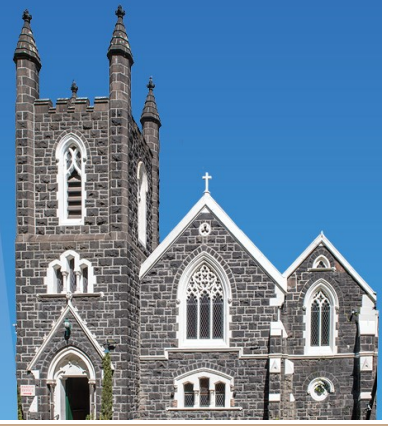


# St Patrick's Cathedral

and St Augustine's Church



THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD, YEAR C

SUNDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2025

## REFLECTION By Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

This year the Feast of the Presentation falls on a Sunday and takes precedence over the celebration of the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. This year in Australia, it coincides with Word of God Sunday. We might ask why the Feast of the Presentation is of such importance in the liturgical calendar. Between the story of Jesus' birth and the beginning of his ministry, Luke inserts three stories. The first tells of Jesus' circumcision on the eighth day after his birth. The third story has the twelve-year-old Jesus coming with his parents on their annual pilgrimage to Jerusalem for the great feast of Passover and sharing his wisdom with the Temple authorities. The second story, today's reading, has Mary and Joseph presenting their child in the Temple forty days after his birth, in observance of the Law of Moses (as prescribed in Leviticus 12:2-8). This Sunday marks the fortieth day since the celebration of Jesus' birth: it is not a moveable feast. All three stories locate Jesus and his parents firmly within the tradition as law-observant, faithful Jews.

Luke introduces into today's story two faith-filled wisdom figures, first a man, Simeon, and then a woman prophet, Anna. Both witness to the identity and future ministry of the child presented this day in the Temple. Both proclaim the Word of God. Their witness provides a microcosm of the gospel story. Simeon, guided by the Holy Spirit, comes into the Temple, takes the child in his arms and utters some of the most memorable words in the Christian scriptures. The child is to be God's saving presence in the world, a light to give revelation to the nations and glory to Israel. There are echoes in this proclamation of Isaiah 49:6 which speaks of God's servant bringing light to the nations and salvation to the ends of the earth. There is also an echo of Isaiah 46:13 where God is said to bring salvation to Jerusalem and glory to Israel. Simeon declares that this child is destined for the rising and the falling of many, that he will experience opposition and that his mother too will know deep sorrow.

Anna, like Simeon, raises her voice in the courts of the Jerusalem Temple, the heart of Israel's religious, political and economic power. While Simeon is given direct prophetic speech, Anna's prophesying is recounted indirectly. While Elizabeth and Mary proclaim prophetic words, Anna is the only woman in Luke's first volume to be named as "prophet". This woman prophet proclaims the good news of salvation in Jesus. The verbal form used indicates that Anna "keeps on speaking" about the child to "all who await the redemption of Jerusalem." The invitation here might be for us to emulate Anna's courage and persistence as we enter the halls of power and seek to move the hearts of religious and political leaders to compassion and justice for all those displaced within the Earth community.

Welcome to our new weekly formatted newsletter that incorporates the city churches of St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne and St Augustine's Church, Melbourne. Through this newsletter we can unite our resources to build upon the Catholic presence within the CBD, and to highlight various ministry activities at a parish level. I pray that this combined newsletter will encourage parishioners to venture out from their normal place of worship and visit either St Augustine's or St Patrick's.

Since November 2023, the Dean of St Patrick's Cathedral has been the Parish Priest at St Augustine's, with the Cathedral priests assisting in saying regular Sunday Mass at St Augustine's. Last year both churches came together to provide one RCIA program and one baptismal preparation program within the CBD. Additionally, Fr Jaycee introduced a successful scripture study program, that will continue in 2025. We attempted to provide a combined Sacramental program for school age parishioners seeking to receive the sacraments (1st Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation), who attend both churches. We had mixed results ... but we will try again this year.

