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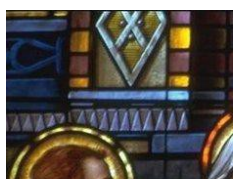
**Sunday February 1st – Septuagesima (70)**  
**The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple**

**8.00am – Holy Communion**  
**9.30am – Holy Communion and J Team**

**Sentence:** O Lord how manifold are your works; in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.  
**Psalm 104:25**

**Collect:** God of unchangeable power, when you fashioned the world the morning stars sang together and the host of heaven shouted for joy; open our eyes to the wonders of creation and teach us to use all things for good, to the honour of your glorious name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Holy God, they brought the little Christ to his Father's house, with peasant gifts, to consecrate him; grant to us little or great, that consecration. **Amen.**



**1<sup>st</sup> Lesson –** Malachi 3: 1-5  
**Epistle –** Hebrews 2: 14-18  
**Gospel –** Luke 2: 22-40

## Prayers

**We give thanks for those in our lives and experience,  
O God, who have been positive authority figures for us.**

We thank you for good teachers who have provided knowledge, skills, and a fine personal example.

We thank you for local politicians who have served unselfishly and brought much needed services to our neighbourhood.

We thank you for the work of those who have alerted us to the challenges of global warming and the threat to wildlife survival as a result of urban development.

As we give thanks, Creator God, so we pray for those who experience harsh and abusive authority: those who are taken advantage of by their employer; the elderly in residential care; children who are bullied (*time of silent reflection*).

**For the exercise of good authority we give thanks, Loving God. We pray for those who are ignored, abused, and victimized by persons in authority.**

**We give thanks for those in our lives and experience, O God, who have been positive authority figures for us.**

We thank you for good ministers who preached faithfully and were pastorally caring.

We give thanks for church school teachers who taught with humour and sensitivity.

We give thanks for the vestry, who called on us to think of those who are supported by our mission fund offerings.

We give thanks for our Bishops Ross and Jim for carrying their responsibility of their positions.

As we give thanks, Creator God, so we pray for those who are on

the receiving end of harsh and abusive church authority:  
newcomers to church who are not welcomed, youngsters who  
are not affirmed.



### **As we think of our school**

Jesus you were a Rabbi, a teacher.  
Thank you for our schools,  
where there are so many opportunities  
for learning.

Help our schools to be a place  
where we can learn the truth,  
the truth about your world,  
and the truth about ourselves.

Give skill and wisdom to our teachers;  
and give us all your spirit of kindness  
to support one another.

Help our students to play a part  
to make our schools a happy place,  
where we learn to succeed  
without putting others down;  
where we learn to face disappointment  
without giving up;  
where we learn the facts  
without dismissing imagination.

Lord, you call us to be your disciples,  
bless us in our learning at school.



**Txt GD**

**GR8 7 PWRFL GD U HAV GIDED ME  
N DA RITE DRCTN EVR SNC I WAZ BRN  
PLS CNTNU TRIEN 2 GIDE ME N DA RITE WY**

## JC I ASK U 2 HR DIS PRYR AMN

### Next Sunday – February 8th – Sexagesima (60)

**1<sup>st</sup> Lesson** – Isaiah 40: 21-31

**Epistle** – 1 Corinthians 9: 16-23

**Gospel** – Mark 1: 29-39

**8.00am** – Colin Stanbridge, Brynyce Owen, Michael & Patsy Hill.

**9.30am** – Pam Martin, Joyce Burgess, Marion Chiswell.

<b>Tuesday 3</b>	Selwyn Centre 9.30am – 12.00pm. 10am Holy Communion Park Lane. Season's meeting 7.30pm
<b>Wednesday 4</b>	Holy Communion service at 10am. Oil for healing. Morning tea. Study group.
<b>Thursday 5</b>	Mainly music resumes. Preschool programme. \$3.00
<b>Sunday 8</b>	Services 8.00am and 9.30am.

### This Week

- ❖ **We will start new prayer lists for 2015.** If you wish for prayer please sign the sheet at the back of the church. There are two opportunities. The Wednesday service and on Sunday. Just indicate **one** of these.
- ❖ **Please use** the fans in church and in the shop to keep cool.
- ❖ **Book giver** – all the books for mainly music have now been donated. Thank you.
- ❖ **New Ministry** – How about helping with flower arranging? or helping in the Op shop. Try a new skill.
- ❖ Jars for Jim to make marmalade jam for the October fair. We are sure you know the size jar Jim likes. If not please ask him.

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