



Diocese of Broken Bay

MANLY FRESHWATER PARISH

Mary Immaculate, Manly and St John the Baptist, Freshwater

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD 2nd February 2020



Forty days after Christmas, we observe the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple when we celebrate Christ as the light of the world. This feast is about offering and self-dedication: that of Jesus, that of Mary and Joseph – and that of all who seek to make their lives something 'pleasing to the Lord'.

Today's **First Reading** is a prophecy in which we can recognise the Messiah. His coming will be a challenge, but also good news for those who welcome him.

We sing the **Psalm** as we follow the Lord, our King of glory.

Christ has come to live among us as one of us. Although he is God's Son, he was tempted in every way that we are, and so is able to help us in our temptations (**Second Reading**).

The Gospel of Luke reminds us of the first time Jesus entered the Temple, with Mary and Joseph. There he meets Simeon, an old man who recognises Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah; together with Anna, a prophetess both represent Israel in their patient expectation; they acknowledge the infant Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah and then who tells everyone they meet about him.

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is an invitation for us to reflect on who this Child is and to help us make a connection between the mystery of his coming at Christmas and the saving work of Jesus in the fullness of his passion death and resurrection. As the preface for the feast reminds us, this Child is truly "the glory of Israel and the light of all the nations." *Pathways to God 2020*

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Assistant Priest: Fr Paul Kim
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Weekend Masses:
Manly: Saturday Vigil 6:00pm
Sunday 8:30am, 10:30am, 6:00pm
Freshwater: Saturday Vigil 5:00pm
Sunday 9am
Weekday Masses:
Manly: Tuesday – Friday 9:15am
Freshwater: Tuesday – Friday 9:15am
Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Manly: Monday 9:15am
Freshwater: Monday 9:15am

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6 Raglan St, Manly NSW 2095

St John the Baptist Church
cnr Johnson & Oliver St,
Freshwater NSW 2096

Baptisms: *by appointment only*
Manly 4th Sunday of the month
Freshwater 2nd Sunday of month

Reconciliation:
Manly Sat 10am – 11am
Freshwater Sat 4:30pm

WEEKEND MASS COLLECTIONS

Thank You for your financial support of our Priests and Parish Community

The 1st Collection is for the financial support of our priests.

The 2nd Collection is for the maintenance & running costs of our Parish Community.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February – Listen to the Migrants' Cries
We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

Parish website: bbcatholic.org.au/manlyfreshwater
Parish facebook: [facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish](https://www.facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish)

Manly Freshwater Parish promotes **SAFEGUARDING** which involves the implementation of proactive, common sense and practical ideas that ensure the safety of children and vulnerable adults in our community.


Parish Pastoral Council: Ivica Covic; Laurie de Ambrosis; Margaret Dent; Joanne Druery; Robert Marshall; Michael McGrath; Paul Pervan; Ian Press
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St John the Baptist Primary School 9939 6699
Principal: Judy Slattery
St Paul's Catholic College 9977 5111 *Principal:* Chris Browne
Stella Maris College 9977 5144 *Principal:* Elizabeth Carnegie

January 2020	Year A
Mon 3/2 – 4th week Ordinary Time	2 Sam 15:13-14,30, 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20
Tue 4/2 – 4th week Ordinary Time	2 Sam 18:9-10,14,24-25,30-19:3
Wed 5/2 – St Agatha	2 Sam 24:2,9-17; Mk 6:1-6
Thurs 6/2 – St Paul Miki	1 Kg 2:1-4,10-12; Mk 6:7-13
Fri 7/2 – 4th week Ordinary Time	Sirach 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29
Sat 8/2 – 4th week Ordinary Time	1 Kg 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34
Sun 9/2 – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Is 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16


LET US PRAY FOR *2nd February 2020*


Recently Deceased:
Anniversary:
Prayers for the sick in our parish: Gavin Greenwood, Zacchaeus Emmanuel Joseph Ratnam; Wayne Smedley; Mark Taylor; Kay Flenady; Leon Cochrane; Robina Dwyer; Betty Borg; Ann Irvin; Prionsias Kearney; Brian Davies; Majella McLoughlin; Debbie Vernon; Desmond Connors; Lauren Hannahan; Rosalba Galuis; Joan Herringe; Vanessa Squirrel; Judith McKenzie; Jonathan Keil; Les Reilly


Mass Intention Publications: All Mass Intentions may be left at the Parish Office or on the collection plates on the weekend. Names for Mass Intentions for Recently Deceased, Anniversaries and for those who are sick (permission of the person is required) will be included in the weekly bulletin. All other Mass Intentions (including yearly offerings) will be given directly to the Priests who will offer the Masses.


