

THIS WEEK: 4 – 10 February

Monday	4 February	<i>Anskar, missionary bishop in Sweden (d. 865)</i>	9:00am Morning Prayer 5:00pm Evening Prayer
Tuesday	5 February	<i>Martyrs at Japan, crucified at Nagasaki (d. 1597)</i>	9:00am Morning Prayer 3:00pm Finance Meeting, Grafton
Wednesday	6 February		9:00am Morning Prayer 10:00am Eucharist 5:00pm Evening Prayer
Thursday	7 February		9:00am Morning Prayer
Sunday	10 February		9:00am Eucharist, Bangalow



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**The Presentation of Christ in the Temple — 3 February 2019
Candlemas**

As we gather for worship, we acknowledge the **Bundjalung Nation**, traditional custodians of this land.



Almighty and everliving God, as your Son was presented in the temple, so may we be presented to you with clean and pure hearts, by Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Bangalow Anglican Church

PARISH GOALS

- to pursue a social justice agenda
- to offer hospitality
- to support the spread of the Gospel in schools
- to maintain environmental care

SERVICE TIMES

Bangalow		
Sunday	9.00am	Eucharist
Wednesday	10.00am	Eucharist
Eureka	1 st Sunday	11.00am

THIS SUNDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2019 – PRESENTATION

Malachi 3:1-4; Psalm 24; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40.

NEXT SUNDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2019 – EPIPHANY 5

Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11.



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The Presentation of Christ in the Temple – Candlemas

Praise to you, Son of the Most High, who has put on our body!

Into the holy temple Simeon carried the Christ-child
and sang a lullaby to him:

'You have come, Compassionate One,
having pity on my old age, making my bones enter
into Sheol in peace. By you I will be raised
out of my grave into paradise.'

Ephrem of Syria (c. 306-c. 373)



The festal cycle of Epiphany ends only with the Feast of the Presentation (Candlemas) on 2 February. The child who has been manifested to the magi at his birth is now recognised by Simeon and Anna, when he comes to be presented in the Temple according to the Law of Israel. He is both 'a light to lighten the Gentiles' and 'the glory of God's people Israel'. But the redemption he will bring must be won through suffering; the Incarnation is directed to the Passion; and Simeon's final words move our attention away from the celebration of Christmas and towards the mysteries of Easter.

Today's Feast is sometimes known as the Purification of Saint Mary the Virgin, sometimes as Candlemas. In the Eastern Church it has been called the Meeting of Christ with Simeon. Such a variety of names is sufficient testimony to the wealth of spiritual meaning that generations of Christians have discovered in this small incident.

The title, "The Presentation," reminds us of the Jewish law (Exodus 13:3; 22:29) that every firstborn son had to be dedicated to God in memory of the Israelites' deliverance from Egypt, when the firstborn sons of the Egyptians died and those of Israel were spared.

When Mary placed her small son into the arms of Simeon, it was the meeting of Old and New Dispensations. The old sacrifices, the burnt offerings and oblations, were done away; a new and perfect offering had come into the temple. God had provided himself a lamb for the burnt-offering (Genesis 22:8), his only Son. The offering was to be made once for all on the cross. At every Eucharist those who are in Christ recall that sinless offering and unite "themselves, their souls and bodies" with the self-oblation of the Lord and Saviour.

Let all of us hasten to meet Christ, we who honour and venerate the divine mystery we celebrate today. Everyone should be eager to join the procession to share in this meeting. Let no one refuse to carry a light. Our bright shining candles are a sign of the divine splendour of the one who comes to expel the dark shadows of evil and to make the whole universe radiant with the brilliance of his eternal light. Our candles also show how bright our souls should be when we go to meet Christ.

Sophronius of Jerusalem (c. 560-638)

