



# Parish of Baulkham Hills

## The Presentation of the Lord - 2nd February 2025

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St Michael's

OLOL

Dear Friends,

One pillar of our Catholic beliefs is that hospitality is a Christian obligation that involves welcoming others and serving their needs. It's a way to put faith into action and be a companion to others. Hospitality is embodied in liturgy, which is the action of Christ and the Church.

For many years, OLOL has been welcoming Neocatechumenal Way, Korean and Maronite communities. Because of the sale of the chapel at Marymount in Castle Hill by the Sisters of Mercy, Christ the Redeemer Maronite Catholic Community (CTRC) is looking for a new place of worship by the end of February 2025 until their new church at Dural is built.

Mgrs. Shora Maree, parish priest of CTRC, has approached the Diocese and us for assistance.

A community discussion night at OLOL on 18th January was held to discuss CTRC proposal of Mass schedule and financial offer.

As a result, the offer and the proposal to change the Sunday mass from 9.30am to 9am were endorsed. The change of Vigil to 5.30pm (combined Mass with CTRC) has not been accepted. There were some concerns about the proposed alternative schedule of the Vigil mass, i.e. 5pm for OLOL and 6.30pm for CTRC. Having listened to the concerns and having discussed them with Mgrs. Shora, I have decided not to change the schedule of the Vigil mass which will remain at 6pm for now. While there is no change for the weekday schedule, the weekend schedule is the following: Vigil at 6pm - 7pm (Neocatechumenal Way community OLOL Hall); Sunday: 9am OLOL - 10.30am CTRC followed by baptism at 11.45am - 1pm Korean community - 6pm CTRC. CTRC will also use the hall under the church for their children's liturgy on Sundays. Hence, OLOL morning tea can take place in the community centre after 9am mass. The Christmas and Easter schedule for OLOL remains mostly the same, except the Holy Thursday's Lord Supper at 7.30pm and Good Friday Veneration of the Cross at 3pm will be at St Michael's only to allow CTRC to celebrate these important liturgical celebrations. Their Holy Week liturgy, also called divine liturgy, may take up to two and half hours. Because of their size and length of liturgy, it is difficult to find another church to celebrate. Our parish is the only one in the Hills district with two churches!

Also, Mgrs. Shora and I have discussed the parking situation at OLOL and other safety issues. Compliance with traffic regulations is important to us. I expect a smooth transition.

For the use of OLOL facilities, CTRC will contribute 75% of the annual insurance premium and cost of utilities. Furthermore, CTRC will also maintain and upgrade the church's IT system, including the replacement of the old projectors with 2 large TV screens and speakers. CTRC is also prepared to improve the cooling of the church building via AC or upgrade of the ceiling fans. Most importantly, CTRC will be responsible for the general maintenance of the outdoor areas around the church and house!

What are the next steps? CTRC, the diocese and us are working on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). After the signing of the agreement, MOU will be effective from Sunday 23rd February 2025.

I believe that CTRC offer is generous and would assist us in our

current financial situation. Most importantly, the maintenance of OLOL ground and infrastructure is ensured for the next two years. In this manner, OLOL is preserved as a place of worship for us and for all other worshipping communities as well. I think it is a WIN WIN situation for all involved.

I would like to thank your Maronite sisters and brothers for their cooperation and generosity. Welcome to our parish!

If you have any questions, please contact me via our parish email.

Have a great weekend  
Fr Joe

***We wish to thank our parishioners for their donations towards the maintenance of the church's building***

We acknowledge the receipt of the following donations:

1. Margaret M (300 AUD)
2. Henryk B (400 AUD)

The total amount will be transferred to a special account for the maintenance of the church's building.

We are very appreciative of the donations, especially at this a very challenging moment.

God bless and thank you

### LIVE STREAMING AND MASS LINK

This week's **live stream Mass** link for the Presentation of the Lord on Saturday 01 February at 6pm from OLOL is <https://youtube.com/live/Zj3DqNpZjWM>

As always it is livestreamed at 6pm AEDT (summer) time, and then available on YouTube. Also it is now available via Parish of Baulkham Hills Facebook page.

### SUPPORT DONATIONS

We really appreciate your continued support. To assist with the proper recording for the second collection, please include your envelope number if you have one.

For EFT to the First Collection - supporting the priests

BSB 067 950  
Account No 000004265  
Account Name Diocesan Clergy  
Reference 6001 your name

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BSB 067 950  
Account No 000000214  
Account Name St Michael's Baulkham Hills  
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BSB 067 950  
Account No 100005310  
Account Name Special Purposes  
Reference Your name and please email details to [admin@parishofbaulkhamhills.org.au](mailto:admin@parishofbaulkhamhills.org.au)

If you wish to pay by credit card, please use this link <https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/stmichaelsparishbaulkhamhills>

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

### Entrance Antiphon

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

### First Reading

**Mal 3:1-4**

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.

