

ST. TIMOTHY'S PARISH NEWS

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PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - YEAR A

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*Lord Jesus
Christ, Light
of the
nations and
Glory of
Israel, make
your home
among us,
bless us and
enable us to
be a blessing
to others
that we may
reveal your
light, your
love and
your glory,
today and
always.
Amen.*

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Forty days after Christmas, we celebrate the Lord who enters the Temple and comes to encounter his people. In the Christian East, this feast is called the "Feast of Encounter": it is the encounter between God, who became a child to bring newness to our world, and an expectant humanity, represented by the elderly man and woman in the Temple.

In the Temple, there is also an encounter between two couples: the young Mary and Joseph, and the elderly Simeon and Anna. The old receive from the young, while the young draw upon the old. In the Temple, Mary and Joseph find the roots of their people. This is important, because God's promise does not come to fulfilment merely in individuals, once for all, but within a community and throughout history. There too, Mary and Joseph find the roots of their faith, for faith is not something learned from a book, but the art of living with God, learned from the experience of those who have gone before us. The two young people, in meeting the two older people, thus find themselves. And the two older people, nearing the end of their days, receive Jesus, the meaning of their lives. This event fulfils the

prophecy of Joel: "Your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions" (2:28). In this encounter, the young see their mission and the elderly realize their dreams. All because, at the centre of the encounter, is Jesus.

Let us look to our own lives. Everything started in an encounter with the Lord. Our journey of consecration was born of an encounter and a call and we were not alone with Jesus; there was also the people of God, the Church, young and old, just as in today's Gospel. It is striking too, that while the young Mary and Joseph faithfully observe the Law - the Gospel tells us this four times - and never speak, the elderly Simeon and Anna come running up and prophesy. It seems it should be the other way around. Generally, it is the young who speak enthusiastically about the future, while the elderly protects the past. In the Gospel, the very opposite occurs, because when we meet one another in the Lord, God's surprises immediately follow.

We have to remember that we can never renew our encounter with the Lord without others; we can never leave others behind, never pass over generations, but must accompany one another daily, keeping the Lord always at the centre. For if the young are called to open new doors, the elderly hold the keys. An institute remains youthful by going back to its roots, by listening to its older members. There is no future without this encounter between the old and the young. There is no growth without roots and no flowering without new buds. There is never prophecy without memory, or memory without prophecy. And constant encounter.

How good it is for us to hold the Lord "in our arms", like Simeon. Not only in our heads and in our hearts, but also "in our hands", in all that we do: in prayer, at work, at the table, on the telephone, at school, with the poor, everywhere. If we encounter Jesus and our brothers and sisters in the everyday events of our life, our hearts will no longer be set on the past or the future, but will experience the "today of God" in peace with everyone.

Extract from the Homily of His Holiness Pope Francis on the Presentation of Jesus 02February 2018.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION CORNER

“... they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord...” (Luke 2:22)

How seriously do you take being a Catholic? Is “being Catholic” something I just do when I attend Sunday Mass or attend one of my parish functions? It's easy to be Catholic then, it's harder to be Catholic when I am out in the world. Would someone recognize you as a Catholic by the way you act, dress, and talk? How do you present yourself to the Lord and to others?

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ACCEPTING ENROLMENT

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) MEETING

TUESDAY 4TH FEBRUARY AT 7PM

ST TIM'S FOYER

ALL NOMINATED MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO BE PRESENT.

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS IF YOU

HAVE NOT GIVEN IT FOR FUTURE CORRESPONDENCE.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU HOLD OR ARE IN THE PROCESS OF SECURING WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK.

THANK YOU.

QUESTIONS GOD WILL NOT ASK ON THAT DAY

1. God won't ask what kind of car you drove. He'll ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation.
2. God won't ask the square footage of your house. He'll ask how many people you welcomed into your home.
3. God won't ask about the clothes you had in your closet. He'll ask how many you helped to clothe.
4. God won't ask how many friends you had. He'll ask how many people to whom you were a friend.
5. God won't ask how big your pay check was. He'll ask you what you gave up for it.
6. God won't ask your job title. He'll ask if you did your job the best way you could.
7. God won't ask in what neighbourhood you lived. He'll ask how you treated your neighbours.
8. God won't ask about the colour of your skin. He'll ask about the content of your character.

