



ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF WANGARATTA
PAROCHIAL DISTRICT OF WANGARATTA WEST & THE WARBYS

Presentation of Christ in the Temple
4th February 2024

*N.B. at St Michael's & St Paul's this year we will take
the Crib down after this Sunday's Services.*

The **Presentation of Jesus** is an early episode in the life of Jesus Christ, describing his presentation at the Temple in Jerusalem. It is celebrated by many churches 40 days after Christmas on Candlemas, or the "Feast of the Presentation of Jesus". The episode is described in chapter 2 of the Gospel of Luke in the New Testament. Within the account, "Luke's narration of the Presentation in the Temple combines the purification rite with the Jewish ceremony of the redemption of the firstborn (Luke 2:23–24). In the Eastern Orthodox Church, the Presentation of Jesus at the temple is celebrated as one of the twelve Great Feasts, and is sometimes called *Hypapante* (ἡπαπαντή, "meeting" in Greek).

The Orthodox Churches which use the Julian Calendar celebrate it on 15 February, and the Armenian Church on 14 February.

In Western Christianity, the *Feast of the Presentation of the Lord* is also known by its earlier name as the *Feast of the Purification of the Virgin* or the *Meeting of the Lord*.^[3] In some liturgical calendars, Vespers (or Compline) on the Feast of the Presentation marks the end of the Epiphany season, also (since the 2018 lectionary) in the Evangelische Kirche in Deutschland (EKD).

In the Church of England, the mother church of the Anglican Communion, the Presentation of Christ in the Temple is a Principal Feast celebrated either on 2 February or on the Sunday between 28 January and 3 February. In the Roman Catholic Church, especially since the time of Pope Gelasius I (492–496) who in the fifth century contributed to its expansion, the Feast of the Presentation is celebrated on 2 February.

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Dates for your Diary

5th February - 9.30am Mothers Union meets at St Michael's

14th February Ash Wednesday (9.30am) 15th February - 10.30am Parish Council

1st March - World Day of Prayer

21st March 2pm Contact Drop-In St Paul's

23rd March - Lady Day at St Michael's

29th March - Good Friday

31st March - Easter Day

4th May - Artisan Market

Please start potting up plants for our plant stall, it has always been a great attraction and money spinner!

Shrove Tuesday As there was little enthusiasm for running a Pancake evening, we have agreed to forego it this year, I think the very early Lent and Easter **has caught** us all a bit flat-footed! We kept a number of pancakes in the freezer that were not used at the November Artisan Market, and these will be offered for sale so that you can have your own pancake night! Please let Sue (Wheeler) or Margaret know how many you would like - price to be negotiated!.

Ash Wednesday - 14th February - There will be a service of Imposition of Ashes at St Michael's at 9.30am.

World Day of Prayer **Friday 1st March at 10.30am.** All Wangaratta Churches have been invited to join us for this service, so please seriously consider coming. We will be needing a few of our parishioners to read and contribute to the morning tea to follow the service. Please let Margaret, Jean or Sue (Hicks) know if you are able to assist.

Trade Table - Thank you all for supporting the trade table last week, both the brings and buyers - we made \$275 00 - well done, and thank you Jean for organising once again.

Community Raffle

Thank you for returning your books, there are not many outstanding now. If you still have one, please ensure you give it to Carol, or put it in the collection plate so that it can be given to Carol.

WHAT'S ON & DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday, 5th February 2024. *Martyrs of Japan Crucified at Nagasaki (1597)*

2 Kings 8: 1-13, Ps 132: 7-11, Mark 6: 53-56

Mothers' Union @ St Michael's

Tuesday, 6th

2 Kings 8: 22-30, Ps 84: 1-4, Mark 7: 1-13.

Pangerang at St Michael's

Wednesday, 7th

1 Kings 10: 1-10, Ps 37: 35-40, Mark 7: 14-23

9.30am Craft Group—St Michael's Hall.

Thursday, 8th

1 Kings 11: 4-13. Ps 106: 37-39, Mark 7: 24-30

9.30am, Holy Eucharist— St. Michael's

10.15am, morning tea and Bible Study—St Michael's Hall.

Friday, 9th

1 Kings 11: 29 - 12: 9, Ps 81: 10-16, Mark 7: 31-37.

6.00pm, The Chosen—St Michael's Church & Hall.

6.00pm, Induction of Rev'd Roberta Hamilton—Yarrowonga.

Saturday, 10th

1 Kings 12: 26-13:34, Ps 106: 20-24, Mark 8: 1-10

**Sunday 11th February 2024,
LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY - TRANSFIGURATION**

9.30am, Eucharist @St. Michael's, Wangaratta.

11.00am, Eucharist @St Paul's, Glenrowan.

2 Kings 2: 1-12, Ps 50: 1-6. 2 Corinthians 4: 3-12, Mark 9: 2-9.

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In the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, the Anglican Communion, and the Lutheran Church, the episode was also reflected in the once-prevalent custom of churching of women forty days after the birth of a child. The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is in the Roman Rite also attached to the World Day of Consecrated Life.

Upon bringing Jesus into the temple, they encountered Simeon. The Gospel records that Simeon had been promised that "he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ" (Luke 2:26). Simeon then uttered the prayer that would become known as the *Nunc Dimittis*, or Canticle of Simeon, which prophesied the redemption of the world by Jesus:

Sunday 4th February 2024

- ◆ **The World:** Scientists and scientific research, Medical researchers
- ◆ **Australia:** Our Prime Minister< Cabinet, opposition leader, Premiers and opposition leaders in all states
- ◆ **The Church in our nation:** Churches of Christ.
- ◆ **Our Neighbours:** New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia, Timor
- ◆ **The Anglican Church of Australia:** Diocese of Ballarat, Bishop Gary Weatherill, Order of St Benedict, Camperdown, Clergy and People.
- ◆ **Our Diocese:** Bishop Clarence Bester (*Michelle & family*).
Diocesan Registry Staff: Registrar: Julie Torpey. Office Administrator & Assistant Finance Officer: Fiona Van Bree. Archdeacon & Diocesan Safe Church Coordinator: Neil Hicks. Bishop's Chaplain: Scott Jessup.

We pray especially the Parish of Yarrowonga, as they induct its new Priest Reverend Roberta Hamilton on 9th February.

- ◆ **Our Parish.** Parish Fellowship, Craft Group, ConTACT
- ◆ **Those in Need:** Reg Floyd. Robert P. Nina Colson. Melanie. Warren G. Wayne. Vi Bussell. Kaye McKenzie. Josef.
- ◆ **Year's Mind: 4th - 10th February:**
[04/02] Audrey McDonald, 2021.
[06/02] Amy Langburne, 2014. Alma Newton, 2006. Duke Goldsmith, 1991.
[07/02] Betty Barnard, 2012.
[08/02] Bill Wood, 2013. Charles Thompson, 1990. Jenny Honey, 1987.
[10/02] Floreen Ingarfield, 1999. George Crosher, 1994.

Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord.

And may light perpetual shine upon them.

Prayer of the week (*pray daily*)

**Father of all, who gave your only-begotten Son
to take upon himself the form of a servant
and to be obedient even to death on a cross:
give us the same mind that was in Christ Jesus,
that, sharing in his humility,
we may come to be with him in his glory;
where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**



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