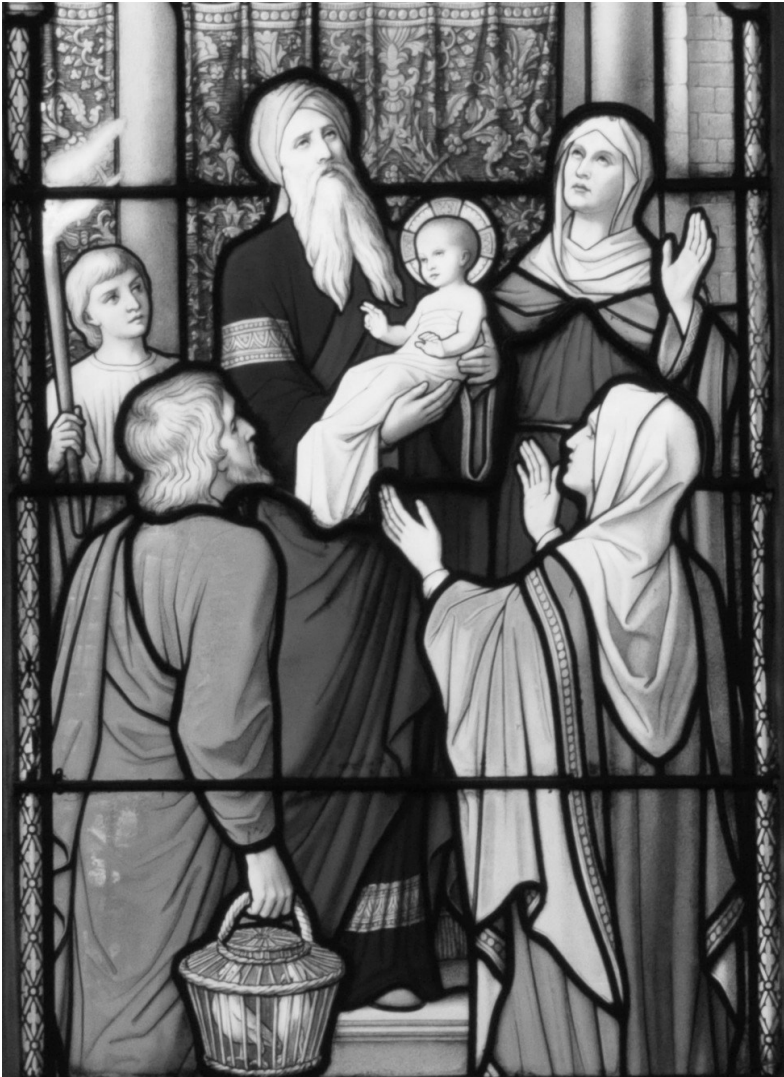


THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF
ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS
CHRISTCHURCH



Candlemas
The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple
1 February 2026

Letter from Fr Robert Jamieson

Dear friends,

Today we observe Candlemas, the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple, a day filled with light, song, and quiet wonder. Forty days after the joy of Christmas, Mary and Joseph bring the Child Jesus to Jerusalem, faithful to the Law. Yet in this modest obedience, heaven touches earth, and God's promises are fulfilled before watchful eyes.

In the Temple, we meet Simeon and Anna, saints of patient hope. Simeon takes the Christ-child into his arms and sings of light a light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel.

Candlemas has long been a festival of light, and rightly so: Christ is revealed not only as Israel's consolation but also as the Light for all the world. As our candles are blessed and lit, they speak of that same light, entrusted to us now, to be carried into the everyday shadows of life.

The prophet Malachi asks who can endure the day of the Lord's coming, for he will be like a refiner's fire. Candlemas reminds us that the light of Christ both comforts and purifies. Love burns away what is false, not to destroy, but to make us radiant with holiness. In the Temple, the true Temple comes to his own, refining his people through mercy.

The Letter to the Hebrews celebrates the profound joy of this feast: Christ fully shares in our humanity, taking on our flesh and frailty to redeem and heal. He is not distant from us but our merciful and faithful High Priest, walking alongside us in every weakness. As we stand with Simeon and Anna, may our hearts be filled with joy. We have witnessed the salvation of our Lord. Let us go forth, bearing Christ's light with reverence, courage, and joy.