### Responsorial Psalm

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

1. O gates, lift up your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! (R.)
2. Who is the king of glory? The Lord, the mighty, the valiant, the Lord, the valiant in war. (R.)
3. O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! . (R.)
4. Who is he, the king of glory? He, the Lord of armies, he is the king of glory. (R.)

### Second Reading

**Heb 2:14-18**

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.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

## Gospel

**Lk 2:22-40**

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 turtle-doves 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 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 own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

### Communion Antiphon

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

**Next Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Is 6:1-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11



# Baptism

Congratulations to

- Ayan Appuhamy
- Ari Goedhals



who were baptised at St. Michael's Church last week

*We pray that their faith may be an important and integral part of their life.*

## IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

**SUNDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2025** - First Parish Annual Gathering at St Michael's from 11.30 to 12.15pm (presentation of Parish financial state, repair and upgrades, pastoral priorities, introduction of new PPC and PFC etc)

**THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> AND 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2025 AT 7.30PM IN THE DOWNEY ROOM** - Mass as source and summit of Christian life: Understanding the Mass.

2 sessions by Fr Joe Lam

## Anointing of the seriously sick



Will take place on **Friday 7 February** during the 9.15am Mass at St Michael's and the 9.30am Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes

## First Friday Morning Tea at St Michael's

Morning tea for Christmas will be in the Downey Room after morning Mass on **Friday 7 February**. **All are welcome!**



## In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Please also remember those for whom prayers have been requested, especially for:

**Recently deceased:** Robert Shelley, Robert Rizzardo

**Anniversaries:** Mariana Limansonoso

**Sick:** Infant Jackie, Peter Maguire, Bill Rowan, Jo Khong, Natasha Leitao, Felix Melinz, Arlene D'Cruz, Judy Poon, Jacqui Sneesby, Rebecca Grech, Monera Obeid, Cathy Vella, Margaret White, Tony Biddle, Connie Rivas, Joey & Noah, Greg Hopwood, Garry Eldersley, Mary Burns, Katherine Izzo, Mimi Yeung, Nicholas Tadros, Debra Price, Kong Su Chong, Frank Jacobs, Jamal Kairouz, Marie Bolton, Cynthia Gomes, Judy Taylor, Jacinta Hollins, Baby Carter McGhie, Florgina Henry, Richard Miranda, Bridgette & Gabriella Boldt, Jane Gibson, Mabel Yabsley, Joseph MacDermid, Catherine Hemmings, Young William Merhi, Rev Dr. Richard Waugh QSM, Greg Brown, Violet Nehme, Khyla Meighan, Bennett Perera, Lisa Middleton, Joel Uvero, Charlie Howell, Frankie Fernandez, Leonie Turner, Rod Johnson, Maria Roche, Melba Oki, Peter Dawson, Harry & Pam Williams, Peter Campbell, Philippa Ford, Honor Rosario, Lavinia Costello, Pablo Herrera, Anne Torina Wayman, Evan Garcia, Brian Roche, Warren Moses, Carmel Willis, Matthew Burke, Julie Bracks, Roumanos Nehme, Deba Beani, Edward Beani, Jenny Francis and all who are ill.

## OLOL NEWS

Fr Thomas will be on leave from the end of January until early March. Unfortunately, due to shortage of priests, the weekday 9:30am Mass at OLOL will only be held on Fridays, which are 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th February. Weekend Masses will be celebrated as usual.

St Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank the parish and school community for their Christmas Appeal support with a Morning tea on Sunday 9 Feb after the 9:30am mass

God bless

Fr Joe

### MORNING TEA



Please join us after 10am Sunday Mass

### STAY FOR A CUPPA!

All are welcome to stay for morning tea after 10am mass on SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> February. Come and have a cuppa and a chat. Morning tea will be served at the side entrance of the church.

**No cost involved. No need to RSVP.**

**EVERYONE WELCOME ☺**

**Would you like to help?** Email Leonie Merheb at [alphateam2153@gmail.com](mailto:alphateam2153@gmail.com)

## INVITATION TO OUR MONTHLY FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION - FRIDAY 7 FEB



As you know, this Year is a Jubilee / Holy Year. During this year, Catholics are called to be "Pilgrims of Hope".

The Jubilee can restore a "climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire". Spending time in Adoration draws us into intimacy with Jesus. And as we get closer to him, he gives us the wisdom and strength to serve his Church and the people he has placed in our lives.

