

2nd February, 2025, The Presentation of the Lord / C

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St Therese Barellan

In our Prayers: Ben Cassidy, Barry Carroll, Robyn Richards, Neville Caldwell.

For our Deceased: Don Mcdermott, Frances Vince, Carmel Carroll, Deceased Family, Friends, Victims of war, violence, accidents and natural disasters. Ray Fairman (*Anniv*)

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Feb 8 - 9

Aria Park 6.00 p.m. Sat Mass

Mass

Barmedman 8.00 a.m. Temora 10.00 a.m. Sunday

Liturgy

Ardlethan **9.00 a.m.** Barellan 10.00 a.m.

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Reflection - The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is an ancient celebration in the Church. It is also called Candlemas because, on this day, candles are blessed in many parishes. These candles remind us that Jesus is the Light of the World. The feast is celebrated on February 2, forty days after Christmas. It recalls the day when Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem to present Him to God.

This event is rooted in Jewish tradition. According to the Law of Moses, every firstborn son belonged to God. Jewish parents were to bring their son to the Temple and offer a small sacrifice in thanksgiving. By bringing Jesus to the Temple, Mary and Joseph followed God's law faithfully. This act shows their humility and obedience to God.

The Church has celebrated the Presentation of the Lord for many centuries. In the early Church, people gathered in the evening for a candlelit procession, honouring Christ as the Light. February 2, exactly 40 days after Christmas, was chosen because of this tradition in Jewish law. It also marks the end of the Christmas season for some Catholic communities.



The feast celebrates three main ideas. First, Jesus is recognized as the Light of the World, a light for all people. Second, it shows that Jesus came to fulfill the law, not to destroy it. He and His family obeyed the customs of their people. Third, it honors the deep faith of Mary and Joseph, who followed God's will at every step.

<https://young-catholics.com/2281/feast-of-the-presentation-of-the-lord/>

On the feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the temple, we present ourselves to God with purified spirits, so that our eyes might see the light of salvation and we might thus bring it to the entire world, as the Saints did.

Pope Francis

School Year - *As the school year begins we remember in our prayers the students of our parish and all those returning to school this week.*

Dear Jesus, we ask for Your help as we begin this new school year. Allow us to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before us. Open our eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings. Open our heart and mind to new friends and new teachers. Give us a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with our studies and courage to accept new opportunities. Help us to be attentive to one another and let us experience Your presence in our new friends. Jesus, inspire us to do our best this year! Amen



Bless all **teachers** with wisdom and peace of mind and beckon them to call on you for the strength and courage they need for the coming year.

Comfort the **new parent** who will say goodbye on their child's first day of school, as well as the experienced parent who will walk out of the dorm room and wonder how it could be that their child is now an adult.

SMALL GESTURES
OF LOVE, OF TENDERNESS,
OF CARE, MAKE
PEOPLE FEEL THAT THE
LORD IS WITH US. THIS IS
HOW THE DOOR OF MERCY OPENS.

- POPE FRANCIS

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Roster Feb 9th

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