

# Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Catholic Parish Toukley/Lake Munmorah

St Mary's Church 458 Main Rd Norville

St Brendan's Mass Centre 29 Carters Rd Lake Munmorah



## Vision

*To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community*

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Third Sunday of Advent, Year C

12th December 2021



### *WHAT SHOULD WE DO?*

The crowds asked John an Advent question: "What should we do?" Like people in every age, they were beset with fear, anxiety, and discouragement.

Today's Scripture readings give us a clear, precise and practical answer: "Shout for joy . . . exult with all your heart! Have no fear... be not discouraged!" (Zephaniah 3) Paul tells us: "Rejoice in the Lord always! Dismiss all anxiety from your minds. Then God's own peace will stand guard over your hearts and minds." (Phil.: 4). John the Baptist answers very specifically in a different vein: "Give to him who has nothing; exact nothing unjustly; do not bully anyone; be content with your pay." (Luke: 3)

The Lord is in our midst. This is not "fake news" but rather it is "Good News!" It is the one reality that can answer all our needs and dispel all our fears. But first we have to believe! We have to make ourselves aware of God's presence all the time. If we can do this then everything can change - for the better. We will then see and feel His presence in all of the ordinary events and circumstances of every day. We will then experience His pain and sorrow in the suffering of our brothers and sisters. So, what should we do?

We must do deeds that reflect what we have received and what we believe. Our presence in the world must proclaim to all that the Lord indeed is in our midst. Our lives must mirror His life. We must become the same miracles of love, healing and reconciliation to all of our brothers and sisters. Our goodness and compassion must touch those who are blind and deaf to the Lord. Our mercy and acts of service must free those who are crippled by pride and hate.

But most of all we must banish fear and be the source of strength and courage to those around us who are really destroyed by the evil of our day. In answer to our Advent prayer: "What should we do? The answer is abundantly clear: "Rejoice! The Lord is in your midst! God's own peace will stand guard over your hearts."

Fr Baby

## WEEKEND MASS TIMES

### St Mary's Church Toukley

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

### St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

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

## WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

### St Mary's Church Toukley

Monday 9:00 am  
Tuesday 9:00 am  
Wednesday 9:00 am  
Thursday 9:00 am  
Friday 9:15am (Except 1st Friday of Month)

### First Friday of Month Anointing of Sick

11:00am

Saturday 9:00 am

### St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

Wednesday 9:00am

### First Wednesday of Month Anointing of Sick

9:00am

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

### 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 (currently paused)

1st & 3rd Sundays 9am at St Mary's



Welcome to our Parish. Today we celebrate the **Third Sunday of Advent**. We are pleased to see you in our Church once again.

### Christmas Mass times (no bookings this year)

#### 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)

Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Dec: 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 (no evening Mass)

Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Dec: 8am



### Confirmation Candidates

Congratulations to our candidates! All of our candidates have now received the Sacrament. A big thank you to the Families, Sacramental Leaders, Teachers and School Principals, and most of all THANK YOU to the wonderful children who showed such resilience in adapting to the online classes and very patiently waited for the ceremonies to be rescheduled. The Holy Spirit is alive in each of you! Here are some photos from our ceremonies and you will find more on our Parish Facebook page.



St Mary's 27th Nov



St Mary's 4th Dec



St Brendan's 4th Dec

### New Planned Giving app—“Good Giving”

Visit <https://brokenbay.goodgiving.com.au/qr/parish/toukley> or on your mobile App store, search for “Parish Giving Broken Bay” or scan the QR code to the right: This allows you to set-up regular automated Planned Giving for Clergy, Parish and Pastoral collections.



### Catechists Urgently Needed

Do you enjoy working with children? We need some new Catechist volunteers in our Parish, to either lead a class or be a helper, teaching Catholic scripture in the local public schools. Full training & support provided. Call the Parish Office for more info.



### Catholic Mission

We wish to thank all who donated to the recent Catholic Mission appeal. With your help, The Good Shepherd Sisters of Thailand can continue to support women and children from vulnerable and disadvantaged backgrounds by providing critical programs like the Mother and Babies Home.

### Annual Crib

This year's Christmas crib is sponsored by Lawrence & Teresa Benjamin & family. We appreciate their generosity & support.



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**COVID-19 Restrictions – Places of Worship Diocese of Broken Bay** Latest Update: from Monday 18th Oct 2021 our Churches are open for **MASSES** as per our usual schedule.

Capacity at St Mary's: 235. St Brendans: 320.

Those entering the church MUST:

- **CHECK-IN in using the QR code—MANDATORY**
- Wear a mask
- Hand sanitise
- Physically distance inside the Church (2 sqm rule).
- No singing by the congregation

**IMPORTANT:** signing-in on paper is only a back-up option if you cannot check-in with a QR code. If you have a smartphone, please download the Service NSW app, create a log-in and then use your smartphone to scan the QR code and sign-in at the church doors. It's very easy and you can use this method everywhere you go.

