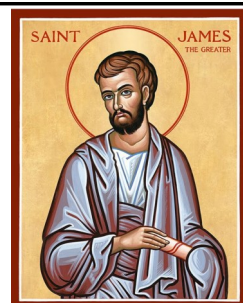


PRESENTATION OF THE LORD YR C 2025 2 FEBRUARY

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IS A PARISH OF ACCOMPANIMENT
WHERE WE ENCOUNTER AND
KNOW CHRIST, DEEPEN OUR FAITH,
AND SERVE THE COMMUNITY



Gospel Reflection

The gospel writer has merged two different ritual events into one in this passage: a ritual of purification following childbirth and an act of redeeming a first-born son through tribute to the Temple. The ritual of purification referred to would take place forty days after childbirth and today's feast is the fortieth day from Christmas and the celebration of the birth of Jesus. It was a ritual for the mother, not the child. Mary and Joseph took the opportunity of attending the Temple to bring Jesus into the presence of God who, according to tradition, dwelt in the Temple. The tradition associated with this purification of women after childbirth dictated that a lamb and a turtledove or pigeon be sacrificed. However, for the poor, an extra turtledove or pigeon could be substituted for the lamb. The gospel tells us that Mary and Joseph were sacrificing a pair of birds. This fact gives us an indication of the status of Mary and Joseph – they were sufficiently poor that they could not afford to sacrifice a lamb.

The other ritual alluded to in the passage relates to the tradition from Exodus 13:2 and Numbers 18:15 that every first-born son belonged to the Lord and had to be 'bought back' or 'redeemed' by payment to the Temple. The original command of the first-born belonging to the Lord meant that the child was destined to serve in the Temple. However, the child could be 'redeemed' from this service by payment to the Temple.

There is a great contrast between the forceful entry into the Temple by the Lord as foretold by Malachi in today's first reading and the humble entry of the baby Jesus into the Temple. It reinforces the way in which throughout his ministry Jesus confounded many of the expectations about the Messiah.

Historical Context – Service in the Temple

The ritual of the redemption of the first-born son originates in Exodus 13:2 where God claimed the first-born sons of Israel as God's own. These sons were to be sanctified for service in the Temple. However, this service was taken away from the first-born sons of every tribe and reserved exclusively for the sons of the tribe of Levi and the descendants of Aaron, the high-priest. It is from this tradition that we encounter the 'Levites' in the gospel accounts. The Levites were involved in various ministries in the Temple: assisting the priests; musicians; and slaughtering sacrifices.

Have you thought? – The role of the observer

In today's gospel passage, it is the devout Simeon and the prophetess, Anna, who declare the greatness and far-reaching influence of the child that has been brought to the Temple. This is a common feature of the gospel accounts. It is not Jesus himself who proclaims his greatness but those who have observed him and recognised the revelation of God's presence amongst the people. It is a role that continues today. Those of us who believe and recognise the presence and influence of God in the world are challenged to proclaim it in both our actions and our words.

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**ST JAMES PARISH RAP
IMPLEMENTATION LAUNCH**

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St James RAP Implementation Launch: As we continue the journey towards reconciliation, we invite you to join us for the launch of the St James implementation plan of the Archdiocesan Reconciliation Action Plan, during all weekend Masses of

Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th February 2025. We will have a **special Mass for the launch on Sunday 9th February at 9am (meeting outside the church for smoking ceremony beforehand)** which will include a Cultural Mass with Blessing of the Parish RAP Implementation, Acknowledgement of Country, Smoking Ceremony, Didgeridoo, Cultural Artwork and Symbols.

This Sunday's Readings

Presentation of the Lord (Year C February 2)

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 Ps 23:7-10. R. v.10 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!

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

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

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

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 Reading *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.

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Dear Lord, (Mission Resources Team and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Team)
We thank you for our beautiful country. This land of Australia with its blue mountains, red dust plains, brown creeks, and lush green rainforests. We thank you for the uniqueness of our wildlife, our birds and animals, both on land and in water. We praise you for the uniqueness of our wildlife, our birds and animals, both on land and in water. We praise you for the First Peoples of our nation – the Traditional Custodians of this land. We acknowledge that they live lightly on the land, preserving it and nurturing it. We celebrate the living cultures that contribute so richly to our communities. We recall with deep sorrow the terrible harm that was caused by those who colonised this land – harm to First Nations people, languages and livelihood and harm to the lands and waters. We recognise that the impact continues today and pray that all Australians will continue to strive for reconciliation and justice. Please lead us forward – show each one of us our part to play.