Over the coming weeks we are likely to fine tune the newsletter as we discover what works. Likewise, it is our intention to publish a separate handout Cathedral music sheet.

Please continue to pray for each other and the needs of our Catholic presence in the CDB.

**Monsignor Stuart Hall.**





**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.

**Entrance Hymn (cathedral music) CWB II 427**

In his temple now behold him, see the long expected Lord, ancient prophets had foretold him; God has now fulfilled his word. Now to praise him his redeemed shall break forth with one accord.

In the arms of her who bore him, Virgin pure, behold him lie, while his aged saints adore him e'er in faith and hope they die. Alleluia! Alleluia! Lo, the incarnate God most high.

Jesus, by your presentation, when they blest you weak and poor, make us see our great salvation, seal us with your promise sure, and present us un your glory to your Father, cleansed and pure.

Prince and author of salvation, be your boundless love our theme! Jesus, praise to you be given, by the world you did redeem, with the Father and the Spirit, Lord of majesty supreme.

Text; Luke 2:22-24; Vv. 1-3, Henry John Pye, 1825-1903; 4, William Cooke, 1821-1894  
Music: Praise my soul (LAUDA ANIMA) 87.87.87; John Goss 1800-1880

**First Reading Malachi 3:1-4**  
***The Lord whom you seek will come to his temple.***

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.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 23:7-10*****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**

Kathleen Boschetti, 'Cry out with joy and gladness', in *Catholic Worship Book*, vol.1, ed. Rev William A. Jordan et al. (Melbourne: Hedges & Bell, 1985), 158-9 (no.180)

**Second Reading Hebrews 2:14-18**  
***He had to be made like us in all things.***

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.

**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*****My eyes have seen your saving power.***

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 APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

Amen.



### CATHEDRAL READERS ROSTER

#### Weekend Masses 1 & 2 February 2025

Saturday 6:00pm	Vanessa Sammy & Damien Elangovan
Sunday 8:00am	Meigs Robert & Muldeary
9:30am	Florence Luk & Roselyn Coquet
11:00am	Alex Ushakoff & Liliane Rusek
6:00pm	Ingrid van Dijken & Arnold James

### ST AUGUSTINE READERS ROSTER

#### Weekend Masses 2 February 2025

Sunday 10:30am	Christine G, Jennifer
	Music: TBA
8.00PM	Tony
	Music: TBA
	Altar server: Trevor

Parishioners are invited to attend the annual Lourdes Day Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral, on Saturday, 8th February, 2025 at 10.30am.

This is a special occasion to pray for our sick, infirm and elderly and those who care for them.

The principal celebrant at the Mass will be His Grace, Archbishop Peter Comensoli.

# Lourdes Day Mass

Saturday 8<sup>TH</sup> February 2025  
at 10:30am  
at St Patrick's Cathedral



The Archdiocese is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

### 2025 Enrolments are open

Study scripture, theology, pastoral ministry and spirituality

- Introductory or further studies available
- Face-to-face or online modes available
- Audit, undergraduate or postgraduate level

For more information: view our 2025 Prospectus  
[ctc.edu.au/contact/contact-the-registrar/](http://ctc.edu.au/contact/contact-the-registrar/)



CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE



### HOLY HOUR

In the Cathedral held every Thursday night from 6.30pm

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Each Friday at the conclusion of the 1.00pm Mass, in the Sacred Heart Chapel. Exposition until 2.15pm.

### ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (SPCYAM) (age 18 to 40 yrs old)

Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday at Cathedral Room, CKC Centre, 383 Albert St, East Melbourne

Last Saturday of each month; 6pm mass, followed by meal. Contact Fr. Jaycee Napoles (Jaycee.Napoles@cam.org.au) or info.spcyam@gmail.com

### HOLY TRINITY COMMUNITY

At St Augustine's every 1st & 3rd week Saturday of the month.

