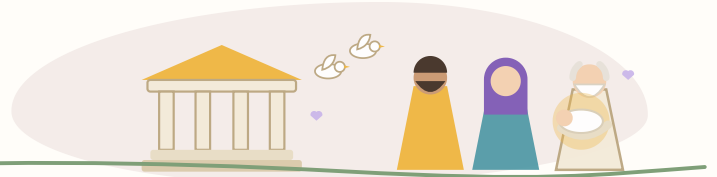


My Sunday Mass Page

Sunday, 27 December 2026 · Luke 2:22-40



1 Today's Gospel

The Presentation: A Light for All the Nations

When the time came, Mary and Joseph carried the baby Jesus to the **Temple** in Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord, as the Law of Moses said, with an offering of two turtledoves.

There a holy old man named **Simeon** was waiting. The Holy Spirit had promised he would see the Saviour before he died. He took the child in his arms and praised God: "Now, Master, You can let Your servant go in peace. My eyes have seen Your salvation, a **light** for the nations." He also told Mary that a sword would pierce her heart. Then **Anna**, an old prophetess who worshipped God night and day, gave thanks and spoke about the child to everyone waiting for God to save His people.

The Holy Family went home to **Nazareth**, where the child grew strong and wise, and God's favour was upon Him. God's own Son grew up in an ordinary family, so our homes, with their chores and sorry moments, can be holy places too.

Big idea! Jesus is **God's light**, and He grew up in a family, so **our homes can be holy** too.

Listen at Mass: In the Psalm we sing "*O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in His ways!*" St Paul asks families to be kind, patient and forgiving.

Go deeper: Read Simeon's song in Luke 2:29-32. The Church prays it every night in Night Prayer. The Catechism says the Presentation shows Jesus as the firstborn Son who belongs to the Lord (CCC 529).

2 Think It Through

Answer in a sentence or two.

1. What did Simeon say when he held the baby Jesus?

2. Why were Simeon and Anna so full of joy?

3. How could you make your home holier this week?

3 My Prayer

Write a prayer thanking Jesus for your family, and ask Him to help you be kind, patient and forgiving at home.

Dear Lord Jesus,

4 Family Crest

Design a crest for your family! Fill it with pictures of the things that make your home a holy place.

Ideas: praying together · a candle for Jesus our Light · sharing a meal · saying sorry · your family's favourite saint

"My eyes have seen Your salvation." **Luke 2:30**