

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PARISH MENAI

LIVING AND SHARING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE AS A GROWING PARISH FAMILY

Alfords Point Bangor Barden Ridge Illawong Lucas Heights Menai Woronora West



THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD 2 February 2025 Year C/1—Divine office Psalter Week 4

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Malachi
(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

(R.) Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

O gates, lift up your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! (R.)

Who is the king of glory? The Lord, the mighty, the valiant, the Lord, the valiant in war. (R.)

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! (R.)

Who is he, the king of glory? He, the Lord of armies, he is the king of glory. (R.)

Second Reading

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews (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

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (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 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

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Parish Office hours:

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9am - 4pm

Mass Timings:

Weekday: Tue - Sat 9.15am
1st Friday of the month: 7.00pm
Weekend: Saturday Vigil 5.30pm
Sunday: 8.30am, 10.00am

Blessed Sacrament Exposition

Tue - Sat: 8.30am - 9.10am
Fri - 8.30am Laud's music
8.45am Divine Mercy Chaplet
9am Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

1st Friday of the month (after 7pm Mass - 12am)

Lauds Tue, Wed and Thu - 8.45am

Reconciliation: Sat: 4.30 - 5.15pm
Or by appointment.

Holy Communion or Visit at Home:

Please contact the parish office to arrange a time.

Baptisms: 1st Sunday during 10am Mass and every 2nd and 4th Sunday, 11.15am (no baptisms during Lent)

Baptism Preparation Program:

11am on the 1st Sat of each month.

In your love and concern, please pray for all the sick and vulnerable members of our Holy Family community:

Bernadette O'Brien, Ivan David, Adelaide Buttigieg, Tony Trainor, Ilse Von Stamm, Anthony Mifsud, Dympna Fitzpatrick, Sandra Thomas, Frances Rupolo, Matthew McLachlan, Mark F, Robbert A, Charlie Callus, Carlos Simoes, Beatrice Gonsalvez, Matilda Oliver-Nalder, Angela Symons, Carol Galdes, Julie Gonsalvez, Robert Nicholls, Brad Jory, Jayden, Natividad Sora, Bernard Aclan, Julius Aclan, Jean Aclan, Geoff Eastgate, Joanne Mannah, Marie Collins and Chris Halvey.

We remember those whose Anniversaries and Special Prayers have been requested:

Joan Cameron, Richard Brady, Nancy Casey, John O'Regan, Domenico Brisigotti, Marilyn Nicholls, Johanna Nicholls, Justin Oliffe, Joe Bridgett and Peter Howlett.

Recently Deceased.

John Zaja.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. - Amen -

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

(all bow) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,

he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins

and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

AFTER THE PREFACE

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH.

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

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.**

PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

What's on at Holy Family Parish

- † **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** - Tue - Sat: 8.30am - 9.10am
 - † **Morning Prayer (Lauds)** - Tue - Thu 8.45am.
 - † **Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament** - Fri 8.45am
1st Friday of the month (after 7pm Mass - 12am)
 - † **Rosary** - Sat - 8.45am.
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- † **Children's Liturgy** - Not in the School Holidays
 - † **Daily Rosary, Rosary** at 8-8.30pm on Zoom, please text (ROSARY) to 0418 433 333 to receive the link.

THE Catholic Weekly

SUNDAY, 2 FEBRUARY 2025
PULPIT POINTS

- ♦ Senior Australian of the Year Br Oliver Pickett
- ♦ Theology of the Body deep dive inspires
- ♦ The Church's digital media awakening
- ♦ The limits of spiritual leaders: Philippa Martyr
- ♦ What we'll face when we die: Fr Flader

Available to purchase in the foyer. **Only \$2 please leave the money in the box provided.** Thank you.

Welcome to the new Principal of Holy Family Catholic Primary School!

Welcome to Phillip Tax as our new Principal at Holy Family Primary School.

Phil was a Principal at St Andrew's Catholic Primary School Malabar until 2024. He served as Principal at St Patrick's Catholic Primary School Sutherland, St Aloysius Catholic Primary School Cronulla, and St Brendan's Catholic Primary School Annandale.

Prior to his principalship spanning over two decades, Phil was the Assistant Principal at Holy Family Catholic Primary School Menai between 1996-1999.

For those that know him come and meet Phil after the 10am Mass next weekend, Sunday 9 February.

SACRAMENTAL COORDINATOR

Applications are now OPEN for the position of Sacramental Coordinator

This role is to serve as an active member of the Parish Pastoral Team, working closely with the Parish Priest and the Parish Team to prepare, implement and manage the parish programs for Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation of primary school aged candidates.

The position is for 15 hours per week during school terms. A detailed job description will be provided upon request. Enquiries and applications are to be sent by email to admin@holyfamilymenai.org.au by the 9 February 2025.

