

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Catholic Parish Toukley/Lake Munmorah

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Vision

To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community

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Third Sunday of Advent, Year A

11th December 2022



In the first reading Prophet Isaiah instructs us that we should look beyond our sorrows and disappointments of the present with great hope in God's love and His saving actions in our lives. The Prophet encourages to cheer up and not be afraid because the Lord God will save us.

Today's Gospel describes the predicament of John the Baptist regarding Jesus. All of us have some unfulfilled hopes and unanswered prayers and John too faced a problem with the identity of Jesus. "Are you the one or shall we look for another?" was the question put by John. Jesus' answer to messengers of John was to observe what was happening around them and tell John concerning their experience of Jesus: sight for the blind, lame walking, dead are raised to life and the good news being preached to the poor.

Today Jesus gives us the same message - to look around and see the presence of God and His benevolent power around us. Look around and see God's mighty manifestations of love and power around us. When our hopes are broken and our dreams are shattered let us not get disappointed and disheartened but rather place our trust in the Lord.

"Want to keep Christ in Christmas? Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, forgive the guilty, welcome the unwanted, care for the ill, love your enemies and do unto others as you would have done unto you" - S. Maraboli.

Fr Tomy

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church Toukley

Saturday: Vigil	6:00pm	Fr Tomy
Sunday:	7:30am	Fr Tomy
	9:00am	Fr Tomy
	6:00pm	Fr Baby

St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

Saturday: Vigil	5:00pm	Fr Baby
Sunday:	8:00am	Fr Baby

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church Toukley

Monday - Wednesday	9:00 am	
Thursday	9:00 am	(Ordinariate of Our Lady of the Southern Cross)
Friday	9:15am	(Except 1st Friday of Month)

First Friday of Month Anointing of Sick
11:00am

Saturday 9:00 am (Mass devoted to Mother Mary)

St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

Wednesday 9:00am (1st Wed of the month
Anointing of Sick)

Thursday 9:00am

EXPOSITION BLESSED SACRAMENT

St Mary's Church Toukley

Each Saturday – After Morning Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Mary's Toukley

Saturday 9:30am—10:00am (except 15th Oct)
(by appointment at other times)

St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

Saturday 4:30—5:00pm

MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

St Mary's Toukley

8:20 am Monday to Saturday

First Friday Night Vigil

Exposition after 7pm Mass until 1.30am

Children's Liturgy

St Mary's: 1st & 3rd Sundays 9am (excluding
School Holidays)

St Brendan's: Saturdays 5pm (most weeks)



Welcome to our Parish. Today we celebrate the
Third Sunday in Advent, Year A. Thank you for
being here.

Advent Prayer (after Communion)

*Heavenly Father, we give you thanks and praise for your
unceasing love for us. Strengthen us when we begin to
doubt. By the power of the Holy Spirit, give us a deep and
abiding faith so that we may see clearly in our lives, the
presence of your Son, Jesus Christ.*



Christmas Mass times

St Mary's, Toukley

Christmas Eve: 6pm Vigil incl. Children's Nativity
Carols 11.30pm, Midnight Mass

Christmas Day: 7.30am and 9am (no evening Mass)

St Brendan's, Lake Munmorah

Christmas Eve: 5pm Vigil Children's Mass
(Carols at 4.30pm)

Christmas Day: 8am



Parish Morning Tea

Thank you to those who hosted and prepared the morning tea at both
churches last weekend. That was our last monthly morning tea for
this year, our next one will be on the first Sunday in February.

Parish Christmas Carols - Tues 20th Dec at St Mary's

All are invited to come together at St Mary's on Tuesday
20th December at 6pm for Christmas Carols. Please spread
the word and invite family and friends.



Feast of the Immaculate Conception - Renewal of Vows

This is the feast of the Religious order of the sons of the Immaculate
Conception (CFIC) to which Frs Tomy and Baby belong. This week-
end there will be a special collection to support the charitable activi-
ties of the CFIC. Fr Tomy and Fr Baby will renew their religious
vows on Sunday during 9am Mass at St Mary's.

Gosford Parish - Mercy Night - 2nd Rite of Reconciliation

Friday 16 Dec from 7pm. Gosford Parish invites you to the 2nd Rite
of Reconciliation, Adoration, veneration of JP II relics and Praise and
Worship. Please join us and we encourage you to share this invitation
with your family and friends! All welcome.

Parish Office News

A new Parish Secretary has been hired, her name is Sarah-Jane and
she is a Parishioner at St Brendan's. Sarah-Jane will spend some time
in the office with Alicia prior to Christmas, before officially starting
on 3 January. The Parish Office will be closed from Friday 23 De-
cember to 2 January (inclusive). For any urgent queries during this
time, please contact one of the priests on their mobile phones (see
front page for numbers).

Thank you

Dear Parishioners, Alicia Klein has been our Parish Secretary for the
past two years. She is now employed by CCD in the Bro-
ken Bay Diocese. She has been efficient, professional and
cordial. We will miss her and thank her for her wonderful
service as Parish Secretary. Alicia's final day in the Par-
ish Office will be Thursday 22 December. Please feel free
to pop into the office to thank her. Best wishes Alicia.





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Parish Volunteers BBQ

Thank you to all who attended and helped with our Parish Volunteers Thanksgiving Mass and BBQ on Friday 9th Dec. It was wonderful to offer our gratitude and celebrate the Christmas season with you.

