

# Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Catholic Parish Toukley/Lake Munmorah

St Mary's Church 458 Main Rd Norville  
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## Vision

*To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community*

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Third Sunday in Advent Year B

13th December 2020

Jesus  
J O Y  
Others You

The spirit of the Advent season is filled with the images of some of the most powerful figures in all of Scripture. The first, of course, is the Virgin Mary, constantly with us throughout this holy season, patiently awaiting the birth of her son - God-made-man, God-with-us - Emmanuel. This third week of Advent highlights the personalities of two others: John the Baptist, the voice of the one crying in the wilderness, preparing the way for His coming - and the prophet Isaiah - whose words are full of expectation, hope and joy.

The readings remind us that we are not waiting for God's promise of redemption to be fulfilled. Rather, we are to be living as people who have already experienced the incredible goodness of God... people who have come the Kingdom of Jesus Christ, here at hand, and who share His life... and as people who walk toward him - not in fear but with joyful faith. Miracles continue to take place around us because of our faith, because of our common commitment to Jesus and His Gospel.

Through us, our brothers and sisters are able to put away fear, to move from darkness to light, to begin to hear again the words of life. We can reach out to support those whose hands are feeble, whose knees are weak. Because of Christ-within-us, so many who were crippled by doubt and despair are able to leap again with courage and energy and new life. Our God is the God of life, abundance, deliverance and joy. That's the Good News that consoles us, challenges us, gives meaning to our celebration of Christmas and purpose to every single day we live and serve as followers of Jesus the Christ.

The Lord, our God, a mighty Saviour, is in our midst. That is the one reality that answers all our needs and dispels all our fears. But we have to believe! We have to make ourselves aware of that presence all the time. When and if we accept the fact that "the Lord is in our midst", then everything changes - for the better. We see and feel His presence in all of the ordinary events and circumstances of every day. Advent is not just waiting for a feast. It is waiting for God, waiting to be reborn, waiting to be transformed - seeking Him each and every day, in our lives and in the lives of those around us.

## WEEKEND MASS TIMES (100 People)

### St Mary's Church Toukley ( 100 )

Saturday: Vigil 6:00pm

Sunday: 7:30am

9:00am

Children's Liturgy 1st & 3rd Sunday  
(except school holidays)

6:00pm

### St Brendan's Lake Munmorah (100)

Saturday: Vigil 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am

## WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

### St Mary's Church Toukley

Monday 9:00 am

Tuesday 9:00 am

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

### 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

## Parish Facebook Page

Send a Friend Request to our new  
Toukley-Lake Munmorah Parish Facebook page.



## Understanding COVID-19 Restrictions – Places of Worship

### Diocese of Broken Bay

**Latest update 8 Dec 2020**

Capacity at a place of public worship or at a religious gathering, must not exceed **one visitor per 2 square metres** of publicly accessible space. This refers to services both indoors and outdoors. There is no upper limit for this restriction. If outdoors, the space must be defined by fencing or another form of barrier. The density limit does not apply if there are 25 visitors or less at the premises. Children count towards the capacity limit.

Up to 50 performers can sing indoors with no cap on performers outdoors. All singers should face forwards and not towards each other, have physical distancing of 1.5 metres between each other and any other performers, and be 5 metres from all other people including the audience and conductor. It is recommended that audience members and congregants older than 12 wear masks if singing or chanting.

**Record Keeping:** Parishes must keep a record of the name and contact number or email of those attending Church premises and hold the record for 28 days in a confidential and secure manner.

**Parishioners are requested to receive Holy Communion in the hand & are encouraged to wear a mask during Mass.**

More details are available on the notice board.

## Mental Health First Aid Training—EOI— Weekday Course

Expressions of Interest invited for a weekday course in Mental Health First Aid during December or early next year. \$30 per participant (covers textbook and all materials). The learning aims to build skills and confidence to support friends, colleagues and clients during struggles with their mental health. Please phone **Robyn Rosina** on 0402 968 388 to register your interest.

**St Mary's Christmas Rosters** are available at the back of the Church

## Working Bee—St Brendan's 18th Dec

A working bee to prepare for Christmas is organised for Friday 18th Dec at 8.00am. All welcome. Morning tea provided. BYO tools.


## Position Vacant - St Agatha's Parish, Pennant Hills

**Youth Minister – Pastoral Support Worker, St Agatha's Catholic Parish, Pennant Hills - 10 hours per week**

Do you have a passion for working with youth and young people? Are you dynamic and enthusiastic about the Catholic faith? Are you willing to help our youth and young people engage with their faith in a fun, caring and supportive environment? Visit [bbcatholic.org.au/jobs](http://bbcatholic.org.au/jobs) for the full advertisement.



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## Christmas Masses - Bookings recommended

Due to increased demand at Christmas time, we will be taking bookings for Christmas Masses. Please call or email the Parish Office to make a booking. Christmas Mass times will be:

### St Mary's

**Christmas Eve - 6pm Children's Pageant, then 6.30pm Vigil Mass**

**8:00pm - Syro-Malabar Mass**

**11:30pm Carols, Midnight Mass**

**Christmas Day - 7.30am, 9am**

### St Brendan's

**Christmas Eve - 5pm Vigil Children's Mass**

**Christmas Day - 8am**

## Special Crib

Dear Parishioners, like last year, we will set up a special crib in St Mary's Church this year. This will be an annual event of the Parish. We invite any family who would like to sponsor our Special Crib for this year to contact the Parish office for more details. Your family name will be displayed as the sponsor and your donation will help cover the cost of materials used in the display. Your generosity is much appreciated.



