

**THE PRESENTATION
OF THE LORD - YEAR C
2 FEBRUARY 2025**

Readings: Malachi 3:1-4; Psalm 23;
Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40

Psalm Response: Who is this king
of glory? It is the Lord..



PRESBYTERY RENOVATION

DONATIONS - Please deposit in the Parish Account 02-0108-0706929-000 using reference code: PRESRENO2024 and your full name for tax receipt purpose. For those who wish to make a cash donation - an envelope is available in the foyer of both churches.

UPDATE

Security Patrols of the Presbytery
We have employed North West Security to arrange nightly security patrols of the presbytery, during the refurbishment.

There will be 2-3 physical visits of the property each night, that began on Saturday 21 Dec, until Friday 28 Feb. The timing of visits will vary each night.

Properties are particularly vulnerable over the holiday period, and in our case, currently with the presbytery not in a lockable state. Also, with Father Carlos away overseas for five weeks from 31 Dec, there will be no one living on or near the site, (other than a supply priest at the weekend Masses). It was felt that additional security was required, until the renovations are nearing completion, or the presbytery reoccupied.

Thank you very much to the many people who have worked hard on this project for the past fifteen years. Together As One, as the Parish of St Joseph's Helensville and St Patrick's Huapai continues to work together - with the grace of God, we could raise the money needed to complete this project.

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

This is one of the small group of feasts called 'Feasts of the Lord' which take precedence over a Sunday. It is a throwback to the Christmas season - the Nativity of the Lord was forty days ago. According to the Jewish Law (Lev 12:1-8), on the fortieth day after the birth of a boy, the mother presented herself and her son at the Temple to offer sacrifice; this served as a presentation of the son and a purification of the mother after childbirth. This second aspect meant that for some centuries the feast focussed on the Virgin Mary. Since the revised calendar of 1969, it has been called the Presentation of the Lord. The day has also been called 'Candlemas' because the liturgy includes the blessing of candles and a procession with lighted candles, a reference to the Christmas theme of light. The feast celebrates the revelation of Christ to Simeon and Anna whom Jesus' family met in the Temple.

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WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE

RECENTLY DIED Christine Mary Salmon. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR THIS WEEK:

2/2023 Robbie Sangster, 4/1981 Ivan (Jack) Simunovich, 6/2011 Marjory Rose Hall, 7/2002 Beatrice Mahunga, 7/2006 Nel Oudshoorn.

WE PRAY FOR HEALING AND RECOVERY

for all those who are sick in our Parish including; Michael Davis, Caroline Francis, Peter Tohill, Michael McSheffrey, Mary Papa, Tom and Bev Walsh, Len Dawson, Rosie Ko, Allan Kerr-Taylor, Lyn Cotter, and Alex Binnie. We also pray for those who are preparing to meet the Lord face to face, that the Lord gives them peace. Please let Fr Carlos know if you have relatives in hospital or at home to visit.

WAITANGI DAY Thursday 6 February is our national day commemorating the first signings of the Treaty of Waitangi - Te Tiriti o Waitangi, in 1840.

'Because of the Christian involvement in its signing and the Church's mission to bring about a better world we can mark Waitangi as a significant spiritual event and a time to pray for the land and its peoples. We can give thanks for the gift of being here, ask forgiveness for the wrongs of our history from which some have benefitted and some have lost, and re-commit ourselves to work for a more just society.

Happy 80th Birthday to Dennis Cummings! The parish wishes you many happy returns.



COLLECTIONS FOR LAST MONTH - incl Christmas, Church - \$413.00, and PRESRENO2024 - \$80.00 Thank you for your generosity. If you are donating online, please put in the reference number on your tax receipt.

PARISH PLANNED GIVING

PROGRAMME Please support our Parish by joining the Planned Giving Programme. Copies of Pledge Forms are in both foyers.

For Automatic Payments - the Parish Account is 02-0108-0706929-000. If you can, please sign up for the Automatic Payment of your weekly donations.

SAFEGUARDING As Catholics we believe that every person is created in the likeness and image of God. We foster an environment which is welcoming, and in which all our parish whanau feel safe. If you have any complaints or concerns, our Safeguarding Coordinator is Bernadette contact by phone 4208472 or email office@helensvillecatholic.org.nz

PRESBYTERY RENOVATIONS FUNDRAISING RAFFLE UPDATE

We are thrilled to announce the results of our recent raffle! Thanks to your incredible support and generosity, we raised a total of \$1,917. This will go a long way in supporting our project.

The following are our lucky winners:

First Prize: Robyn O'Sullivan

Second Prize: Rob & Danny Barrett

Third Prizes: Isabel, and Ellie Whiting

Bonus Fourth Prize: Henry

Congratulations to all the winners!

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped. We couldn't have accomplished this without you.

Stay tuned for more exciting events and opportunities to support the cause.