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

This weekend 11/12 December there will be a special collection to support the charitable activities of the CFIC. Fr Tomy and Fr Baby will renew their religious vows on 12th Dec during 9am Mass at St Mary's. Please keep us in your prayers.

**Holy Shop Open!**

Our Holy Shop at St Mary's is open every weekend, before and after each Mass. We have some copies of the 2022 Daily Mass Book, plus many other beautiful items. Come and shop for Christmas gifts!



**Vinnies Christmas Appeal**

Thank you to everyone who generously supported the Vinnies Christmas Appeal last weekend. It's not too late to return your envelope, please put it in the collection bowls. Our Vinnies Christmas Tree will be available later in December for your gift card donations.



**Children's Worksheets**

Worksheets and pencils are available at the church doors.



**Stamps for Missions**

If you have any used postage stamps that you would like to donate, please drop them off in the box in St Mary's Church foyer, or at the Parish Office. Thank you

**Parish Office - Holiday Hours**

The office will be closed from 2pm Christmas Eve and will re-open on Mon 10th Jan. The office will be open on Mondays & Fridays for the remainder of January.

**Thank you Volunteers!**

We appreciate all of our volunteers and their time and talents. Thank you for coming along to our Volunteers BBQ on Friday evening. It was wonderful to give thanks and celebrate with you!

**Congratulations Year 6 Students!**

As the school year draws to an end, we would like to congratulate our Year 6 students at St Mary's, St Brendan's and our local public schools on finishing their Primary schooling. May your high school journey be filled with enthusiasm, hope and wonderful friendships.

We wish all students a happy and safe school holidays.



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



Recently Deceased

Patricia Hensley, Antonio Di Napoli

Anniversaries

Glen O'Connor, Alfred Mitchell, Ron Turner, Irma Turner,

Remembrances

Wade, Mitchell & Ross families, Stephen Cappa, Ronald Thomas, Petronela Adelaide, Arturo Canillas & Rosalinda, Carol Brown, Greg Irvine, Moore & Langley families, Valmai Joseph Stark Family

Please Pray for the Sick

Elena Mabini (Sr Josie's mother), Lisa Hart, Lucas Campbell, Noel McCool, Anna Cole, Val Unterreiner, Ben Kozak, Karl Henry, Norma Dipple, Errol Jurd, Kathleen Cassidy, Adel Firth-Mason, Nenita Turner, Yohanes Christanto Perdana, Jehzekiel Lambaran, Brian Lane, Joe Micallef, Eleanor Matthews, Dave Rodney, Maila Reyes, Mary Smith, Therese Chetcuti, Graham Moir, Sr Tincy Thomas

**December Birthdays**

Melba Voigt (10th Dec)

Christopher Crocker (12th Dec)

Charlie Saliba (17th Dec)

Paul Moir (20th Dec)



*Call the office to have your birthday included!*

**Lectio Divina—every Thursday 5pm via Zoom**

To participate, please visit the Parish Facebook page

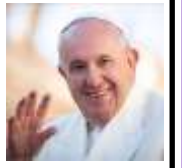
**St Mary's Christmas & January rosters**

Are now available to be collected from the table near the church doors.

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for December**

**For Catechists**

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.



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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

*Zephaniah 3:14-18*

*With gladness the Lord will rejoice over you.*

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,  
Israel, shout aloud!  
Rejoice, exult with all your heart,  
daughter of Jerusalem!  
The Lord has repealed your sentence;  
he has driven your enemies away.  
The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst;  
you have no more evil to fear.  
When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem:  
Zion, have no fear,  
do not let your hands fall limp.  
The Lord your God is in your midst,  
a victorious warrior.  
He will exult with joy over you,  
he will renew you by his love;  
he will dance with shouts of joy for you  
as on a day of festival.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

*Isaiah 12:2-6*

**R. Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.**

Truly, God is my salvation,  
I trust, I shall not fear.  
For the Lord is my strength, my song,  
he became my saviour.  
With joy you will draw water  
from the wells of salvation. **R.**

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!  
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!  
Declare the greatness of his name. **R.**

Sing a psalm to the Lord  
for he has done glorious deeds,  
make them known to all the earth!  
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

## Second Reading

*Philippians 4:4-7*

*The Lord is near.*

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater

than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation Isaiah 61:1

*Alleluia, alleluia!*  
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.  
*Alleluia!*

## Gospel

*Luke 3:10-18*

*What, then, must we do?*

When all the people asked John. 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!' A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**



**Next Sunday** - Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year C  
First Reading - Micah 5:1-4  
Second Reading - Hebrews 10:5-10  
Gospel - Luke 1:39-44

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