## Pope Francis proclaims "Year of St Joseph"

With the Apostolic Letter "Patris corde" ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from 8 December 2020 to 8 December 2021.



### December Birthdays

Melba Voigt (10th Dec)

Christopher Crocker (12th Dec)



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



### Recently Deceased

Brian Lefoe, Vicky Debono, Joseph Hughes, Thomas Bow, Brian Butterfield, Alan Macleod, Wayne Puckeridge, Camille Hill, George Gauci, Sylvia Wells

### Anniversaries

Maurie Cohen, Lynn & Raphael Cohen, Mary & Jack Webb, John & Rita Webb, Charlie & Nina Micallef, Salvina Caruana, Carol Brown, Anselmo, Paulita, Enrico, Arturo, Pio Edwin Ambait, Elma, Juan Anselmo Capacite, Pantaleon, Temotea, Hermigildo, Romualda Giba, Moore & Langley Families, Glen O'Connor, Judith Kemp, Denis Newey, Doreen Goonan, Alfred Mitchell

### Remembrances

Renu & Joseph Caruana, Angelo Caruana, Dennis, Ross, Wade, Mitchell Families, Valmai Joseph & Stark Family, Mary & Jack Webb, Jack & Rita Webb & Wynn Family, Scott Kay, Danny Kay, Moore & Langley Families, Bernard Yap, V DeSouza, V Baraez, Fred & Ann Stephens, Rosemary Jennifer Mulvany, Gerard De Zilva, Stephen Cappa

### Please Pray for the Sick

Lily Tan, Kevin Harvey, Diane Booth, Tincy Thomas, Deacon Paul Simmons, Bill Martin, Ray Crocker, Lorraine Dunn, Cheryl Kennedy, Zerafa family, George Gavranic, Ann Buckman, Josephine Poynting, Eloise Bell, Wendy Peterson, Adrian, Ken Chubb, Fiona Haslam, Teresa Wegrzyn, Ann Durnford, Steve Durnford, Maureen Mulheron, Koby Bourke, Monica Mason, Ariane Hampton, Fr Bill Aliprandi, Linda Read, Eleanor Matthews, Andrew Kelly, Paul Covington, Fiona Gill, Evan Shepherd, Kathleen Strong, Brian Davies, Michael Wiggin & Vanessa Miller, Sister Carmela Debbie Gibba, Mary Powell & Miklos Beothy, Mr Baldovan, Hannah Tierney, Faye Lund, Julie Newey, Kathy Outlaw, Finn McConnon, Anne & Steve Durnford, Vaughn Haynes, Pam Moir (family), Lurlene Dehn, Adrian Collins.

### Changes to Collects (opening prayers) in the Roman Missal

As directed by the Vatican, from this Sunday 29th Nov, the word "one" before God will be removed from the Collects. For example:

*Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.*

## Mackay Family Funerals

In Association with Mackay Family Crematorium  
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PO Box 89 Ourimbah NSW 2258.

Phone: (02) 4362 2733 Fax: (02) 4362 2899



## 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 61:1-2, 10-11*

*I exult for joy in the Lord.*

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me,  
for the Lord has anointed me.  
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor,  
to bind up hearts that are broken;

to proclaim liberty to captives,  
freedom to those in prison;  
to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord.

'I exult for joy in the Lord,  
my soul rejoices in my God,  
for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation,  
he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity,  
like a bridegroom wearing his wreath,  
like a bride adorned in her jewels.

'For as the earth makes fresh things grow,  
as a garden makes seeds spring up,  
so will the Lord make both integrity and praise  
spring up in the sight of the nations.'

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

## Responsorial Psalm

*Luke 1:46-50, 53-54*

**R. My soul rejoices in my God.**

My soul glorifies the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.  
He looks on his servant in her nothingness;  
henceforth all ages will call me blessed. **R.**

The Almighty works marvels for me.  
Holy his name!  
His mercy is from age to age,  
on those who fear him. **R.**

He fills the starving with good things,  
sends the rich away empty.  
He protects Israel, his servant,  
remembering his mercy. **R.**

## Second Reading

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-24*

*May you all be kept blameless, spirit, soul and body,  
for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things  
give thanks to God, because this is what God expects  
you to do in Christ Jesus.

Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of  
prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything -  
hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and  
may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and  
body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has

called you and he will not fail you.

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

*John 1:6-8, 19-28*

*There stands among you, unknown to you, the one  
who is coming after me.*

A man came, sent by God.  
His name was John.  
He came as a witness,  
as a witness to speak for the light,  
so that everyone might believe through him.  
He was not the light,  
only a witness to speak for the light.  
This is how John appeared as a witness. When the  
Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask  
him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he de-  
clared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,'  
they asked 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not' he said. 'Are you  
the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him,  
'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those  
who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So  
John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied:  
a voice that cries in the wilderness:  
Make a straight way for the Lord.'

Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and  
they put this further question to him, 'Why are you bap-  
tising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not  
the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but  
there stands among you unknown to you the one who is  
coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-  
strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the  
Jordan, where John was baptising.

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

Next Sunday - Fourth Sunday of Advent  
First Reading - 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16  
Second Reading - Romans 16:25-27  
Gospel - Luke 1:26-38

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention  
for December

### For a Life of Prayer

We pray that our personal relationship  
with Jesus Christ be nourished by the  
Word of God and a life of prayer.



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