



Dear families,

Welcome back to St Francis. I hope everyone had the opportunity to rest, relax and enjoy time with your families over the break. After two days in to 2020, this will be a short update.

We continue to pray for anyone affected by the recent bushfires and St Francis has some initiatives planned this term to help support to these communities.

New families & students: We welcome our new students and their families to our school Leslie and Paula Rudd (Jordyn), Shane Boorer and Michelle Dalton (Ella), Garry and Jocelyn Broadwood (William), Rachael Edgecumbe (Ella), Kristen Retallick & Michael Redmond (Darcy), Ted Thorpe & Jasmine Cartwright (Alby), and Didi Flynn (Aston). We also welcome all of our new preps of existing families to St Francis: Millie, Chelsea, Amelia, Tayla, Chontelle-Rose, Will, Emily, Celeste and Archie.

Administration Building: The new admin building is well underway with works beginning at the start of January. We hope to be finished by the start of June.

School Board: We have a couple of positions vacant on the school board. If you are interested in joining, please talk to Matt in the office. Our first meeting is on Tuesday 11th Feb @ 6:30pm.

Numeracy: Thank you to all families for bringing in children for our Math assessments. We will assess any students unable to attend at school in the next week.

Assembly: Monday 3rd Feb @ 9am we will have an assembly in our new Gathering Space (old Yr 4 classroom) – all welcome to attend.

SCHOOL UPDATES

Contact Information: If you have updated contact information, can you please contact to office and we will update family details. This includes phone numbers, address, email address etc...

Medical information: Can families please ensure the school has the most current asthma or anaphylaxis plans for your child.

Opening School Mass: Next Thursday 6th Feb we hold our opening school mass with St Mary of the Angels at the Nathalia Community Centre. All families are welcome to attend. A flyer is attached.

SIMON: St Francis will be using SIMON this year to allow parents to give permission to students for excursions / camps.

SkoolBag: St Francis uses a phone app called Skoolbag to communicate with families. Please see the attachment at the back of the newsletter with instructions on how to download the app. Search for **St Francis Primary Nathalia**.

Closure Day: Wednesday 26th Feb is a school closure day for staff professional development.

Have a great weekend.

