

Saint Mary's Anglican Church, Gordonton. Sun 1 February



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10am Candlemass Holy Communion Service

Homily: "Lights in the Darkness" Rev David Smithson

Morning Tea: Helen

At Candlemass we remember Simeon and Anna greeting the baby Jesus as he is presented in the Temple, where Simeon and Anna finally see the awaited Messiah. *Luke 2:25-32. "Lord, now let me your servant depart 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."* In these words, Simeon sort of wraps up the Old Testament. The promised salvation has arrived, the Messiah is here! God bless, David



+ Prayer & Praise Points +

- For the families of the Mount and Papamoa tragedy
- For a blessed New Year for our Parish, and thanking the Lord for His faithfulness



Readings & Intercessor for 1 Feb

OT: Malachi 3:1-4 (p 1042)

NT: Hebrews 2:14-18 (p 1343)

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Reader: Charles

Intercessor: Helen

Foodbank: The continued basic needs are for flour, sugar, rice, pasta, milk powder, tea, coffee, jam, peanut butter



When I thought, "My foot slips,"
your steadfast love,
O Lord, held me up.
When the cares of my heart
are many, your consolations
cheer my soul.

Psalms 94:18-19



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