Peace be with you.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "FR. ROBERT" followed by a stylized flourish.

Father Robert

Candlemas

The Presentation of Jesus in to the Temple

1 February 2026

Celebrant 8.00 am: Fr Robert Jamieson

Celebrant 10.00 am: Fr Peter Beck

Organ: Paul Ellis

Sidespeople: Toni Stewart, Vince Moreton

Mass Setting: A Festive Eucharist

Noel Rawsthorne

Organ: Suite du Premier Ton

Louis Nicolas Clerambault

Greeting:

Ki te ingoa o te ✠ Matua, me te Tamaiti, me te Wairua Tapu. **Āmine.**

(In the name of the ✠ Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**)

The Lord be with you. **The Lord bless you.**

Dear friends forty two days ago we celebrated the joyful feast of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Today we recall the holy day on which he was presented in the temple, fulfilling the law of Moses and at the same time going to meet his faithful people. Led by the Spirit, Simeon and Anna came to the temple, recognised Christ as their Lord, and proclaimed him with joy.

United by the Spirit, we gather now in the house of God to welcome Christ the Lord. Here we shall recognise him in the breaking of bread until he comes again in glory.

The Blessing of the Candles

God our Father, source of all light, today you revealed to Simeon your light of revelation to the nations. Bless ✠ these candles and make them holy.

May we, who carry them to the praise of your glory, walk in the path of goodness and come to the light that shines for ever, even Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Whilst the Servers light the congregations candles and the Priest sprinkles Holy Water on the people, the choir sings:

The Nunc Dimittis

Carolus Andreas

Let us proceed in peace. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Hail to the Lord's Anointed!
Great David's greater Son;
Hail, in the time appointed,
His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
To set the captive free;
To take away transgression,
And rule in equity.

He comes with succour speedy
To those who suffer wrong;
To help the poor and needy,
And bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing,
There darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying,
Were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers
Upon the fruitful earth,
And Love, joy, hope, like flowers,
Spring in his path to birth:
Before him on the mountains
Shall peace the herald go;
And righteousness in fountains
From hill to valley flow.

Kings shall fall down before him,
And gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore him,
His praise all people sing;
To him shall prayer unceasing
And daily vows ascend;
His kingdom still increasing,
A kingdom without end.

(Sung)

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Let us pray.

O God, just as for our sake your only begotten Word became flesh and was this day presented in the temple, so may we also be presented to you with pure minds and hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour who is alive with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: *(sit)*

Malachi 3:1-4

Marla Hughes

Thus says the Lord God: See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts.

But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord, as in the days of old and as in former years.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm:

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R. Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord, who is the king of glory.

Lift up your heads, you gates, lift yourselves up, you everlasting doors, that the king of glory may come in. Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord strong and mighty, the Lord who is mighty in battle. **R.**

Lift up your heads, you gates, lift yourselves up, you everlasting doors, that the king of glory may come in. Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord, the Lord of hosts who is the king of glory. **R.**

Second Reading: *(sit)*

Hebrews 2: 14–18

Barbara Moreton

Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham.

Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people.

Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: (*stand*)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. The light of revelation to the Gentiles, and glory to your people Israel. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Lord be with you

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke ☩

The Lord bless you

Praise and Glory to God

Gospel: Luke 2: 22–40

Fr Robert Jamieson

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.”

And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul, too.”

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom, and the favour of God was upon him.

This is the Gospel of Christ. **Praise to Christ the Word.**

Sermon: Fr Robert Jamieson

Affirmation of Faith:

(Stand)

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven, *(all genuflect or bow)*
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became fully human. *(stand)***

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
and has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection ☩ of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Intercessions: Johnann Williams

Rest ☩ eternal grant unto them, O Lord:

And let light perpetual shine upon them.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory. **Amen.**

**Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with you,
blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

At the Peace all may exchange a non physical greeting with those near them.

E te whanau, we are the body of Christ.