Matt Knight
Principal

CALENDAR

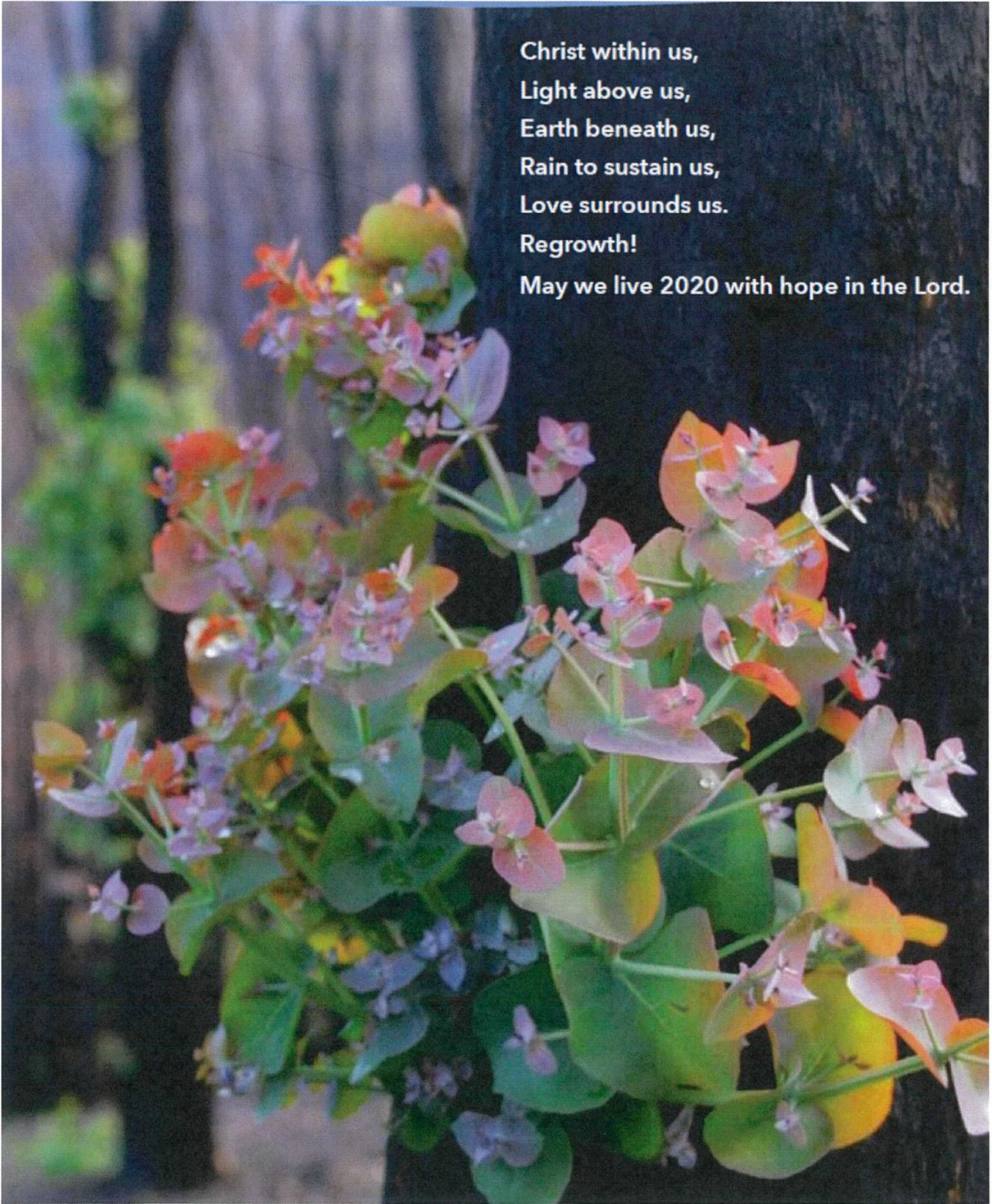
TERM 1 DATES

Wed 5 th Feb	Prep Testing day
Thu 6 th Feb	Opening Mass
Tue 11 th Feb	School Board Meeting
Wed 12 th Feb	Grade 6 Leadership day – Mooroopna
Thu 13 th Feb	Hello Night BBQ
Wed 26 th Feb	School Closure Day



We acknowledge and pay respect to the Yorta Yorta Nation as the original and ongoing custodians of the land on which our school is situated. We commit ourselves to actively work alongside Aboriginal people for reconciliation and justice.





Christ within us,
Light above us,
Earth beneath us,
Rain to sustain us,
Love surrounds us.

Regrowth!

May we live 2020 with hope in the Lord.



ST FRANCIS PRIMARY SCHOOL &
ST MARY OF THE ANGELS COLLEGE

Warmly invites the

St Francis Primary families

To celebrate the

Opening School Mass

On Thursday 6th February 2020

At 11.45am

AT NATHALIA COMMUNITY CENTER

Robertson St Nathalia

"Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi

5 Easy Steps to Staying Informed

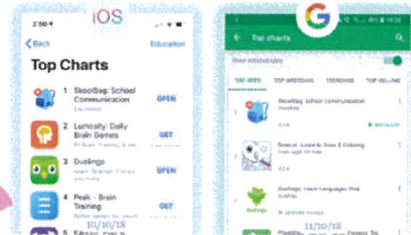


SkoolBag is the easiest way to stay up-to-date with school events, last minute notices, newsletters and all your school's communications.

1. Download SkoolBag

Search SkoolBag in the Apple App or Google Play Store, download the FREE app:

SkoolBag: School Communication



2. Create an Account

Follow the prompts to create your account in seconds.

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Type your school's name and press enter. Tap the plus icon to add.



