

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 Gospel of the Lord.

Shorter form, Lk 2: 22-32

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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD / C

2 FEBRUARY 2025

## A LIGHT TO ALL

The Torah, the first part of the Old (First) Testament, legislates the consecration by an Israelite family of the first-born male child to God (Exodus 13:2,12). Mary and Joseph are faithful adherents to Jewish law and represent Luke’s intention to illustrate that what unfolds in the couple and their child is in continuity with God’s plan expressed in the First Testament.

The two beloved and holy characters that Jesus’ parents next meet in the temple, Simeon and Anna, further underscore this connection. Simeon is a prophet and bearer of God’s Spirit who desires the “comforting” of his people. Guided by the Spirit he comes to the Temple and takes Jesus into his arms. He blesses God and reaffirms the future ministry of Jesus, to bring God’s salvation and light to all, while also being a sign of contradiction and rejection.

A second wizened prophet, Anna, also appears and attests that the child will be the cause of Israel’s liberation. Our reading ends on a note about Jesus’ growth, maturity, wisdom and gracefulness. The two prophetic figures that occupy this story affirm Jesus’ nature and his future ministry. He is linked to Israel’s history. He, like the two who attest to him in the Temple, will also be a prophet to God’s people, bringing liberation for the oppressed and challenge those who oppress. Our invitation this Sunday is to draw close to this child, to allow him to comfort and free us, and accompany us in moments of contradiction and difficulty.

Fr Michael Trainor

## FIRST READING

Mal 3:1-4

A reading from the prophet Malachi

*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 fullers’ 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.

### ■ The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 23: 7-10. R. v. 8

**R. 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

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*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.

### ■ The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 2:32

**Alleluia, alleluia! / This is the light of revelation to the nations, / and the glory of your people, Israel. / Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

Lk 2:22-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

*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 turtledoves 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



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 Mass: 9.30am Bombala &  
 10.30am Delegate 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed

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## ST PATRICK'S PARISH FAMILY THREE PARISHES TOGETHER



Baptism Request forms can be located on Parish website/at Parish Office, Fr Mark will be available to celebrate during mass on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month

CatholicMarriagePrep.com  
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St Patrick's Cooma Mass  
 Mass Sunday's at 10am  
 Cooma Reconciliation available as requested following Mass  
 Adoration - Fridays 5.30-6.30pm

St Patrick's Weekday  
 Mass: Tues, Thu, Fri 10am  
 Except Third Friday of Month for Nursing Home Masses -postponed  
 Yallabee Lodge  
 Sir William Hudson

Adaminaby -2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday month  
 Next date =TBA (priest A/Leave)

Nimmitabel  
 Mass 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
 \*5pm Sat Vigil Mass  
 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sun- LITURGY Sat 5pm

Numeralla  
 Liturgy of Word  
 LITURGY 2<sup>nd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 5.00pm

Berridale- Lof W: Annual Leave  
 Sunday's until 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2025  
 Liturgy of the Word 10am Sunday

Jindabyne  
 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> =Vigil Mass 5pm Sat  
 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Liturgy 5pm Sat

\* CHANGES During A/ Leave

Please Pray for our Recently Deceased,

"We have loved them in life, let us not forget them in death":

John Alexander husband of Janet father to Maree, Dianne Debra-Funeral 11am Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Feb Cooma;  
 Fr. John Ryan, Joan Taylor, Lola Povey, Colin Love, Shirley Blyton, Don Tozer  
 Anniversaries & Special Intentions: "In loving memory of" our departed family and friends. Francis Goodwin, Warren Hinds, Geoff Fitzgerald, Anita Stefani

Prayers for our Sick: "We pray for the sick: may they feel the healing power of Christ and find comfort and hope in His constant presence" Colin McMillan, Joel Stone, Walter Neumeier in Germany

Fr. Mark is away taking leave to recuperate until 15<sup>th</sup> February.

Fr Kose is on annual leave for holiday to his homeland, India until 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025 .

No Weekday Mass

Parish relief: We welcome Fr Richard to join us for Mass this weekend.

### Lenten Program 2025

Daily Reflections and Sunday meditations and heartfelt prayers- perfect for Lenten Groups and personal spiritual renewal please add name to list available today if you would like a copy cost is \$10 / book

Roster	2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	9 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Acolyte	Kaitlyn Bosco	Richard Cmunt
Usher	Ron Jaajaa	Carol Byrne
Reader/Commentator	Jo-Anne Brown Belinda Wilkins	Susan Tighe Jan Payne
Mass Servers	.....	.....
Special Minister	Leah Baker	Mike Introna
Childrens Liturgy	School Holidays	Suja Tessa
Linen	Gaie Mooney	Jan McLean
Church Care	9 <sup>th</sup> Blyton & Barrett family	16 <sup>th</sup> S McPhie L Baker B Moser
Hospital	Leah Baker	Kathleen Bashford

FLOWERS: Claire Neumeier

Next weekend Readings

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time / C

1<sup>st</sup> Reading Isaiah 6: 1-8  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading 1 Cor 15: 3-8, 11  
 Gospel Luke 5: 1-11

\*As our priests are away there will be No Week day Mass this coming week, thank you

We warmly welcome Fr Richard Thompson joining us this weekend



We have an **EFT TAP n Go** available in Church entrance for your cashless donations (Archdiocese split 70/30: 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> JUST TAP! The New

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### VOLUNTEERS: many vacancies exist in our Church.

If you would like to assist our Parish please let us know your availability and talents for Cleaning/ Reading/ Children's Liturgy/ Eucharistic Ministry/ Usher/ Acolyte and Catechist.

Special request for a Catechist Assistant for public schools, you will be assisting Catechist Leader with children's coloring in and completion of worksheets as a 2<sup>nd</sup> person in the scripture room. If you would have ½ hour available time on a Tuesday or Thursday we would love to hear from you. Please consider helping the children shine!



### Part Time Parish Secretary

People are invited to apply for the position Parish Secretary for St Patrick's Cooma. This is a part-time permanent position (8hours pw/ days Thu/Fri)

Essential Requirements:

- Experience with database packages.
- Strong communication and liaison skills
- Strong organisational skills
- Ability to work on your own, and as part of a wider team and take direction.
- Understand and administer areas of regulatory compliance (eg. WHS, child protection, copyright)
- Understanding and respect for the Catholic Church and its teaching
- Current experience in an office environment.

Employment conditions are subject to Clerks Award. Please phone 02 83317608 for a copy of the duty statement. Applications addressing the Selection Criteria above with attached resume to the Parish Priest Fr Mark Croker must be received by 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025.

**Jokes:** Dear Lord, so far today I've done alright: I haven't gossiped; lost my temper; been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish or overindulgent.

I am very thankful for the kind of day You have given me.

But in a few minutes, Lord, I'm going to get out of bed, and from then on I'm going to need a lot more help. Amen.