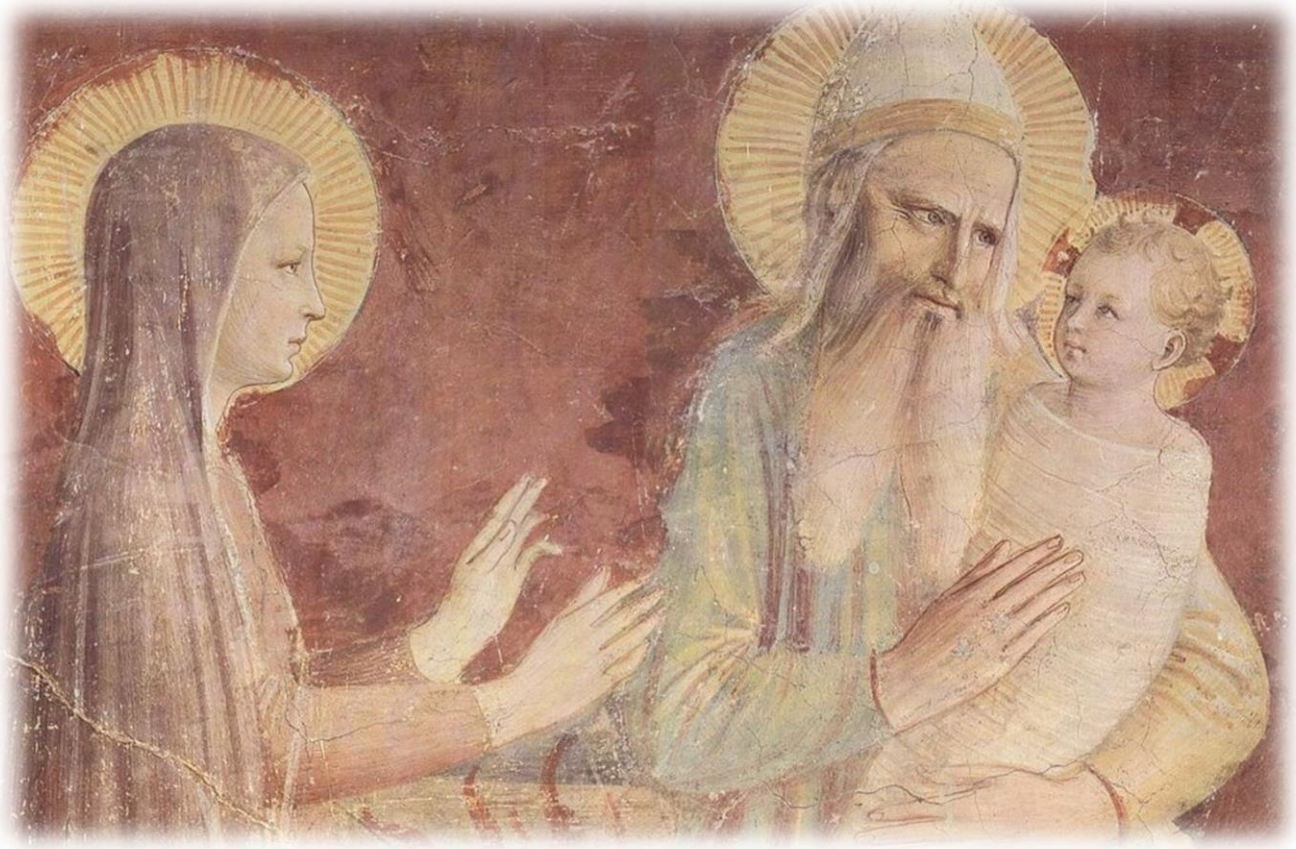


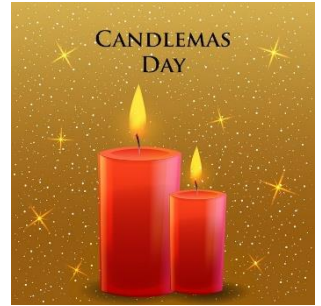


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Presentation of Jesus in the Temple

1 Feb 2026

Notes from Yukiko's Desk



Dear friends in Christ,
I am scheduled to leave Tokyo on 4th of Feb to return to Auckland.

This Sunday, we are celebrating the feast of presentation of the Lord. Known as Candlemas, it is a Christian holiday that commemorates the presentation of Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem 40 days after Christmas. The Rev. Colleen Binns is taking a service at Holy Cross and Les will be there at St. Michael's. I look forward to seeing you all when I get back.

Nga mihi,

Yukiko

Readings for 1st Feb

1st Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

Psalm Ps 24: 7-10

2nd Reading: Heb 2:14-18

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

This week's summary:

1st
Reading: The prophet's ministry began about 460 BC. He warns of God's judgement through a coming messenger to the Hebrew nation.

2nd
Reading: The writer declares that the incarnate Christ shares our humanity. Through his death and resurrection, we are no longer slaves to sin and death.

Gospel: Joseph and Mary though poor, bring the infant Jesus for the ritual blessing.

Sentence

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. Malachi 3: 1

Collect of the Day

**Everliving God,
your Son Jesus Christ was presented
as a child in the temple to be the hope of your people;
grant us pure hearts and minds that
we may be transformed into his likeness,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever. Amen.**

This Week's Service Songs at Holy Cross (Trish G)

**Opening: Angel from the realms of Glory
Gospel: Te Aroha
Offertory Shine Jesus Shine
Recession: Joy to the world**

Roster for 1st Feb

Holy Cross

Sacristan	Val D
Welcomer	Trish D
1 Readings	Christian
2 Readings	Alison T
Presiding	Colleen
Prayers	Beatrix
TV Setup & Slides	Karenne
Morning Tea	June & Rhona
Flowers	Ria

St Michaels

Welcome & Prayers	Bruce Goertz
Readings	Brian
Presiding	Les

Liturgical Colour: white

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