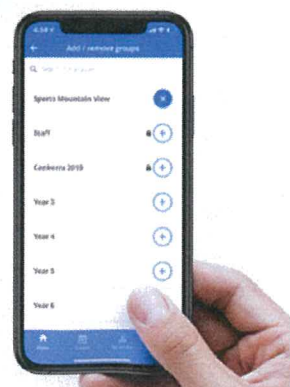
4. Allow Notifications

Ensure you Allow SkoolBag to send you push notifications when prompted.



5. Subscribe to Groups

Select Year Groups / Sports Teams to appear in your feed.



OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD / A

02 FEBRUARY 2020

A LIGHT TO ENLIGHTEN THE NATIONS. Forty days have passed since the feast of Christmas. We have long since taken down our Christmas decorations with their multi-coloured lights. But hopefully the light of Christ continues to shine brightly among us. The candles we use in liturgy remind us that Christ is our light and that we, in turn, are called to reflect this light to others.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 47:10–11

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.

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

P. Lord Jesus, you are the image of the unseen God: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You are the first born of all creation: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the head of the body, the Church: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

COLLECT

P. Almighty ever-living God, we humbly implore your majesty that, just as your Only Begotten Son was presented on this day in the Temple

in the substance of our flesh, so, by your grace,

we may be presented to you with minds made pure.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP 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 or armies, / he is the king of glory. **R.**

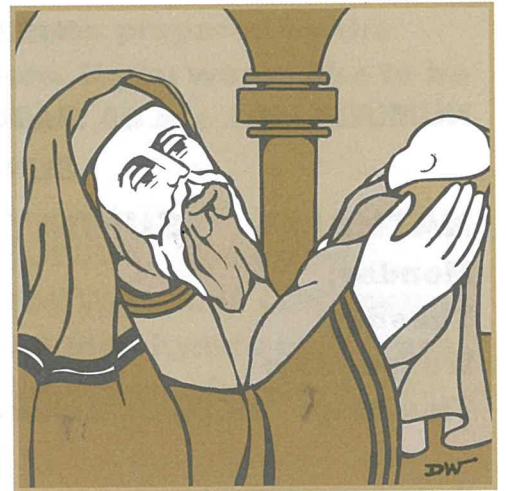
SECOND READING

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.

R. Thanks be to God.

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

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

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 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:

ST. MARY'S PARISH, NATHALIA

Sunday February 2nd 2020

The Presentation Of The Lord A

The safety of children and the vulnerable is a priority in our parish.

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PRESBYTERY

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MEDITATION: Thursday will resume on February 13th

NUMURKAH: SATURDAY: 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY: 10:30 a.m.

NATHALIA SUNDAY MASS: 9.00 a.m.

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday: 12.00pm School Mass at Community Centre for SMOA

Duties:

Reader: T. Tinkler Commentator: J. Nihill

Offertory: David Daniel Family Counter & Collector: M. Wilson & E. Oliver

Special Ministers of the Eucharist: J. Nihill & N. Bakogianis

Communion to the Sick: J. Nihill & N. Bakogianis

Altar: T. Williams Linen: M. Bourke

Duties: Next Week

Reader: X. Daniel Commentator: T. Williams

Offertory: M. Birch & M. Agius Counter & Collector: J. & R. Kemp

Special Ministers of the Eucharist: T. Williams & K. Brooks

Communion to the Sick: T. Williams & C. Fike-Lees

Altar: T. Williams Linen: M. Bourke

Recently Deceased:

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Elizabeth Tinkler, Nell Mudie, Margaret Tyndall, Mario John Troisi, Kathleen Conray, Daniel S. Kennedy, Phyllis Vallence, Peg Buncle, Catherine Caldow, Ellen Margaret (Nell) Fitzsimmons, John Pianta, Jim Warren, Tom Danaher, Mary Vallence, Gwenda Edwards, Bryan Tyndall.

Please pray for all those who are ill, especially: Sally McKeown, Sister Maureen Banyard (Mother Mary of the Cross), Trish Beard, Paul Speekman, Paul Quinn, Margaret Cranko, Sister Jennifer Sanders, Julian Segafredo, Panagiota Spanos, Mary Trevaskis, Molly Hargreaves, Denis Bau, Noel Loughnan, Christine McIntyre, Norm Walsh, Neil Clardey, Enna Holmes, Aaron Coates, Martin Russell, John Walsh, Darren Robertson, Brian Henderson, Kath Heaton, Andrew Cameron, Robert West, Paul Congues.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM: - ENVELOPES: \$355.00 PLATE: \$119.15

Bishops Vinnies Fire Appeal: \$1043.55 .