St Vincent de Paul - Wyong Vinnies Support Centre

Address 47 Howarth St, Wyong, Open Mon-Fri 9am-4pm. Call 4353 5614 for an appointment. Vinnies can help with food hampers, toiletries, PBS prescriptions, furniture, clothing, petrol vouchers and much more. See the noticeboard for more details.

Social Justice Message

Peter Dutton Speaks On The Voice To Parliament.

"The request by Indigenous Australians to the rest of the country to be consulted on policy matters is a modest one," he told Sky News on Sunday. "This is an opportunity to unite our country rather than divide it. "It's something we should continue to work through the detail and ultimately help bring the country together." (from Margaret Hagan)

Vinnies Christmas Appeal

The Vinnies Christmas Appeal began last weekend, envelopes will be available again on 17/18 Dec. The Vinnies Christmas Tree will be available this weekend 10/11 Dec for donations of non-perishable goods or gift cards. We thank you for your support.



Children's Worksheets & Free Christmas Books

Worksheets, pencils and Free Christmas books for children are available at the church doors.



Blankets for Forbes Appeal

Thanks to the generosity of many parishioners, we are able to send a large number of blankets to Sister Kathleen. So that the blankets can be sent quickly, this weekend is the last chance to donate them for collection by a carrier. Fr Ken.

ROSTERS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY

Roster sheets for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day at St Brendan's are now available at the rear of the Church. Please add your name if you are available.

The Gifts of Christmas - Reflections for Advent

Advent is a time of preparation and anticipation. How are you preparing during this season of Advent? Our new Diocesan resource is available and is suitable for small groups or individual reflection during Advent. The resource can be accessed on the Diocesan webpage <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/our-faith/evangelisation/advent-2022>

Save the date – Toronto Men's Weekend

A menALIVE Men's Weekend will be held in St Joseph's Toronto Parish on the weekend of 25/26 March 2023. This weekend is suitable for all men from 18 years of age and provides an opportunity for men to explore what makes them feel fully alive. More information including how to register will be provided closer to the date.

Upcoming events - Save the Dates:

Lectio Divina - on hold, will resume Feb 2023

Tues 20th Dec - Christmas Carols at St Mary's 6pm

Fri 23 Dec - Mon 2 Jan - Parish office closed



In your charity, please pray for those who have died and those who are sick.



Recently Deceased

Andrew Speight, Jim Guest, Diane Smith, John 'Jack' Mahony

Anniversaries

Glen O'Connor, Guiseppe Nocera, Denis Newey, Edna Bath, Colin McIntyre, Lorraine Anderson

Remembrances

Anselmo Paulita, Arturo Zenaida Enrico, Pio Edwin, Elma, Juan Anselmo, Pantaleon, Temotea, Hermigildo, Romulalda, Johnston Family, Molly Krishnan, Lisa Grenot, Carol Brown, Moore & Langley families, Valmai Joseph Stark Family

Please Pray for the Sick

Vaughn Haynes, Sandra Curry, Mary Cefai, Donald Lewis, Kim Thomas, Mrs J Bowering, Margaret Brett, Allen Venneri, Gary Poppett, Jenna Stoffel, Jeff Moir, Joshua Booth, Miklos Beothy, Ken Scales, Pat Corby, Kevin & Helen Turner, Maureen Dries, Pat Glennen, Mary Smith, Sabu Kuruvelil, Yvonne Sutton, Liz Kelman, Lailane Bugaoisan, Teresa Jan, Michael Durken, Olive Haslam, Colin Fowler, Joy Rearden, Sr Tincy (Fr Baby's sister), Joyce Burns, Diane Booth, Rhondha Rey, Ann Buckman, David Vella, Ann Rigney, Margaret Jones, Margaret Moran, Faye Roberts, Noel McCool

Newly Baptised

We welcome Caleb Bernas and his family to our Parish Community.



November Birthdays

Melba Voigt (10th Dec)
Christopher Crocker (12th Dec)
Charlie Saliba (17th Dec)
Paul Moir (20th Dec)
Kye Sutherland (26th Dec)



Call the office to have your birthday or anniversary included!

BULLETIN Notices must be received by the office by 2pm Wednesday to be included for the coming weekend. Subject to space and approval. Thank you

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for December

Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations



We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

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Volunteer Angels

Male & Female

Do you have a caring heart & time to become a friend to a lonely person in an Aged Care Facility

Please call Anne-Marie 4396 1555

The Community Visitors' Scheme

First Reading

Isaiah 35:1-6, 10

God himself will come and save us.

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult,
let the wasteland rejoice and bloom,
let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil,
let it rejoice and sing for joy.
The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it,
the splendour of Carmel and Sharon;
they shall see the glory of the Lord,
the splendour of our God.
Strengthen all weary hands,
steady all trembling knees
and say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.
'Look your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.'
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy,
for those the Lord has ransomed shall return.
They will come to Zion shouting for joy,
everlasting joy on their faces;
joy and gladness will go with them
and sorrow and lament be ended.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:6-10

R. Lord, come and save us.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan. **R.**

It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

Second Reading

James 5:7-10

You also must be patient; do not lose heart, the Lord's coming will be soon.

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of

the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Isaiah 61:1 (Luke 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;

he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 11:2-11

Are you the one who is to come, or must we wait for someone else?

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Next Sunday - Fourth Sunday of Advent Yr A

First Reading - Isaiah 7:10-14

Second Reading - Romans 1:1-7

Gospel - Matthew 1:18-24

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