 **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** is held at Manly Church on Wednesdays from 2pm with Divine Mercy Hour held from 7:00pm – 8:30pm. To assist us on Wednesdays and present before the Blessed Sacrament, a Guard of Honour Roster has been placed on the notice board. We invite you to place your name in a time slot which suits you.

Visiting sick at home - If you, or if you know of anyone who is unable to attend Mass because they are unwell and would like a home visit please contact the parish office 9977 5822 to organise for Communion or Anointing

 Please **TURN OFF** your mobile phones during all Church services; that includes sending/receiving text messages

 St Mary's Church at Manly is fitted with an audio loop for hearing impaired.

 **Pope Francis**
 The Beatitudes are the "identity card" of a Christian. They are not about the joy that passes, but about happiness that knows how to live side by side with suffering

 **FR PAUL'S YOUTUBE** Please take a minute to watch Fr Paul Kim's presentation on today's Gospel reading. You can view it through YouTube – search frpaulkim (one word with no space).

DATES TO REMEMBER...

- **RCIA** Tues 4th February @ 7pm
- **St Paul's College Opening Mass**
Tues 4th Feb @ 9:15am
- **St Mary's Opening School Mass**
Thurs 6th Feb @ 9:15am
- **Manly CCD Meeting**
Thurs 6th Feb @ 10am Parish Centre

SUNDAY MORNING TEAS

FRESHWATER: will resume this Sunday 2nd February 2020 following the 9am Mass



MANLY: following the Sunday 8:30am Mass each weekend, with the Filipino Family Group hosting a morning tea on the 2nd Sunday following the 10:30am Mass and the Tongan Community hosting a morning tea on the 3rd Sunday following the 10:30am Mass.



If you are a new parishioner to **Manly Freshwater Parish**, we invite you to complete a Parish census form. This will assist us in updating our records to include you and your family in our parish community activities. The census form can be found on the back wall of the Church or at the side door entrance and may be left in the collection plate.



Craft Group meets each week on Tuesday mornings from 10am to 12noon in the Parish Center. We invite you to come along for a cuppa and a chat in a friendly relaxed environment. Bring along your knitting or other craft if you wish. Visitors to the area are more than welcome.



Lectio Divina Read his story in the Gospels. Spend time with him. Listen to what he says. Lectio Divina group meets in the Parish Centre on Wednesday mornings at 10am. All Welcome



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION Anyone interested in this form of silent prayer is most welcome to attend. We meet each Monday at 6pm in the Parish Centre. Enq: Hazel Cottee 0402 052 088
"Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46: vs 10)



Children's Liturgy is held each weekend at Manly during the 8.30am Mass and at Freshwater during the 9am Mass



The Parish Playgroup is held during school terms on Monday morning in the Parish Hall at Manly from 8.30am to 10.30am.



Fitness Sessions Manly
 Saturday Mornings at 9am & Wednesday Mornings at 8am
 Strength, Tone and Balance Training for over 50's both

female and male. The trainer is Paul Pervan who is a fully qualified Cert 4 Fitness Professional. Specialist in training Older Adults, fully insured with First Aid Certificate. Come along and Try!



Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) "Special Planning Meeting 2020"

The PPC is to hold a "special planning meeting" on **SATURDAY MORNING 15TH FEBRUARY at 10.00am to 12.30pm.**

The purpose of this meeting is to...

1. Review the Parish Strategic Directions of 2011
2. Discuss the direction and OBJECTIVES of the PPC for 2020/2021
3. Incorporate the six National Themes of Plenary Council and starting to discuss the formation of our community response

Along with ALL members of the new PPC for 2020 and any PARISHIONER wishing to attend and contribute, **you are most welcome to join this "special Parish meeting"**

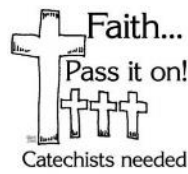
Would you kindly let the parish office (9977 5822) know of your attendance and be part of **"our journey together"** for 2020 and beyond?

Paul Pervan OBE
Chair of PPC 2020.