ROSTERS:

6:00PM

9:30AM

EUCHARIST MINISTERS

◆ This Week	S. Chen H. Grealy	A. Benedict D. Hickman T. Hickman
◆ Next week	M. Italiano P. Naughtin	L. Cigana P. Kawalevski E. Mendes

PROCLAIMERS

◆ This Week	C: P. D'Cruz P: R. Grealy	K. Barritt T. Fernandes
◆ Next week	C: H. Lobo P: P. Kelly	A. Lee Sr. Betty

COUNTERS

This Week: Margaret Leach / Fela Colasanti
Next Week: Owen Grealy / Anthony Yeo

St Timothy's Parish would like to welcome our new parishioners and visitors. Please feel at home.

Introduce yourself to

Fr James / Fr Tony after the Mass.

They will be happy to meet you.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Diana Richards, Fr Peter Collins, Peter Hilliard, Paul Hilliard, Mary Grealy, Jack Odum, Greg Arelette, Ken Atkins, Caria Cassano, Eloide Leonardi, Vita Boccacci, Minetta Boccacci, Felicetta Boccacci, Roche Mariadasan, Kate Taunt, Margaret Howard, Jaime Narciso, Carmel McCormick, Frederick Bradley, Teresa Vu Thi Tot.

SACRAMENTS: Contact Parish office for Enquiries & Arrangement

- ◆ **Baptism:** 1st Sunday of the Month (9:30 AM Mass)
- ◆ **Reconciliation**
- ◆ **Marriage**
- ◆ **Anointing of the Sick**
- ◆ **Funerals**



The Sacraments

2020 FIRST EUCHARIST, RECONCILIATION & CONFIRMATION

- ◆ For children attending St. Timothy's school, preparation for these three sacraments is through the school.
- ◆ For children not attending St. Timothy's school, preparation and enrollment is through the Parish Office every Tuesday-Thursday: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM and Friday: 1:00 to 5:00 PM

MASS TIMES:

- ◆ Saturday: 6:00 PM
 - ◆ Sunday: 9:30 AM
 - ◆ Indian Mass: 12:00 NN every 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month
 - ◆ Mass in Vietnamese : 5:00 PM (All Sundays)
 - ◆ Adoration 7:30 PM every 1st Friday of the month
- VIETNAMESE ENQUIRIES: AHN LOC 0434 239 212 or ANH TOAN 0422 295 115.**

WEEKDAYS:

- ◆ 2nd Tuesday of the month, 10:30am (Strathdon)
- ◆ 4th Tuesday of the month, 10:30 am (Livingstone)
- ◆ Wednesday & Thursday, 9:15 am
- ◆ 1st Wednesday of the month, 10:00 am, Anointing Mass
- ◆ Every Friday, 10:00 am



POPE: DEVELOPMENT FOR ALL IS A MORAL DUTY

Everyone has the moral responsibility to seek the integral development of all people, but especially those who are in need, suffering injustice or whose lives are threatened, Pope Francis has told the World Economic Forum.

“The moral obligation to care for one another flows from this fact,” which must never be forgotten, that “we are all members of the one human family,” he said in a message read by Cardinal Peter Turkson, prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, to global business and government leaders attending the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland. He attended the forum as the Vatican’s representative.

The annual meeting has brought together people representing business, government, academia and media to discuss the theme, “Stakeholders for a Cohesive and Sustainable World”.

With the World Economic Forum celebrating its 50th anniversary, Pope Francis said it has offered opportunities “to explore innovative and effective ways of building a better world. It has also provided an arena where political will and mutual cooperation can be guided and strengthened in overcoming the isolationism, individualism and ideological colonisation that sadly characterises too much contemporary debate.”