We thank you that Australia has provided a new start for people from many countries in every generation. Inspire us each to welcome and help those who face the challenges of establishing lives in a new country.

Flocknote (new parish data system) —our new communication and engagement tool.

Use your phone and our QR code to sign up and register with our parish.

You may prefer to follow this link <https://stjamescoorparoo.flocknote.com/register>

Our Parish (with the Archdiocese of Brisbane) has officially adopted Flocknote like other parishes, as a safe, new, and improved way of communicating within our parish. Flocknote is free for parishioners to use, and there is no need to download anything. Your info is kept secure and private. It only takes a couple minutes to sign up to receive emails from the parish. You are even able to reply directly back to those emails so we can get feedback and hear from you. If you have any questions, please speak with the Parish office phone 33971671.



The Parish of St James acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the country upon which it lies and recognises their continuing connection to land, waters and culture. We pay respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

Prayers Please pray for recently deceased: Margaret Carew; Fr Kim Bok-Chon (Johan) OSA; Andrea Arquileta; Joan Harding; Caroline Bremner; Loreta Mesina; Trevor Wilkinson; Fr Joseph Truong OP; Peter Lwat.
And these anniversaries: Sheila Herat; Maxima Aquilizan; Florencio Gaudinez Jr; Roberto Kindica; Franklin Foster; Ubiratã Ferreira; Ron Ketter; Barbara Sanguino.
Please pray for these unwell: Marilyn Graham; Ian Gillespie; George Erbacher; Bien Lorenzo; Jenny Hapea; Germain Fernando; Rebecca Evans; Michael Barton; Phil Draheim; Benjamin Kett; Ty De Paoli; Alex Hastings; Jocelyn Diaz Tibayan.



FEBRUARY 2025

1 / 2 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation; Presentation of the Lord; (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7, 9am); **Baptismal preparation session; Children's Liturgy on hold @ 9am mass.**
3 Monday Adult Faith EB 7-9pm in the priory
Tuesdays Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration returns 11th February 2025
7 Friday 9 am mass (No anointing) School Opening Mass
8 / 9 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation; 5th Sunday Ordinary; (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7, 9am); RAP launch weekend; Baptisms.
10 Monday Adult Faith EB 7-9pm in the priory

Parish news *How to place names of loved ones in our prayer list for masses and bulletin...*

We do not keep an annual list of names to be prayed for. **Let us know** your loved one/s name/s; occasion for prayer: ill; anniversary; recently deceased; date / day for mass - and make a donation with these details on your envelope. Drop the envelope in collection plate / in letterbox at Priory doorbell / in Sacristy book.
 · **Phone** our parish office (phone 3397 1671)
 · **Email** our parish office (osastjames@bne.catholic.net.au)
 · **Visit** Sacristy after mass and ask our priest to place details in Prayer book.



Archdiocesan Ministries has developed a new **Lenten reflection** resource for the 2025 Jubilee Year, "Pilgrims of Hope", called **Start Anew in Christ**. Available shortly.



Year 5 Sacrament of Reconciliation / Penance Program for Children 2025 at St James Parish.

Your children (10yrs) have already had their Confirmation and their First Holy Communion.
Monday 10th February – we invite you to the parent info session in the church (or hall) at 6pm.
 Monday 17th February – children Session One in the church 6pm.
 Sunday 16th February – Rite of Enrolment within Mass at the church 9am.
 Monday 24th February – children Session Two at home 6pm.
 Monday 3rd March - children Session Three in the church 6pm.
 Monday 10th March – children Session Four at home 6pm.
 Monday 17th March – children Session Five in the church 6pm.
 Monday 24th March – children Session Six + Rehearsal in the church 6pm.
 Friday 28th March – Rite of First Reconciliation in the church 4.30pm.
 Please email osastjames@bne.catholic.net.au or call our parish office 33971671.



Trish on Annual Leave 10th February—14th February.

Our church steps are being refurbished throughout the coming week, 3rd—7th February. Perhaps you may enter the church via a different door while this refurbishment is occurring.



Our February—April Weekend Mass ministry volunteers roster has been emailed and is available as a hard copy in the Sacristy. Thank you for your help.