Mon 3 Feb <i>St Blase</i>	Hebrews 11:34-40; Psalm 31; Mark 5:1-20
Tue 4 Feb	Hebrews 12:1-4; Psalm 103; Mark 5:21-43
Wed 5 Feb <i>St Agatha</i>	Hebrews 12:4-7,11-15; Psalm 103; Mark 6:1-6
Thu 6 Feb <i>Waitangi Day</i>	Lectionary Vol III p56 Mass for the nation
Fri 7 Feb <i>St Paul Miki & Co</i>	Hebrews 13:1-8; Psalm 27; Mark 6:14-29
Sat 8 Feb	Hebrews 13:15-17,20-21; Psalm 23; Mark 6:30-34

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
Readings: Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 137;
Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

ROSTERS 8/9 FEB	HELENSVILLE Sat 6pm	HUAPAI Sun 9am
Leader	TBC	Rob
Lecter	TBC	Clare
MOE	TBC	Esmie / Merced
Altar Server	TBC	Margaux / Ethan



STORY OF THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Across the diocese people will gather throughout Lent to walk and pray the Stations of the Cross. But why has this become such a popular devotion? How come there are 14 stations and not 6 or 23? You are invited to prayerfully consider these and other questions as we explore with Sr Sian the meaning and history of the Stations of the Cross. To register please email pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz to be sent the online link. Mon 24 Feb 7-8pm (ZOOM) Fee: Koha.

NORTH SHORE JOSHUA MEETING A

ONE-DAY RETREAT for ALL on Sat 15 FEB hosted collaboratively by the Auckland Joshua and Dove Fellowships. All are invited to this One-day Retreat, directed by Fr Carl Telford and titled "The Prayer Journey of St Teresa of Avila". This will be from 8am to 4pm at St Thomas More Church, Glenfield, and will be a special time of formation, prayer, worship, fellowship. Morning Tea will be provided. Info? text/call Greg on 021 437747.

COMMISSIONING MASS Sunday 23 Feb

7pm St Patrick's Cathedral. Join us as we begin another grace-filled year of youth ministry with our Young Leaders' Commissioning Mass! Bishop Steve Lowe will be celebrating the Mass and commissioning our young leaders as they are sent out for ministry in 2025. If you're a youth ministry leader or young adult ministry leader, you're an essential part of this Mass!

LITURGY CENTRE Sale now on for Annual Resources from the Liturgy Centre. Cost Price Sale. Be quick as limited numbers. Jubilee Prayer cards also available 10c each plus postage. Please order via: Annual <https://form.jotform.com/liturgycentre/annu> or Resource Catalogue <https://form.jotform.com/liturgycentre/resour>

MARIAN CONFERENCE 2025 – 22 Feb at the Holy Family Parish Hall in Te Atatu.

Theme: 'Mary, Star of Hope: Our Guide to Jesus Through Consecration.' The day begins with Adoration at 8:00am and Holy Mass at 9:00am, followed by inspiring talks, morning tea, and lunch. All are welcome to join this day of faith and renewal. For more details, please contact bml.auckland@gmail.com

DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN

is excited to be launching a new initiative called Dovecotes. All it needs is for two or more women, to support each other to deepen their personal relationship with Jesus Christ, through regular shared prayer. Info: www.dove.org.nz

PRO-LIFE FACTS

An estimated 100,000 pro-lifers from all over the USA attended the recent annual March for Life in Washington DC. Vice-President JD Vance addressed the marchers: "The sacred truth is that every single child is a miracle and a gift from God." www.voiceforlife.org.nz

TITIPOUNAMU STUDY AND JOY

Incense - A Taste of Heaven? with Beate Matthes Monday, 24 Feb, 7-8pm (Zoom). <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2025/01/14/incense-a-taste-of-heaven>

JUBILEE SING JUBILEE

Pope Francis has called us to celebrate a Year of Jubilee in 2025. There will be international events, diocesan events that you can check out at <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/jubilee-2025/jubilee-calendar/> and we are also called to be pilgrims of hope as local and domestic Church. Jubilee Jottings <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/JubileeJottingsDec.pdf> And if you have your own ideas about how Jubilee Year can be celebrated please let us know through pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz

Weekly Holy Mass, Reconciliation & Adoration Times

	HELENSVILLE		HUAPAI	
Vigil Mass	Weeks 2 & 4	6:00 pm	Weeks 1, 3 & 5	6:00 pm
Sunday Mass	Weeks 1, 3 & 5	9:00 am	Weeks 2 & 4	9:00 am
Weekday	Wed & Thu	9:00 am	Tue & Fri	10:00 am
Adoration	Wednesday	8:00 - 9:00 am	Friday	10:30-11:00 am
Devotions	1 st Saturday Hour of Adoration Mass	8:00 - 9:00 am 9:00 am	1 st Friday	10:00-11:00 am
Adoration, Holy Rosary and Mother of Perpetual Help Novena Mass			Wednesday	6:45 pm