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: at 10am on Friday 6th March 2020 will be hosted locally at the Uniting Church. This year's service has been prepared by the people of Zimbabwe. Our parish will supply two readers. If you would like to be involved, please speak to Rae Kemp or Theresa Williams. All are most welcome.

CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF PRESENTATION OF JESUS. Tomorrow Monday 3rd February at Seiter's Gotto 11 Kaarimba Road Wunghnu (200 metres from the highway). Angelus at 6.00pm, then Rosary and then hymns until Mass at 7.30pm. Then beginning of blessing of Candles. Then cuppa afterwards. All most welcome.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: meeting Tuesday 11th February in the McAssi Centre at 11:00am.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: meeting Tuesday 11th February in the McAssi Centre at 9.30am.

DUTY ROSTER: New Church and Altar Roster for the year available at the back of church

FROM DIAGNOSIS TO OAM A PERSONAL AUTISM TALK: ECHUCA – MOAMA: Featuring the perspectives of Daniel Giles OAM (Austistic Self Advocate, Sandhurst Diocese parishioner and staff member of Catholic Education Sandhurst) and Daryl Giles Parent). Suitable for families, educators & other professionals! (educators can claim VIT or NESA PD). Thursday 27th February 2020 at the Moama RSL , 7.00pm until 9.00pm Details & Tickets www.trybooking.com/BHMF Email: admin@speakinginsights.com.au

ST.VINCENT'S COLLEGE MARONG CUP RACE DAY: past students, partners and friends meet you at the Marong Cup race day at Bendigo Racecourse on Saturday 15th February 2020. A reserved hospitality area will be provided. Limited amount of free admission passes are available for the Marong Cup Dinner afterwards at the Bendigo Club. Reminder about our 65th Anniversary and Sports Hall of Fame Dinner on Saturday, 17th October 2020. For more details, please contact Tim Coates 0407403 574 or Kevin McGrath 0409 124 829

'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.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Shorter form: 2: 22-32

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED
Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in 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.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May the offering made with exultation by your Church

be pleasing to you, O Lord, we pray, for you willed that your Only Begotten Son be offered to you for the life of the world as the Lamb without blemish.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

PREFACE OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven ...

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray...

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said...

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace.

LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Lk 2:30-31

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

By these holy gifts which we have received, O Lord,

bring your grace to perfection within us,

and, as you fulfilled Simeon's expectation that he would not see death until he had been privileged to welcome the Christ, so may we, going forth to meet the Lord, obtain the gift of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

According to the Jewish law (Exodus 13:1; 13:11-16), all first-born males, animal and human, belonged to the Lord and had to be 'redeemed,' that is, bought back from the Lord through a sum paid to the Temple. Accordingly, as told in the Gospel, Mary and Joseph bring their first-born Child to the Temple to 'buy' him back from God with the simple offering prescribed for the poor.

Led by the Spirit, however, the holy old man Simeon recognises in the child, One who belongs to God in a unique way: one who is, in fact, the supreme gift of God to Israel and to the world as a whole.

Simeon has longed for this moment. He will not live to see the salvation that the child will bring. But he can 'depart in peace'. He knows that the God who is fulfilling the ancient promises to his people, will also be faithful to him.

Simeon is thus the patron of the elderly who do not fret or worry about how their life has gone but simply entrust it to the mercy and faithfulness of God who understands, forgives, and heals all things. A word for Mary too. She too will have to let go of her child, surrender him to the difficult messianic role that lies before him. Conflict and pain will not be absent, neither from her nor from him. In this too she is the patron of all mothers—all parents in fact—who must surrender the children they have nurtured to the adult lives that lie before them.

BRENDAN BYRNE, SJ

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