So, this year, come to the Lord and find hope in Adoration. Then go out to share his love freely and widely. Our next monthly eucharistic adoration is on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025, at 7:30pm at St Michael's

## ALTAR SERVER TRAINING SESSION: TUESDAY 4TH FEBRUARY



We will be hosting an altar server training session on Tuesday 4th February at 4:00pm in St Michael's church for any child who is interested in becoming an altar server. The children must have made their first Holy Communion. An expression of interest notice was advertised late last year. Please complete the registration form using this [link](#) if you were unable to do it previously. This session will run for approximately 45 minutes. Information will be provided at the end of this session about the follow-up training sessions. For enquiries please contact the Parish Office on 9639 0598.



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## CURRENT LITURGY SCHEDULE

### ST MICHAEL'S WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm  
 Sunday: 8.00am, 10.00am and 6.00pm  
 Mon - Fri: 9.15am Sat: 9.00am

ROSARY: Mon - Fri 8.50am, Sat 8.45am

### **ADORATION OF BLESSED EUCHARIST**

Tuesday 9.45am - 10.45am

### **RECONCILIATION**

Saturday 9.30am - 10.30am, 4.45 - 5.15pm

### OUR LADY OF LOURDES WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm  
 Sunday: 9.30am  
 Fri: 9.30am (No Mass Tue & Wed in February)

### **ADORATION OF BLESSED EUCHARIST**

Friday 8.50am prior to 9.30am Mass

### **RECONCILIATION**

Saturday 5.00 - 5.30pm

St Michael's Church			Our Lady of Lourdes Mass Centre	
Mass Times	LECTORS 01/02 FEBRUARY 2025	LECTORS 08/09 FEBRUARY 2025	01/02 February 2025	
Saturday 5.30 pm	R. Gosper, R. Robb, M. Boldt, M. D'Souza	G. Dequena, P. Eustace, F. Ritky	ACOLYTE	
Sunday 8.00 am	D. Ison, V. Vella, G. Enright, R. Brook	M. Cameron, C. Worthington, G. Machado	Saturday 6 pm	P. Watkins
Sunday 10.00 am	S. Butler, T. Dwyer, S. McBain, T. Reodique	J. Van Gend, M. Reefman, M. Neylan	Sunday 9:30 am	A. Pope
Sunday 6.00 pm	S. Stagnitta, R. Santos, D. Mascarenhas	M. Moloney, M. Moloney, S. Turner, A. Rodrigues	LECTORS	
Mass Times	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS 01/02 FEBRUARY 2025	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS 08/09 FEBRUARY 2025	Saturday 6 pm	L. Subijano, R. Muscat
Saturday 5.30 pm	G. Rodrigues, D. Rodrigues, R. Gosper, E. Hanrahan	K. McElduff, R. Gosper, L. Karam, W. Ng	Sunday 9:30 am	H. Thomas, C. Coxall
Sunday 8.00 am	T. Barnes, A. Lockwood, B. Smith	B. Boguradzki, R. Waite, R. McGuinness	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	
Sunday 10.00 am	B. Boguradzki, S. Malinis, N. Redden	N. Redden, C. Malinis	Saturday 6 pm	C. Rajan
Sunday 6.00 pm	J. Macey, R. Macey, S. Haskin, A. Rodrigues	P. Finnerty, S. Stagnitta, E. Lee	Sunday 9:30 am	A. Mitchell, M. Murrow
ROSTERS:	WEEK BEGINNING 02.02.25	WEEK BEGINNING 09.02.25	08/09 February 2025	
COUNTERS	Counters 02.02.25 Team 3 : R. McGuinness	Counters 09.02.25 Team 4 : J. Gorman	ACOLYTE	
FLOWER MINISTRY	Saturday 08.02.25 : D. Maglalang, N. Fernando, R. Krahe	Saturday 15.02.25 : M. Mifsud, L. Laksana, M. Teh	Saturday 6 pm	J. Cavaleri
CHURCH CLEANING	Week 2 Team 5: S. Sordo, S. Fernando, J. Navarro, V. Edwell	Week 3 Team 1: S. Essey, D & T Haddad, M. Moloney, J. De Villa	Sunday 9:30 am	I. Starkey
PROJECTOR	Weekend 08th/09th Feb 2025 - Masses: <b>Sat 5:30pm:</b> S. Yao <b>Sun 8am:</b> M. Donnelly <b>10am:</b> M. Ezzy <b>6pm:</b> A. Saker		LECTORS	
			Saturday 6 pm	Z. Booth, M. Leslie
			Sunday 9:30 am	F. Ampil, N. Ellis
			EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	
			Saturday 6 pm	M. Steele
			Sunday 9:30 am	J. Starkey, M. Menasse