sunday	9th	10.00am Baptism at the Cathedral
		5.00pm Service at St Margaret's
		<b>The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany</b>
		7.15am Eucharist at St Mark's
		8.30am Eucharist at St Paul's Charters Towers followed by AGM
		9.00am Eucharist at St James

D.E.A.P.

*(as close to midday each day as you can)*  
 Loving God, we lay before you the future of our Diocese with all its uncertainties and all its possibilities. Open our hearts and minds to the prompting of your Spirit, and guide all those who are charged with making the decisions which affect our future so they are aware of the plans that you have already made for us. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

PLEASE PRAY FOR  
 THOSE IN NEED:

Tracey, Annabel (baby), Betty Daly, Colleen Malcolm, Bronwyn & Stephen Wilson, Diane Main, Matthew Latimer, Denise Rougier, Dean Pointing, Millianna Davey, Kloudya Pollard, Anne Ryan, Betty McDonald, Gladys Bourne and the residents of our nursing homes.  
 To add someone's name to this list, you must first get their permission, then let Fr Kenneth or Rev Shirley know.



The first Evensong for 2025 will be tonight commencing at 6.00pm. The service is taken from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer and has always been a significant Anglican Service.

## CATHEDRAL REOPENS

After a quiet time and a break during January the Cathedral reopens this week for the usual hours. Thank you to those people who give of their time to allow the doors to be open for those looking for a place of peace and quiet.

## BIBLE STUDIES RECOMMENCE

The Wednesday Bible Studies at 7am and 11am recommence this week. In the leadup to Lent we will continue to look at the gospel passage set for the day. This week it's Mark 6:1-6

## LENTEN STUDY 2025

During Lent this year our study will use the "Hope 25" study books. The study can be done alone with reflections for each day, with the possibility of a weekly group discussion. Order your copy now.

## IT'S AGM TIME

The AGM season gets underway starting on Saturday, with the AGM of the Friends of the Cathedral at 9am. During February, Fr Kenneth will be away at Charters Towers (9th), Mount Isa (16th), Ingham (23rd) and Bowen (2nd March). The Townsville Ministry Unit AGM will be on Sunday 30 March following the 9am Eucharist at the Cathedral.

## FEBRUARY'S MISSION OF THE MONTH

This month, our mission focus is local, where we support the ministry of School Chaplains. For many young people the chaplain is the only Christian example they get, so please give your support.

## ARE YOU VISITING?

Thank you for sharing this worship with us this morning. If you would like to contribute to the funds of the Cathedral, you can use the QR code here, or place your offering on the offertory plate during the hymn.



Your contribution supports the ministry of our churches.

## WHERE TO FIND US . . .

We are on the web, Instagram and Facebook. To keep up to date, visit us often in all these places:  
 Web: www.stjamescathedral.com.au  
 Facebook: St James' Cathedral, Townsville  
 Instagram: @cathedral.tsv



**Sexual Abuse contact line: 1800 242 544**

## FIND THE WORD

All the words in the following grid are taken from some of this week's readings. Once you have found them in the grid, find them in the reading sheet and underline them there.

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| ASHER      | BEFORE      | BLESSED   | BROUGHT      |
| CHILD      | CONSOLATION | DAUGHTER  | DEATH        |
| DESIGNATED | DEVOUT      | FALLING   | FASTING      |
| FIRSTBORN  | GALILEE     | GENTILES  | GLORY        |
| GOD        | GREAT       | GREW      | GUIDED       |
| HOLY       | ISRAEL      | JERUSALEM | JESUS        |
| LAW        | LIGHT       | LORD      | MALE         |
| MANY       | MESSIAH     | MOSES     | NAZARETH     |
| NIGHT      | OFFERED     | PARENTS   | PEACE        |
| PEOPLES    | PIERCE      | PIGEONS   | PRAISED \    |
| PRAYER     | PRESENT     | PROPHET   | PURIFICATION |
| RESTED     | RETURNED    | RIGHTEOUS | RISING       |
| SACRIFICE  | SEVEN       | SIGN      | SIMEON       |
| SOUL       | SPIRIT      | STATED    | STRONG       |
| SWORD      | TEMPLE      | THEIR     | THOUGHTS     |
| TIME       | TRIBE       | TWO       | WIDOW        |
| WISDOM     | WORD        | WRITTEN   | YOUNG        |

## A GOSPEL REFLECTION

(Read Luke 2:22-40)



### Gospel Summary

In today's Gospel we read that Mary and Joseph honored God's law by taking Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem in order to present him to the Lord. There we encounter Simeon, a man of great faith who believed in God's promise that he would see the Christ of the Lord before he died. We are also introduced to the prophetess Anna, who worshiped in the Temple day and night. Following the presentation, the Holy Family returned to Nazareth in Galilee, where Jesus grew and became strong.

### Reflection for Parents

As parents we can appreciate the way that Mary and Joseph honored God's law by presenting Jesus in the Temple. Most of us have presented our own children for Baptism in our own parish churches. These are important events in the journey of faith. But the very end of today's Gospel, which speaks of the return to Nazareth where the child Jesus continued to grow, reminds us that it is in the days after and in-between such events that faith is lived out, learned, and strengthened in daily family life. What we say and do in the ordinary moments of ordinary days together helps shape who our children will become.

### Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

Recall Simeon and Anna, two elderly people of faith who are introduced in today's Gospel passage. Help your children recall the elderly members of your family and their ancestors who kept the faith throughout the ages. Show your children pictures of these faithful women and men, and share what you know about them. If you have kept a family tree in your Bible, review it with your children. As an alternative, create together a family tree that allows space for drawings, photographs, short stories, and the names of your ancestors in faith. Place this family tree in a place where all family members can see it and add to it.

### Discussion Starters

In place of discussion starters today, invite your family to take part in the following suggested prayer and action.

1. Prayer: Make a list of all of the elderly members of your family and their ancestors whose names were mentioned today. Read the names one at a time, inviting family members to respond, "Pray for us."
2. Action: As a family, think about an elderly family member, neighbor, or friend in need of special help or care. Decide on an action you can take as a family to help the person who comes to mind. Make a plan to take action within the next week.

# THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (CANDLEMASS) (Year C)

## Sentence

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.

Luke 2:30-32

## Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, we humbly pray that, as your only Son was presented in the temple in accordance with the law, so we may be dedicated to you with pure and clean hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. **Amen.**

## A reading from the prophet Malachi

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight -- indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Hear the word of the Lord,  
**thanks be to God**

The response to the verses of Psalm 24 is:

Happy are they who dwell in your house!

## Happy are they who dwell in your house!

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world and all who dwell therein. For it is he who founded it upon the seas and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

## Happy are they who dwell in your house!

'Who can ascend the hill of the Lord? and who can stand in his holy place?' 'Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn by what is a fraud.

## Happy are they who dwell in your house!

They shall receive a blessing from the Lord and a just reward from the God of their salvation.' Such is the generation of those who seek him, of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

## Happy are they who dwell in your house!

Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. 'Who is this King of glory?' 'The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.'

## Happy are they who dwell in your house!

Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. 'Who is he, this King of glory?' 'The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.'

## Happy are they who dwell in your house!

## A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has

the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Hear the word of the Lord,  
**thanks be to God**

## Alleluia, Alleluia

My eyes have seen your salvation: which you have prepared in the face of all people.

## Alleluia

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke, chapter 2, beginning at the 22nd verse

## Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when

the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed -- and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

This is the gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

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