



St Alban's Parish Church



Sunday 26th January The Third Sunday of Epiphany

In this season of Epiphany we celebrate Jesus, Light of the World, whose brightness shines upon us as the grace and truth of God.

9.00 am	Said Mass	Fr Graham
10.00 am	Parish Mass	
President	Mtr Linda	Preacher Fr Graham
Readings		Patrick Newman
Intercessions		Jim Weller
Eucharistic Minister		John Hotchin
6.00pm Evening Prayer		Jim Weller

Today at the Parish Mass:
Hymns: NH&WS 99, 368, 17, 221

During the Week

Tues 28th *St Thomas Aquinas* **19.00 Said Mass** Fr Graham
Thurs 30th **10.00 Said Mass** Fr Graham

WELCOME We are really pleased to see you. If you have any queries or are unsure about anything please ask.

Intercessions

We give thanks for the times that God's word and God's presence have opened up new possibilities in our lives and brought us joy.

We pray for our world's warring countries, who strive for victory through violence and aggression, asking that the peace of God might prevail.

We pray for the Church in countries where to make Jesus known is to attract hostility, asking for the comfort of the Spirit to sustain hope.

We pray for those whom we long to come to faith, asking for the love of God to break through.

We pray for those experiencing pain or loss, asking for the light of Christ to shine into their darkness.

We pray for all who have recently died and all whose years mind occurs this week especially those we know including:

John Hodgetts, David Witty, Dennis Sweeney, Paul Spencer, Jack Eastwood, William Donaldson, Bett Wiles, Sandra Hodgkins, Freda Westwood, Elsie Bratley, Patricia Ruthven Brown, Peter Haselgrove.

Next Sunday 2nd February Presentation of Christ in the Temple

We commemorate the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, a turning point in the Church year, a new beginning. As Epiphany ends and we begin the journey towards Lent, we rejoice that God makes all things new.

First Reading

Malachi 3:1-5
Offering Temple sacrifices while oppressing or neglecting other people is an indication of tarnished humanity. Before judging us, God will help us clean up our act.

Second Reading

Hebrews 2:14-end
In Jesus, God shared our human life, understanding our fears and failings. Making the perfect yet painful sacrifice, Jesus frees us from sin and death.

Gospel

Luke 2:22-40
Jesus is ritually presented in the Temple as an ordinary human baby, and is recognised as the Messiah.

Services

9.00 am	Said Mass	Fr Graham
10.00 am	Parish Mass	
President and Preacher		Fr Graham
Readings		John Hotchin
Intercessions		Sr Julie
Eucharistic Minister		Jim Weller
6.00pm Evening Prayer		Mtr Linda

Notices

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First Reading Nehemiah 8:1-3. 5-6. 8-10

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.'

Psalm 19, 1-6



The heavens are telling the glory of God and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. One day pours out its song to another and one night unfolds knowledge to another. **R**

They have neither speech nor language and their voices are not heard, Yet their sound has gone out into all lands and their words to the ends of the world. **R**

In them has he set a tabernacle for the sun, that comes forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber and rejoices as a champion to run his course. **R**

It goes forth from the end of the heavens and runs to the very end again, and there is nothing hidden from its heat. **R**

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks,

slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

Gospel Acclamation

The Lord has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives.

Gospel

Luke 4:14-21

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'