GOODNESS OVERWHELMS CYNICISM

A Beautiful Day in the Neighbourhood is the story of a friendship between American children’s television icon Fred Rogers and the magazine journalist who profiled him. Source: ACOFB.

This drama was inspired by an article written by Tom Junod and published in *Esquire* magazine in 1998.

Rogers was the creator and host of a much-loved children’s program, *Mister Rogers’ Neighbourhood*. Junod inspired the fictional character Lloyd Vogel who is assigned by the *Esquire* magazine editor to do a story on Rogers. He approaches Rogers with cynicism, not believing Rogers could be as thoroughly kind and decent as his onscreen persona.

The film begins with Rogers introducing viewers to a story about a journalist by the name of Vogel. Rogers’ goodness is projected through a series of anecdotes. He loves animals, relates warmly and positively to everyone he meets, wakes daily at 5am to pray and swim, and enjoys taking photographs of everyone he meets to show his wife, Joanne.

In his interactions with Rogers, Vogel makes a personal journey from deep cynicism to awareness that Rogers is a person who emanates genuine goodness. The film is not a sentimental journey for the viewer. Goodness reveals its essence through the interactions of the two men with each other, and Rogers becomes a catalyst for Vogel to re-assess his conflicted relationship with his father.

It is a highly unusual film that works to undermine cynical perceptions of goodness. The film’s real strength lies in the way it reaches out in a very positive way to communicate inspiring ideals for grown-ups.

A Beautiful Day in the Neighbourhood: Starring: Tom Hanks and Matthew Rhys .

REFLECTING ON HELL DEEPENS OUR APPRECIATION OF HEAVEN

Hell is the final guarantee that what we do here and now really matters, says the author of a new book, *Saints Who Saw Hell: And Other Catholic Witnesses to the Fate of the Damned*.

“If hell doesn’t exist, then all roads lead to the same destination, whether it’s heaven, or annihilation, or something else. And if all roads lead to the same place, it ultimately makes no difference which road we take,” Paul Thigpen said.

“On the other hand, if our choices will lead us ultimately to one of two utterly different destinies, then our choices have crucially different consequences.”

Reflecting on hell, Thigpen says, deepens our appreciation of heaven. “The more horrible we understand hell to be, the more deeply we fathom what God wants to save us from, the more grateful we are that he desires to save us,” he said during a question and answer interview with Crux.

FAKE NEWS CONFUSING PUBLIC: BISHOP TIM HARRIS

Townsville Bishop Tim Harris has criticised extreme political narratives on all sides for misleading the public about climate change. Source: *The Catholic Leader*.

Bishop Harris said this reasoned and nuanced understanding was essential to enacting our “God-given” responsibility to care for creation. He said both narratives stifled the public’s capacity to find the facts where a careful, moderate approach was required.

“We’re here to do God’s work and God’s work is caring for one another and caring for our common home,” he said.

Bishop Harris’ comments came as he and North Queensland Anglican Bishop Keith Joseph yesterday released a joint statement calling out the impact of climate change and the need to take action.

“The overwhelming majority of scientific experts confirm that this particular episode of climate change is largely attributable to human activity, such as clearing of forests and the use of fossil fuels. This evidence is accepted by all of Australia’s major political leaders, including our Prime Minister Scott Morrison and our Science Minister Karen Andrews.”

ST THERESE ARRIVES WITHOUT HER PARENTS

The relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux arrived in Sydney for a four-month national pilgrimage, but the relics of her parents Sts Louis and Zélie Martin failed to arrive due to a “logistical issue”. Source: Catholic Mission.

The relics of St Thérèse were safely received by representatives from InvoCare and their subsidiary, WN Bull Funerals. They are currently at the Carmel Varroville, where they were officially welcomed in an afternoon ceremony.

However, Catholic Mission and InvoCare were informed yesterday by Singapore Airlines that a logistical issue prevented the relics of Sts Louis and Zélie from arriving. Catholic Mission and InvoCare are closely monitoring the situation and working with Singapore Airlines to ensure the secure and timely arrival of the relics.