Welcome to your PPC for 2020

Paul Pervan (Chair), Ian Press (Deputy Chair), Margaret Dent (Secretary), Ivica Covic; Laurie de Ambrosis; Joanne Druery; Robert Marshall; Michael McGrath

Please give serious consideration to joining your PPC – contact the parish office 9977 5822



We are currently seeking more Catechists and Helpers for our CCD Classes in 2020

What is a Catechist?

A Catechist is someone who is from our Parish Community who volunteers

- To teach and share their faith with the Children in our local government schools.
- Has a passion for sharing the gift of faith with young people.

What is involved?

To be a Catechist you need to be able to:

- Give around 1 hour each week to share your faith in a local government school.
- Do a little bit of preparation at home, using the lesson resources and work books provided for students and the catechist.
- Participate in some training and support offered from time to time.

Who can be a Catechist?

- Catechists come in all shapes, ages and from all walks of life, reflecting the rich tapestry of our Church.
- Many Catechists start as a classroom helper and from there are eager to take on a class themselves

If you put your hand up to be involved you will be really well supported with training and resources.

Currently we have classes at all our schools that do not have a Teacher or Helper so please consider joining our wonderful team.

If you would like to know more about what is involved, please contact

Laurie: 9949 7750 (Manly) or
Toni: 9905 2894 (Freshwater)



Thank you for your thoughtful and compassionate prayers and donations to the Vinnies Bushfire Appeal held over

the Australia Day weekend. Donations can still be made online.

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/give/bushfires>



MANLY MORNING TEA ASSISTANCE REQUIRED

We require assistance on the 4th & 5th Sunday for the morning teas following the 10:30am Mass. If you can assist, please contact the parish office.

St Mary's & St John the Baptist Schools, St Paul's & Stella Maris Colleges

We welcome the students and their families to the 2020 School Year. We especially welcome our Kindy and new students as they join us at our parish and school communities. Please keep the students in your prayers.

We also welcome all the new and returning teachers and staff of the Schools.

We look forward to working together as a Parish and School Community.

PIETY STORE

Movie of the month "St Giuseppe Moscati"

A beautiful Italian film. An aristocrat and academic accredited for discovering insulin as a cure for diabetes. A doctor who touched thousands of people's lives. Only \$10 @ the piety store.

CD of the month "John Pridmore from Gangland to the Promised Land". Pridmore began a life of crime very young. Before long a hardcore gangster in a very dark world. Then something happened which changed his life forever. Only \$5 @ the piety store.



Sacramental Dates for 2020

Parent Information evening for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

- Manly – Tuesday 18th February at 7pm
- Freshwater – Tuesday 25th February at 7pm

Reconciliation

- Tues 24th March – Manly
 - Wed 25th March – Freshwater
- Program commences weekend of the 1st March

First Holy Communion Sunday 31st May

Program commences weekend of 3rd May

Confirmation Sunday 30 August

Prayer in time of Bush Fire and Drought

Hear our prayers, O God, for the effort to quench the fires that rage in our land; and, sustaining our spirits, keep us graciously from all harm and give success to the work of our hands.

O God, Lord of all creation, by whose power the whole earth came to be, look upon our parched land, we pray, and bestow upon it abundant rain, that pastures, fields and paddocks may by your goodness thrive once more.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen

PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

- Christian Meditation: Mon 6pm – 6:45pm in the Parish Centre
- Craft Group: Tues 10:00am in the Parish Centre
- Divine Will Prayer Group: Mon 11:00am in the Parish Centre
- Eucharistic Adoration: Manly Monday to Friday from 9:45am -11am Adoration on Wed continues from 2pm with Divine Mercy Hour from 7pm – 8pm
- Holy Hour: Freshwater Tues after morning Mass
- Lectio Divina: Tues 7.30pm in the Parish Room and Wed 10am in the Parish Centre
- Parish Playgroup: Manly on Mon 9am – 10:30am
- Piety Store: Open 15mins before & after Mass
- Reconciliation: Manly: Sat 10am – 11am Freshwater: Sat 4:30pm
- RCIA: Contact the Parish Office 9977 5822
- Rosary: Manly: Mon – Fri at 9.45am Freshwater: Tues – Fri before 9.15am Mass

PARISH MONTHLY EVENTS

- Anointing Mass at Manly and Freshwater 1st Friday of each month at 9:15am Mass
- Baptisms: By appointment enquires to Parish Office
- Crazy Whist Morning: last Tues of each month at 10:00am
- Parish Pastoral Council: contact Parish Office
- St Vincent de Paul: Manly & Freshwater Conferences 2nd Mon each month at 5:30pm