By one spirit we were baptised into one body.

Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace:

Amen. We are bound by the love of Christ.

Offertory: Adrienne Curtis, Dorothy Burrows

The Preparation of the Gifts

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.

Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.

It will become for us the bread of life. **Blessed be God for ever.**

By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share
in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.

Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.

It will become our spiritual drink. **Blessed be God for ever.**

O Christ the same,
 through all our story's pages,
 our loves and hopes,
 our failures and our fears;
 eternal Lord,
 the King of all the ages,
 unchanging still, amid the passing years:
 O living Word, the source of all creation,
 who spread the skies,
 and set the stars ablaze,
 O Christ the same,
 who wrought our whole salvation,
 we bring our thanks
 for all our yesterdays.

O Christ the same,
 the friend of sinners,
 Sharing our inmost thoughts,
 the secrets none can hide,
 still as of old upon your body
 bearing the marks of love,
 in triumph glorified:
 O Son of Man,
 who stooped for us from heaven,
 O Prince of life,
 in all your saving power,
 O Christ the same,
 to whom our hearts are given,
 we bring our thanks for this the present hour.

O Christ the same,
 secure within whose keeping our lives and loves,
 our days and years remain,
 our work and rest,
 our waking and our sleeping,
 our calm and storm, our pleasure and our pain:
 O Lord of love, for all our joys and sorrows,
 for all our hopes, when earth shall fade and flee,
 O Christ the same,
 beyond our brief tomorrows,
 we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

Pray, sisters and brothers,
 that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty One.

**May the Lord receive the sacrifice at your hands,
 for the praise and glory of his name,
 for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

May the offerings made with exultation by your Church be pleasing to you, O Lord, we pray, for you willed that your Only Begotten Son be offered to you for the life of the world as the Lamb without blemish. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here.
 Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**God's Spirit is with us.
 We lift them to the Lord.**

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son.

You are the source of all life and goodness; through your eternal Word you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image; male and female you created us.

For your co-eternal Son was presented on this day in the Temple, and revealed by the Spirit as the glory of Israel and Light of the nations.

Therefore with the faithful who rest in him, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing.....

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father. Send your Holy Spirit, that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive may be to us the body and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.

On the night before he died, your Son Jesus Christ took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them, and said: Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Glory to you, Lord Christ: your death we show forth;
your resurrection we proclaim; your coming we await.
Amen! Come, Lord Jesus.**

Therefore, loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ, his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we offer through Christ, our great high priest.

United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours,
here and everywhere, now and for ever. Amen.**

As Christ teaches us we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and for ever.
Amen.**

Kua ākona nei tātou e tō tātou Ariki,
ka ĭnoi tatou:

E tō mātou Matua i te rangi
Kia tapu tōu Ingoa.
Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.
Kia meatia tau e paī ai,
ki runga ki te whenua,
kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.
Hōmai ki a mātou āiane
he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.
Murua ō mātou hara,
Me mātou hoki e muru nei
i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.
Aua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia;
Engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:
Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha,
me te korōria,
Āke ake ake. Āmine

Eucharistic Ministers: Carol Fraser, Rachel Watson

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.

(Sung)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us your peace.

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

This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Happy are we who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

All baptised Christians are welcome to receive Communion, leave your seat by the side aisle and come down the central aisle. To receive the Sacrament please cup your hands and the Priest will place it on your palm. Gluten free wafers are available, please ask.

Anthem:

Listen sweet dove

Graveston Ives

Communion Hymn:

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Faithful vigil ended,
watching, waiting cease;
Master, grant your servant
his discharge in peace.

This your great deliverance
sets your people free;
Christ their light uplifted
all the nations see.

All the Spirit promised,
all the Father willed,
now these eyes behold it
perfectly fulfilled.

Christ, your people's glory!
Watching, doubting cease:
grant to us your servants
our discharge in peace.

Let us pray.