PARISH NOTICES

- ★ Please pray for Bishop Murray as he attends the Conference for Bishops in the Early Years of Episcopal Ministry in Canterbury, England, 29 January to 15 February. During this time, Archdeacon Matthew Jones will be the Bishop's Commissary.
- ★ The Rev'd Cathy Ridd will conclude her ministry as Priest in the Parish of Mid Richmond on Sunday 21 April. From the beginning of May she will be Associate Priest in the Parish of Ballina. We give thanks for Rev'd Cathy's faithful ministry in the Parish of Mid Richmond since her appointment there in 2016.
- ★ The Rev'd Greg March has been appointed as Rector of the Parish of Kingscliff and his Commissioning Service is on Friday 8 March at 6:00pm at St James' Kingscliff.
- ★ The Very Rev'd Dr Greg Jenks will celebrate the 40th Anniversary of his Ordination as Priest on 11 February. To celebrate this a service is being held at the Cathedral on that day at 5:00pm followed by refreshments. All are welcome.
- ★ Advance notice for our Parish AGM on Sunday 24 February at 11:00am in All Souls' Bangalow. Reports for inclusion at the AGM should be forwarded prior to Sunday 10 February.
- ★ Please continue to pray for parishes seeking new incumbents: Coffs Harbour, Mullumbimby, Nambucca Heads, South Grafton, and Tweed Heads.

Fr Matthew



We pray for CHLOË ADA DEVERS & ROSE MARGARET DEVERS baptised today, their parents Denise & Jared Devers, and godparents Kathryn Wise and Matt Rankine.

Prayers

Lord of hosts,

we praise your holy name.

Anglican Communion — The Anglican Church of Burundi: The Most Rev'd Martin Blaise Nyaboho, Archbishop of Burundi & Bishop of Makamba

Australia — Diocese of Armidale: Bishop Rick Lewers, Clergy and Laity

Diocese — ABM - Auxiliary Diocese of Grafton: President Janice Peate; Parish of Bangalow: Rev'd Canon Matthew Smedley, Rev'd Doug Bannerman, LLMs Joan Davies, Julieanne Sinclair

Please pray for those who are sick, lonely, homeless, refugees and asylum seekers

Anniversaries of Death — Richard Victor Rigby priest, Marjorie Helen Ions, Nellie May Ross, Ronald George Boyes, Charles Archinall, Muriel Wood, Alma May White, Mary Jane Clarke, John Wright

Praise to you

Anna embraced the child; she placed her mouth
upon his lips, and then the Spirit rested
upon her lips, like Isaiah
whose mouth was silent until a coal drew near
to his lips and opened his mouth.
Anna was aglow with the spirit of his mouth.
She sang him a lullaby:

'Royal Son,
despised son, being silent, you hear;
hidden, you see; concealed, you know;
God-man, glory to your name.'

Even the barren heard and came running with their provisions.
The Magi are coming with their treasures.
The barren are coming with their provisions.
Provisions and treasures were heaped up suddenly among the poor.

The barren woman Elizabeth cried out as she was accustomed,
'Who has granted to me, blessed woman,
to see your Babe by whom heaven and earth are filled?
Blessed is your fruit
that brought forth the cluster on a barren vine.'

Praise to you, Son of the Most High, who has put on our body!

A Reading from a hymn of Ephrem of Syria (c. 306-c. 373), in Atwell, Robert comp. *Celebrating the Seasons: Daily Spiritual Readings for the Christian Year* (Norwich: Canterbury Press, 2009), p. 111.



A candle alight

Behold then, the candle alight in Simeon's hands. You must light your own candles by enkindling them at his, those lamps which the Lord commanded you to bear in your hands. So come to him and be enlightened that you do not so much bear lamps as become them, shining within yourselves and radiating light to your neighbours. May there be a lamp in your heart, in your hand and in your mouth: let the lamp in your heart shine for yourself, the lamp in your hand and mouth shine for your neighbours. The lamp in your heart is a reverence for God inspired by faith; the lamp in your hand is the example of a good life; and the lamp in your mouth are the words of consolation you speak.

To him be glory and praise for ever!

A Reading from a sermon of Gueric of Igny (c. 1070-1157), in Atwell, Robert comp. *Celebrating the Seasons: Daily Spiritual Readings for the Christian Year* (Norwich: Canterbury Press, 2009), pp. 112-3

Offertory Hymn — CCC 16 Angels sang in celebration

[TIS 217i]

1. Angels sang in celebration,
sang a new age come to birth,
heralding a new creation,
promising God's peace on earth.
Still we ache to hear their singing,
long to know their word fulfilled
as another year is turning
with a hope not to be stilled.
2. Mary sang of liberation,
God at work among the poor,
come to heal the world's frustration,
love insistent at the door.
Longing for a new beginning,
myriad Marys sound her song;
round the world, while bells are ringing,
God is still at war with wrong.
3. Simeon sang to end his story,
sang of nations deep in night
soon to see both Israel's glory
and a whole world filled with light.
As we turn a page of history,
full of wonders, joy and pain,
we too pray to see God's victory
and the day when Christ will reign.