ROSTER FOR 8/9 FEBRUARY: (2ND WEEKEND) FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C		5.30pm	8:30am	10am	OTHER
	ACOLYTE	Ivan David	Peter Mauch	Adrian D'Mello	Counters: Jeff Low's Team
	READERS	Luce Dunn Hastie Family Bridget Nappa	Allen Oliver Maguy Nakhl Georgette Roumanos	Julie or Michael Monk John Shanahan	Children's Liturgy: Not in the school holidays
	WARDENS	Charlie Zammit/Benny Falls	George Szymura/Jim Montague	Cosimo Gioiello	Heritage Aged Care: Adam & Francy
	MUSICIANS	Parish Choir	Jeff and Sue Low	Emma (PowerPoint MP3)	Barden Lodge Aged Care: Linda & Margaret
	PIETY STALL	Michelle	Roslyn	Dianna G	



A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney:

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

Pope Francis on Christian Unity

Celebrating the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity last week, Pope Francis reaffirmed the Catholic Church's willingness to accept a proposal for a common date for celebrating Easter in the West and the East.

Noting that in 2025 the date coincides on the West's Gregorian calendar and the East's Julian calendar, Pope Francis said that "I renew my appeal that this coincidence may serve as an appeal to all Christians to take a decisive step forward toward unity around a common date for Easter."

The service marked the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which focused on this year's celebration of the 1,700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, which gave Christians a common Creed and a formula for determining a common date for the celebration of Easter.

Before the Council of Nicaea in 325, different Christian communities celebrated Easter on different dates; the council decided that for the unity of the Christian community and its witness, Easter would be celebrated on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox.

But the Julian calendar, which is what Christians used in the fourth century, was increasingly out of sync with the actual solar year, so March 21 – generally assumed to be the date of the Northern Hemisphere's spring equinox – gradually "drifted" away from the actual equinox.

In 1582, Pope Gregory XIII reformed the calendar, dropping 10 days and making the equinox fall on March 21 again. Most Eastern Christians did not adopt the new calendar, leading to a situation where Easter occasionally is on the same day, but Eastern Christians' celebration can be as much as four weeks later.

Pope Francis has reaffirmed on several occasions the position officially taken by St. Paul VI in the 1960s that if Eastern Christians agree on a way to determine a common date for Easter, the Catholic Church would accept it.



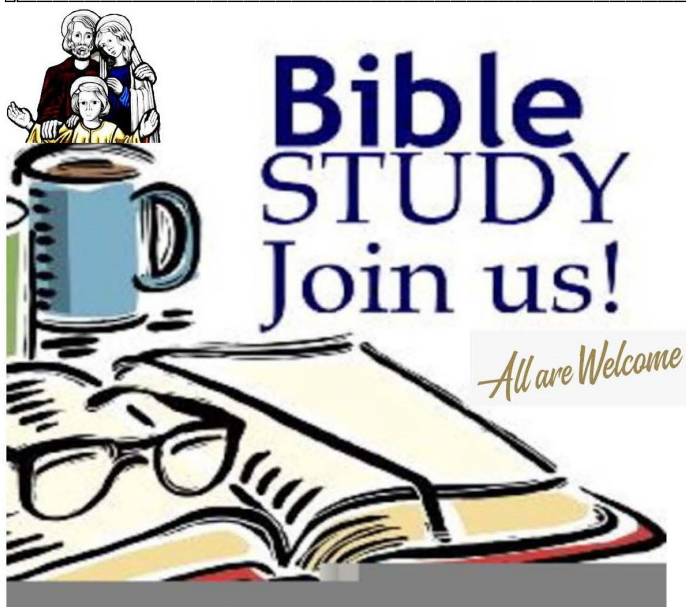
**BAPTISM
CONGRATULATIONS**
TO THE **CONN AND ELLIOTT**
FAMILIES BAPTISING THEIR
CHILDREN
**OLIVIA, SPENCER, BRODY
AND JAX**
THIS WEEKEND DURING THE
10AM MASS AT HOLY FAMILY
PARISH.

Wednesday 5 February - St Agatha

Died in Sicily, perhaps during the persecutions of the third century. Venerated in Rome as a virgin martyr on this day since the sixth century and included by name in Eucharistic Prayer I (The Roman Canon). Remembered in legend for her faith and for remaining resolute under torture. Mass 9.15am

Thursday 6 February - St Paul Miki and Companions

Died on 5 February 1597, a group of twenty-six martyrs crucified at Nagasaki (Japan). Most were Japanese and most were laypeople, some still youths. The first of many martyrs in a young Church. Paul Miki, aged thirty-five 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 at 9.15am



What?	The Gospel according to St John
When?	Every Friday from 7.30 - 9.00 pm, starting 21st Feb 2025 (Except during Lent & on 1st Fridays, it will be on Thursdays same time)
Where?	Church meeting room
What to bring?	Your Bible (NRSV or Jerusalem versions preferred)
Facilitators:	Margaret Keyes, Stella Hung, Adrian D'Mello, John Rickert, Katherine Branley, Fr Mani

Welcome Back Aquinas and Holy Family Schools!

A special welcome to Holy Family PS new principal Mr Phil Tax and all the new staff at both schools.

Holy Family Catholic Primary School children will be returning on:

- Monday 3 February - Years 1 to 6
- Tuesday 4 February - Kindergarten

Aquinas Catholic College will be returning on :

- Tuesday 4 February - Year 7
- Wednesday 5 February - Years 8 to 12