Manly and Freshwater Roster 8th – 9th February 2020

Ministry	Manly 6pm Vigil	Manly 8.30am	Manly 10.30am	Manly 6pm	Freshwater 5pm Vigil	Freshwater 9am
Acolytes	Kazuko Fischer	Louise Wareham	Ron Gravolin	Ivica Covic	Lou Maruca	Joanne Druery
Servers	Bernie Lawler			Michael, Kieran & Gabriel Wan		
Readers	Carmel Lawler Jean Halcrow	Ritz Bruzzese Anne Walton	Jane Fonua Therese Hava	Paul Novak Sandie Cornish	Amanda Whitfield	Toni Walsh
Ministers of Communion	Carmel Lawler Maree Rowan	Tiere Morgan	Kim McGrath Liana & Shaun Hearn	Paula Martin Richard Heasman	Angela Vumbaca	Toni Walsh
Music	CDs	Bianca Zatz Parish Choir	Kath Papallo Gina Marshall	Josh Willard	CD's	Pat Brown
AV Screens	Peter Simpson	Parish Choir	Robert Marshall	Bill Tango	Assistance Required	Margie Gruca
Warden	John Zemek	Dom Ferragina	Marika Jones	Stephen Crowley		
Piety Shop	Louise Wareham	Jan Dorsen	Maria Condomitti	Lynette & Eliza Duffy		
Flowers/ Altar Society	Hazel Cottee Carole O'Donnell					Marg Norrie Meg Storey
Morning Tea		Sophie Ford Rose Redding	Filipino Group			Feledy Family
Children's Lit		TBC				Rena Curll

TAP TO DONATE TO HELP WITH REPAIRS OF OUR BEAUTIFUL CHURCH

If you would like to make a donation to assist with our ongoing **Church Repairs** you can do so by a direct deposit into the Parish Account using the following ...

Account Name: Manly Freshwater Parish

Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank

Account# 13958001 **BSB #** 062 784

(Please include the following reference – BM/your surname)

If you would like to use one of our tap units at **Manly** there is a unit in the front foyer of the Church and at the side exit into the Carpark.

Units set at \$10 and \$20



We thank you for your generosity & commitment to our parish

VOCATION DISCERNMENT RETREAT

15th-16th February 2020

Marymount Mercy Centre, Castle Hill

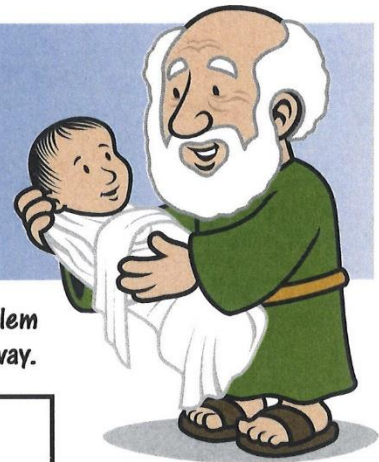
Come away for a couple of days to consider the vocations to the priesthood and religious life. This weekend retreat is for men aged 18-35. Begins 9am Saturday and concludes 4pm Sunday. There will be Mass each day, Adoration, quiet prayer, talks, confession available and quiet time. The cost is only \$50.

Please contact Father Thomas on vocations@capuchinfriars.org.au or 0432 362 052. Registrations required by 6th February 2020.

