

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

A man throws seed on the land. While he sleeps the seed is growing; how, he does not know.

Communion Antiphon: **Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.**

Saturday, 2nd February

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Known originally as the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is a relatively ancient celebration. We know that the Church at Jerusalem was observing the feast as early as the first half of the fourth century, and likely earlier. By the 11th century, the custom had developed in the West of blessing candles on the Feast of the Presentation. The candles were then lit, and a procession took place through the darkened church while the Canticle of Simeon was sung. Because of this, the feast also became known as Candlemas.

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.**

The **Gloria** is said.

First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

The Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his Temple.

Responsorial Psalm: **Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! The light to enlighten the Gentiles and give glory to Israel, your people. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

My eyes have seen your salvation.

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

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WEEKDAY

MASS SHEET

28th January – 2nd February
Week Three, Year I



Monday, 28th January

**Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest
and Doctor of the Church**

Thomas was born in Aquino, Italy and died in 1274. He was a Dominican Priest, a great theologian and is known as the 'Angelic Doctor'. His theology is studied even today and his great work is the 'Summa Theologicae'. He is patron of all students.

Entrance Antiphon: **In the midst of the Church he opened his mouth, and the Lord filled him with the spirit of wisdom and understanding and clothed him in a robe of glory.**

First Reading: Hebrews 9:15. 24-28

He sacrificed himself once and for all to do away with sin; when he appears a second time it will be to those who are waiting for him.

Responsorial Psalm: **Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Teach me your paths, my God, make me walk in your truth. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Mark 3:22-30

It is the end of Satan.

Communion Antiphon: **Behold a faithful and prudent steward to give them their allowance of food at the proper time.**

Tuesday, 29th January

Weekday

Entrance Antiphon: **O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.**

First Reading: Hebrews 10:1-10
God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.

Responsorial Psalm: **Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your decrees. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Mark 3:31-35
Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother.

Communion Antiphon: **Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.**

Wednesday, 30th January

Weekday

Entrance Antiphon: **O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.**

First Reading: Hebrews 10:11-18
He achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying.

Responsorial Psalm: **You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Mark 4:1-20
Imagine a sower going out to sow.

Communion Antiphon: **Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.**

Thursday, 31st January

Saint John Bosco, Priest

Don Bosco, as he is known, formulated an education system based on reason, religion and kindness. He founded the Society of Frances de Sale, known as the Salesians. He organised workshops for manual labourers. He travelled throughout Europe seeking funds for his mission. He is known, also, as the Apostle of Youth and died in 1888.

Entrance Antiphon: **Your priests, O lord, shall be clothed with justice; your holy ones shall ring out their joy.**

First Reading: Hebrews 10:19-25
Let us keep firm in the hope we profess and be concerned for each other, to stir a response in love.

Responsorial Psalm: **Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! You will shine in the world like bright stars because you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Mark 4:21-25
A lamp is to be put on a lamp-stand. The amount your measure out is the amount you will be given.

Communion Antiphon: **Blessed is the servant whom the Lord finds watching when he comes. Amen, I say to you: He will put that servant in charge of all his property.**

Friday, 1st February

Weekday

Entrance Antiphon: **O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.**

First Reading: Hebrews 10:32-39
Remember all the sufferings you had to meet. Be as confident now.

Responsorial Psalm: **The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Make we grasp the way of your precepts, and I will muse on your wonders. Alleluia!**