Australians now have the opportunity to express devotion for St Thérèse by visiting venues around the country that are hosting her relics. The full itinerary is found on Catholic Mission’s website, as well as devotional resources, prayers and songs.

INTRODUCTION TO MASS:

We present ourselves in the temple today and it's important we remember that God does not need a performance from us; God invites us to an encounter of love. Seeing that God knows us intimately it's crazy that we should be anything but ourselves before him. May Jesus' presentation enable us to let pass in peace any need to act before God, but rather embrace a new way of encountering God's presence, where we own just how we are, and not how we would like to be. It is so much easier to discover, with God, the causes and the actions that will lead us to healing, fulfilment and peace.

PENITENTIAL RITE:

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom .

Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us and make us holy .

Christ, have mercy: **Christ, have mercy.**

You will come in glory with salvation for your people .

Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

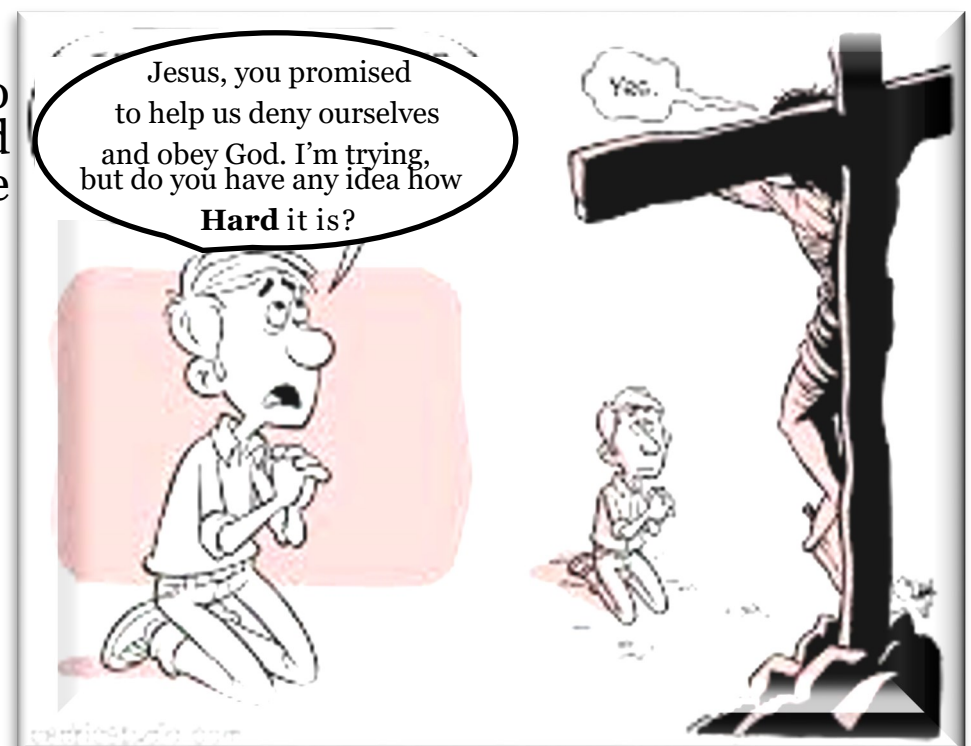
FIRST READING: Malachi 3: 1-4,

Both priests and Israelites have not been truly loyal to God, both in relation to their worship in the temple and their social conduct. God is resolved to clean up the situation and announces the coming of his messenger.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM :

Response: 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: Heb 2:14-18

Jesus was fully human, sharing our human conditions. He became human so that through the death of his human body he might deliver us from the ravages of human death.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia! alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

GOSPEL : Luke 2:22-40

The account of the presentation of Jesus in the temple celebrates the piety of two women and two men. All of them are steeped in the Law and the Prophets. It is not Jesus himself who proclaims his greatness but those who have faithfully observed and recognised the revelation of God's presence amongst the people.

NEXT SUNDAY: FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: IS 58: 7-10; SECOND READING: 1COR 2:1-5

GOSPEL: MT 5: 13-16