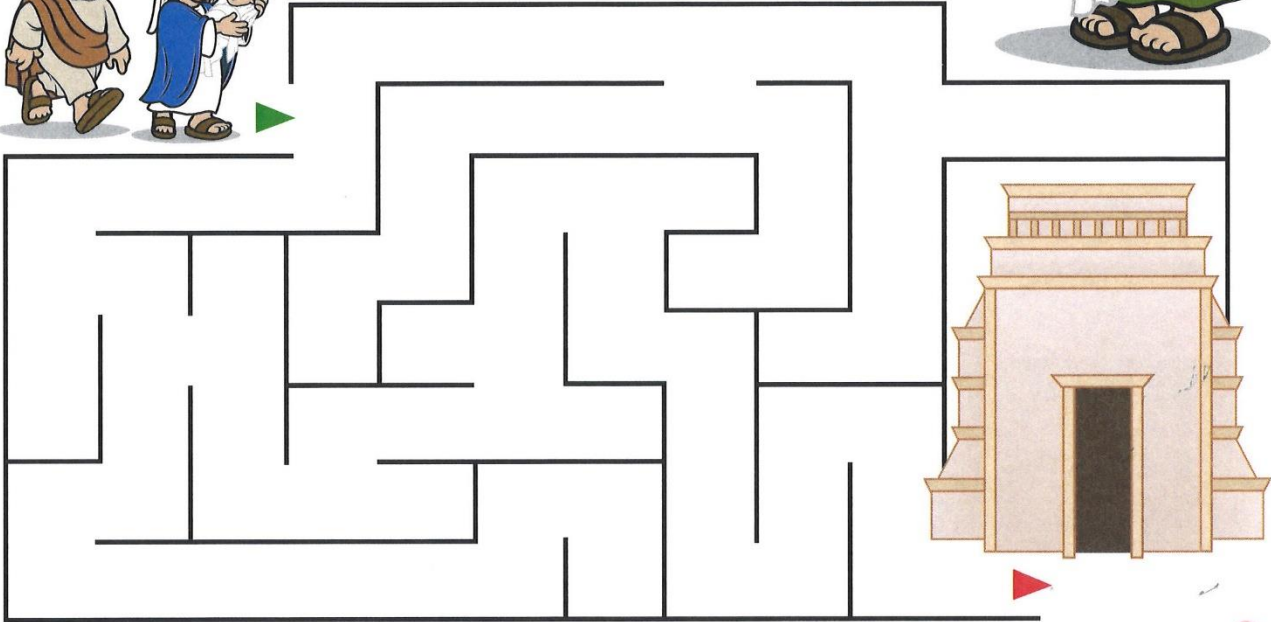
Lord, I am your servant



The Presentation of the Lord



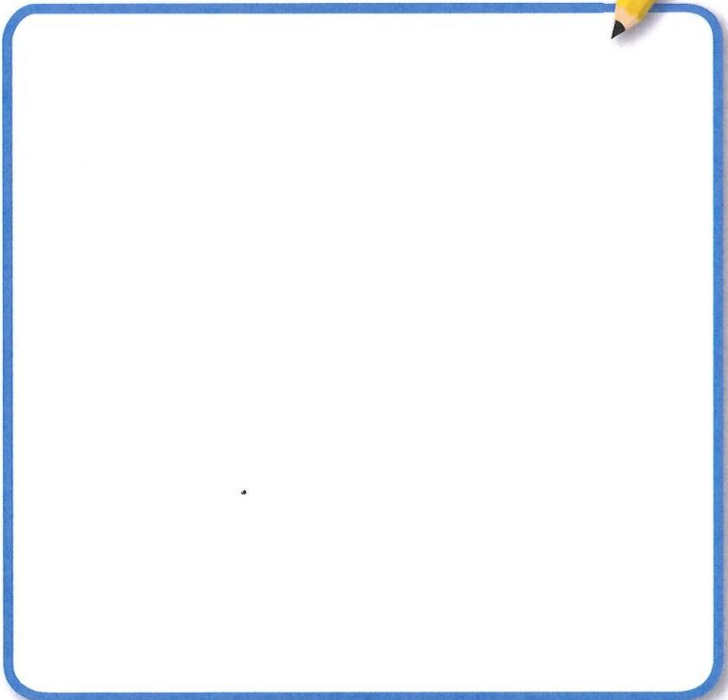
Mary and Joseph had to travel from Nazareth to Jerusalem to take baby Jesus to the temple. Help them find their way.



What are some of the things families do after they have a baby?



Simeon was very happy to see baby Jesus at the temple in Jerusalem. Draw Simeon holding baby Jesus.



The Presentation of the Lord- Year A

First Reading

Malachi 3:1-4 (JB)

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 fuller's 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 **All: Thanks be to God**

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 23:7-10 (JB)

R. Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

O gates, lift up your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! R.

Who is the king of glory? The Lord, the mighty, the valiant, the Lord, the valiant in war. R.

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! R.

Who is he, the king of glory? He, the Lord of armies, he is the king of glory. R.

Second Reading

Hebrews 2:14-18 (JB)

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 **All: Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 2:32 (JB)

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is the light of revelation to the nations, and the glory of your people, Israel.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 2:22-40 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

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 he blessed God; and he said: '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 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.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

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