Our Invitation to the upcoming Catholic Foundation module organized by Archdiocesan Ministries. Module One: **Catholic Theology in Context**. The module is not just intellectual, it is experiential, so be ready to understand God more deeply, and experience God personally.
St James is a hub. Begins Monday 3rd February 2025. Pamphlet information at side table.
 Email adultfaithformation.stjames@gmail.com



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, or RCIA, recommences Sunday mornings February 2nd to April 19th 2025 inclusive, receiving the Eucharist at the Easter vigil on Saturday April 19th, 2025. Times – 9.30 to 10.15 am.



Scam emails that pretend to be from our parish priests...

From: Fr Francis Belcina priestpp5@gmail.com OR churchcatholic39@gmail.com OR churchoffice935@gmail.com **are examples of a spam/scam email. Please be aware of EMAIL SCAMS** doing the rounds, claiming to be from parish priests asking for money or other help or asking for an email in return. Check the email address! Our Clergy would never seek to contact you in this way, or require of you that you provide them with cash or store cards to get them out of a bind. Please be vigilant.
Fr Francis's correct email address is on the back of our bulletin (with other correct email addresses).



PERPETUAL ADORATION: (Tuesdays 8.30am till Wednesday 8am) **returns 11th February 2025.**
 Vicky brisbane.adoration@gmail.com

Planned Giving for the Week of 26 December 2025

Collection Account numbers	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Donation Tap	Credit card	Total
1st Collection Augustinian Priory BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100019791	\$716.55	\$170	\$330	\$280	\$245	\$1,741.55
2nd Collection St James Parish BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100005891	\$587.40	\$110	\$340	\$280	\$425	\$1,742.40

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Ministry Teams—get involved...

We offer many opportunities to get involved and participate in our vibrant multi-cultural community... Send your enquiries to the email below...	
Children & Families (Brent)	Families.stjames@gmail.com
Worship (Amor)	Worshipandliturgy.stjames@gmail.com
Youth & Young Adults (Thesi)	Youthandyoungadults.stjames@gmail.com
Adult Faith Formation (David, Andreina, Darren)	Adultfaithformation.stjames@gmail.com
Hospitality & Community Life (Jaquie, Peter, Melissa)	Communitylife.stjames@gmail.com
Social Justice (Dan)	Socialjusticeoutreach.stjames@gmail.com

Counters

February 1 / 2 Paul + Cecilia

February 8 / 9 Sylvia + John

Next week	5th Sunday Ordinary February 9	VIGIL SATURDAY 6PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM
CHOIR	Carina Choir	n/a	YAM	
COMMENTATOR	Ron S	Patricia McK	June S	
LECTORS	Sylvia P	Trish R	YAM	
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Helen D Anne S Christine U-M	Heather L Christy U Priya	... Denis Mcl Shadi A	
ALTAR SERVER/S	Charlie C	Brendon / Drew	Lea/ Alejandra/ Leo/ Doreen	
POWERPOINT	Paul D	Brendon / Trish / ...	Adriana M	
WELCOMERS	...	David +	Karla Arnold Karien Carl	

Masses & Services

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday 8am; Vigil 6pm.

Sunday 7am, 9am.

MASS SERVICES: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8am.

MASS SERVICE: Friday 9am.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4.30pm—5.30pm.

PERPETUAL ADORATION: will return 11th February 2025

(Tuesdays 8.30am till Wednesday 8am) Vicky brisbane.adoration@gmail.com

HEALING + ANOINTING MASS: Anointing Mass 14th February (School opening 7th February)

FIRST FRIDAY ALL NIGHT VIGIL: Friday 7th February 2025

KERALA COMMUNITY MASS: 23rd February at 4pm

PRAYER MEETING: Every Friday (Except 1st Friday of the month) @ 7.10 pm (Rosary), 7.30 pm (Praise & Worship followed by Message)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: currently on hold @ 9am mass. Kids Bulletin available each week, go to: [copyright https://thekidsbulletin.com/about/](https://thekidsbulletin.com/about/)



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Next Sunday's Readings

5th Sunday Ordinary (Year C February 9th)

First Reading *Isaiah 6: 1-8 Here am I! Send me.*

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe.*

Gospel Reading *Luke 5: 1-11 They left everything and followed him.*

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