By these holy gifts which we have received, O Lord, bring your grace to perfection within us, and, as you fulfilled Simeon's expectation that he would not see death until he had been privileged to welcome the Christ, so may we, going forth to meet the Lord, obtain the gift of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Notices

Blessing:

The Lord be with you. **The Lord bless you.**

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will; and the blessing of God almighty, ✠ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Mass is ended. Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

Tell out, my soul,
the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills
are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise,
and his mercy sure:
tell out, my soul,
the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore.

Charpentier

The Sick:

Margaret Wallis, Fr Geoff Paterson, Jo Burnside, Ann Jinman, Terry & Betsy McKay.

Charles Barltrop, Claire & John Preston, Lois Peters, Denis Coulter, Betty Mechen, Suzanne Keys, Ghislaine Brewer-Quirke, Lesta Smithson, Pamela Hindin-Whitewood, John Bertken, Peter Easterbrook, Anne Fenton, David & Sandra, Philip Souter, Deb Smith, Andrew Lawson, Ashley Forman.

Anniversaries: (Sun) Kathleen Scott
(Mon) Pauline Stewart
(Tues) Ted Waters
(Wed) Sydney Slatter

THIS WEEK

Parish Lunch— Sunday 12.00 noon, Pegasus Arms.

Needlework Group -Tuesday 7.00 pm at Judith's home. Contact: Ros 0272428282 for details.

Meditation Group—Wednesday 12.00 noon in the church.

Contact: Therese Aitchison 0212516282.

Pray the Rosary—Thursday 12.00 noon.

Inasmuch Basket—Thank you for generously supporting the City Mission. If you are in need of ideas of what to give the City Mission, they have indicated to us that baking ingredients and condiments would be greatly appreciated.

The Rosary group

Will resume the weekly meetings on Thursday, 5 February at noon. You are invited to come and participate in this ancient Christian devotion. If you do not have a rosary, one can be provided. All are welcome.

Waitangi Day

The 12.35 pm Mass will proceed as normal.

Health & Safety Regulations: In an emergency, use the closest exit and assemble in the drop-off zone. In an earthquake, drop down and shelter behind or under a pew, covering your head. Follow instructions.

NEXT WEEK**The Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

8 February 2026

8:00 am Mass	Celebrant: Fr Peter Beck	Server: Eyob Habte
10.00 am Mass	Celebrant: Fr Robert Jamieson	
	Preacher: Fr Peter Beck	
Servers:	SD: Rachel Watson	MC: Thomas Visakan
	Th: Robert Calvert-Griffin	Cr: Eyob Habte
	Ac: Callum Robertson, Lawrence Watson	
First Reading:	Rachel Watson	Isaiah 58:9-14
Second Reading:	Joshua Wilson Black	1 Corinthians 2:1-12
Gospel:	Fr Robert Jamieson	Matthew 5:13-20
Eucharist Ministers:	Rachel Watson, Jane Evans	
Sides people:	Kathleen Campbell, Robert MacLagan	
Intercessions:	Marla Hughes	
Offertory:	Gloria Moyle, Sue Shannons	
Morning Tea:	Vince Moreton, Octavia Hodge-Armstrong	
Sacristan:	Eyob Habte	
Sacristy:	Robert MacLagan	
Livestream:	Michael Graveston	
Flowers:	Toni Stewart	
Evensong Readers:	Ros Calvert, Therese Aitchison	
Evensong Server:	Joshua Wilson Black	

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The Anglican Parish of St Michael and All Angels Christchurch

This Sunday

8.00 am
10.00 am
7.00 pm

Candlemas— 1 February 2026

Low Mass

High Mass

Festal Evensong and Benediction

Monday

The Presentation of Jesus Christ to the Temple

No Mass

Tuesday

12.35 pm

Anskar, Archbishop of Hamburg, 865

Mass

Wednesday

12.00 noon
12.35 pm

Feria

Meditation

Mass

Thursday

12.00 noon
12.35 pm

The Martyrs of Japan, 1597

Pray the Rosary

Mass

Friday

12.35 pm

Waitangi Day

Mass

Saturday

Feria

Next Sunday

8.00 am
10.00 am
7.00 pm

The Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time—8 February 2026

Low Mass

High Mass

Evensong and Benediction

Online Services

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Sunday

10.00 am Solemn Mass