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My dear Little Flower

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, a moment of profound significance in the life of the Holy Family. Mary and Joseph brought the infant Jesus to the Temple, consecrating Him to God according to the Law of Moses. It was in this sacred act that they offered their child to the Lord, trusting in His divine providence and fulfilling their role as faithful parents.

This beautiful feast reminds us of the importance of the spiritual home that is the Church. Just as the Temple was a place where Simeon and Anna encountered the light of Christ, our parish is a sanctuary where each family can find comfort, hope, and renewal. Here, we come together to dedicate our lives to God, celebrate His presence, and encounter His light in one another.

You have a home here in our parish community. Whether you are celebrating the joyful milestones of life, carrying heavy burdens, or seeking peace amid challenges, our parish stands as a spiritual home where you can always come and know that you always belong. It is here that we grow in faith together, supporting one another and passing on the light of Christ to future generations.

Like Mary and Joseph, who trusted in God's plan as they presented Jesus in the Temple, you, too, are called to entrust your lives and your families to God. Let our parish be the place where this offering happens—a place where you can pray, serve, and share the joys and sorrows of your journey with others.

On this Feast of the Presentation, may we renew our commitment to making our parish a welcoming home for all, a place where each person feels the warmth of Christ's love. Let us embrace our mission to be a light in the world, just as Simeon proclaimed Jesus as the "light for revelation to the Gentiles."

May the Lord bless you and your families abundantly and fill our parish with His divine light, guiding us to be a true spiritual sanctuary for all who seek Him.

Your Parish Priest,  
Fr JC Merino