Contact Robin: ktm.melbourne@gmail.com

### INDONESIAN YOUTH

At St Augustine's every 2nd & 4th week Saturday night from 5.00pm in Indonesian

Contact Diptya: pdkkimelbourne@gmail.com

### JESUS YOUTH

At St Augustine's every Friday from 7pm Contact Theophil: 0430 823 347 for access

### BONDS OF MARIAN LOVE (BOML)

At St Augustine's every Wednesday from 7.00pm in Spanish

*Next Saturday ( 8th February) at the 6pm evening mass the Croatian Community will be attending to honour Blessed Aloysius Cardinal Stepinac. Bishop Anthony Ireland will be the Principal Celebrant, along with concelebrating priests from the Croatian community.*



# Marriage

WITH  
MATT &  
CAMERON  
FRADD



THURSDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2025

6pm – 9.30pm

Cathedral Hall, ACU, 22 Brunswick St, Fitzroy

TICKETS & DETAILS:

[Godandbeer.com.au](http://Godandbeer.com.au)

ADULTS \$30–\$45  
(see further details on website)

U18 \$20  
U10 FREE



Includes BBQ  
& live music  
with Olivia  
Chamoun  
Canavan



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## INTERCESSORY PRAYER

### St Patrick's Cathedral

We pray for the sick and for all who have asked for our prayers.

We pray for all those who have died recently, especially Antonio Garcia, Mario Salud De Villa and Monica D'Cruz and those whose anniversaries we remember at this time, especially Mariela Ruiz Molina, Felicity Sue Moutia, Giovanni Triarico, Alma Francescato, Martin Pham, Richardo Flores Eubias, Anthony Dias, Joseph Nguyen, Ester Luna De Villa and Thomas Loi.

### St Augustine's Church

We pray for the sick, especially Margaret Menzies, Anthony, Margaret Bathsheeba, Fr Peter Carrucan and for all who have asked for our prayers.

We pray for all those who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries we remember at this time, especially Stephen Stephens, Ronald McDonald.

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Wednesday 5 February - St Agatha  
(Memorial)

Thursday 6 February - St Paul Miki &  
Companions (Memorial)

## CATHEDRAL MASS TIMES

Monday to Friday: 7.00am and 1.00pm  
(1.00pm live streamed - Link:

[www.youtube.com/user/archmelb](http://www.youtube.com/user/archmelb))

Saturday 8.00am and 6.00pm. (Vigil)

Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am and  
6.00pm. (11.00am televised on C31.

and live streamed on CAM) Link:

[www.youtube.com/user/archmelb](http://www.youtube.com/user/archmelb)

Reconciliation will be held Tuesday to  
Friday at 12pm - 12.45pm and on Saturday  
mornings at 8.30am.

## ST AUGUSTINE MASS TIMES

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 1.05pm

Sunday 10.30am and 8.00pm

Reconciliation will be held only on  
Wednesday at 12.30pm - 12.50pm

## Archbishop

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli

## Dean of

### St Patrick's Cathedral

Monsignor Stuart Hall

### Chief Master of Ceremonies for the Archbishop

Rev. Michael Buck

### Cathedral Master of Ceremonies/ Assistant Priest

Rev. Jaycee Napoles

### Priest in Residence

Rev. Philip Mathew

Chaplain: St Vincent's Hospital

### Director of Music

Dr. Philip Matthias

### Cathedral Organist

Dion Henman

### St Patrick's Cathedral Choir

in partnership with

### St Kevin's College, Toorak

### Cathedral Singers

Christopher Mason

### Director

Thomas Grubb

### Organist

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### Cathedral Administration

### Assistant

Huong Nguyen

## SAFEGUARDING.

Child Protection Officer:

Rev Jaycee Napoles

Please refer to the two new posters  
'Rights and Responsibilities' and  
'Feel safe and be Safe at Our Church'  
at the entrances of the Cathedral

[https://  
melbournecatholic.org/  
safeguarding.](https://melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding)

## St Augustine's Church Melbourne

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Monsignor Stuart Hall

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