WORDS: Alan Luff 1928—

Candlemas Procession

[TIS 733]

Nunc dimittis

**A light to lighten the nations
and the glory of your people Israel.**

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace:
your word has been fulfilled.

**A light to lighten the nations
and the glory of your people Israel.**

My own eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared in the sight of every people.

**A light to lighten the nations
and the glory of your people Israel.**

A light to reveal you to the nations
and the glory of your people Israel.

**A light to lighten the nations
and the glory of your people Israel.**



Glory to the Father and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever.

Amen.

**A light to lighten the nations
and the glory of your people Israel.**

Closing Hymn – NEH 44 Faithful vigil ended

[TIS 600]

1. Faithful vigil ended,
Watching, waiting cease;
Master, grant thy servant
His discharge in peace.
2. All thy Spirit promised,
All the Father willed;
Now these eyes behold it
Perfectly fulfilled.
3. This thy great deliverance
Sets thy people free;
Christ, their light, uplifted
All the nations see.
4. Christ, thy people's glory!
Watching, doubting, cease:
Grant to us thy servants
Our discharge in peace.

WORDS: Timothy Dudley-Smith 1926—

Final Responsory

Father, here we bring to an end our celebration
of the Saviour's birth.

**Help us, in whom he has been born,
to live his life that has no end.**

Here we have offered the Church's sacrifice of praise.

**Help us, who have received the bread of life,
to be thankful for your gift.**

Here we have rejoiced with faithful Simeon and Anna.

**Help us, who have found the Lord in his temple,
to trust in your eternal promises.**

Here we have greeted the light of the world.

**Help us, who bear these candles,
never to forsake the light of Christ.**



Here we stand near the place of baptism.

**Help us, who are marked with the cross,
to share the Lord's death and resurrection.**

Here we turn from Christ's birth to his passion.

**Help us, for whom Lent is near,
to enter deeply into the Easter mystery.**

Here we bless one another in your name.

**Help us, who now go in peace,
to shine with your light in the world.**

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Blessing

But now the mercy of the Lord has taken pity on you and your house, and will strengthen you, and establish you in his glory. Only be not easy-minded, but be of good courage and comfort your house. For as a smith hammers out his work, and accomplishes whatever he wishes, so shall righteous daily speech overcome all iniquity. Cease not therefore to admonish your sons; for I know that, if they will repent with all their heart, they will be enrolled in the Books of Life with the saints." Having ended these words, she said to me, "Do you wish to hear me read?" I say to her, "Lady, I do." "Listen then, and give ear to the glories of God." And then I heard from her, magnificently and admirably, things which my memory could not retain. For all the words were terrible, such as man could not endure. The last words, however, I did remember; for they were useful to us, and gentle. "Lo, the God of powers, who by His invisible strong power and great wisdom has created the world, and by His glorious counsel has surrounded His creation with beauty, and by His strong word has fixed the heavens and laid the foundations of the earth upon the waters, and by His own wisdom and providence has created His holy Church, which He has blessed, lo! He removes the heavens and the mountains, the hills and the seas, and all things become plain to His elect, that He may bestow on them the blessing which He has promised them, with much glory and joy, if only they shall keep the commandments of God which they have received in great faith."

Vision 1.3, *The Shepherd of Hermas* (c.145).

Collaboration of Sense and Spirit

Man, incited by God, dimly or sharply conscious of the obscure pressure of God, responds to Him best not by a simple movement of the mind; but by a rich and complex action, in which his whole nature is concerned, and which has at its full development the characters of a work of art. He is framed for an existence which includes not only thought and speech, but gesture and manual action; and when he turns Godward, his life here will not be fully representative of his nature, nor will his act of worship be complete, unless all these forms of expression find a place in it. His religious action must be social, as well as personal; rhythmic and ceremonial, as well as interior and free. It must link every sense with that element of his being which transcends and co-ordinates sense, so that the whole of his nature plays its part in his total response to the Unseen. Therefore those artistic creations, those musical sounds and rhythmic movements which so deeply satisfy the human need for expressive action, must all come in; and the most ancient and primitive levels of our mental life be allowed to co-operate in our acts of adoration, no less than those more recent achievements of the race on which we prefer to dwell.

Evelyn Underhill, *Worship*, (London: Nisbet & Co. Ltd., 1948), pp. 23-24.