

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Catholic Parish Toukley/Lake Munmorah

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To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community

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Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year B
14th March 2021



The Fourth Sunday of Lent is called *Lætare* (Rejoice) Sunday, symbolizing the Church's joy in anticipation of the Resurrection of Our Lord. The central theme of today's readings is that our salvation is the free gift of a merciful God, given to us sinners through Jesus, His Son. The readings stress God's mercy and compassion and remind us of the great love, kindness and grace extended to us in Christ.

Today's Gospel passage speaks of the wonderful love of God for the human-kind. Nicodemus, the wealthy Pharisee and member of the Sanhedrin, meets Jesus by night and begins a long religious discussion. Jesus explains him, stating that rebirth by water and the Spirit is an essential condition for entering the Kingdom of God. It gives us an assurance of a continuation of our life after death, that is eternal life. God sent His Son to be with us every moment of our lives. If we believe in Jesus, we will live with Him. Through our life in Jesus, we get the assurance and the strength to overcome every one of our crises and problems. Lent is the time to experience this love of God through His Son Jesus.

As St. Augustine puts it: "God loves each one of us as if there were only one of us to love. It is our God who brings us to greater belief in our daily struggles and temptations, and leads us to eternal life, thus demonstrating the depth of His love for us. Our lives matter to God, and He knows all about the dark corners in our lives. He wants us to stop hiding our sin in the dark and demands that we expose every dark corner to His Light of life, so that we will be able to receive what He is giving to us — the Light that not only shows up the dirt in our lives but cleans it away. He died so that we could be made new and clean. Freely, the Light of His forgiveness shines into our lives, brightening up every corner, forgiving every sin, and restoring our relationship with God, renewing our lives. Dear friends, let us reflect on;

"Every act of love involves dying to selfishness.
Every act of kindness involves dying to meanness.
Every act of humility involves dying to pride.
Every act of courage involves dying to cowardice.
Every act of forgiveness involves dying to bitterness."

" Love begins at home and it is not how much we do but how much love we put in that action" - St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

Fr Tomy

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church Toukley

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

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

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

COVID-19 Restrictions – Places of Worship Diocese of Broken Bay

Latest Update: 12 Feb 2021

Capacity: Capacity at a place of public worship is subject to the one person per 2 square metre rule. Children count towards the capacity limit. Our capacity: St Mary's: 235, St Brendan's: 320

Please do not enter the Church if you feel unwell.

Masks: mask wearing is no longer mandatory for places of worship. You are welcome to wear a mask if you would like to.

Record Keeping: Everyone entering the Church must sign in with their name and contact number, preferably using the QR code, or on the paper sheet provided. Please write clearly. The Parish office will hold the record for 28 days confidentially and securely.

Seating: please sit only where marked, to maintain physical distancing requirements. Members of the same household may sit together. Seating signs are staggered to allow for physical distancing, so please adhere to these signs.

Singing: No congregational singing in our Parish, Musicians & Choir only. (Current restrictions allow singing only if masks are worn and if we revert to the 4 sqm rule, so, for now, no singing unfortunately).

Holy Communion: Parishioners are requested to receive Holy Communion in the hand and adhere to 1.5m physical distancing while processing to Communion.

No Gathering: Parishioners must move away promptly from the Church after Mass has finished.

COVID Important Updates:

No Sharing Food: Please remember that any meetings we hold must not involve sharing of food. If food is served, it must be individual serves on separate plates/containers, or participants must bring their own food.

Offertory Procession: due to easing of COVID restrictions, we are now able to resume the Offertory Procession. More details about COVID restrictions are available on the notice board and signs at the Church doors.

Fridays in Lent:

Stations of the Cross—St Mary's 8:30am (before 9:15 Mass), 10:30am (before 11am Healing Mass 1st Fri)

The Light Is On—St Mary's, Adoration & Reconciliation 7.00-7.30pm

Holy Week

Palm Sunday - 28th March

Parishioners are invited to bring their own palms for blessing on Palm Sunday. If you have extras and can donate palms for others, please bring your extra palms to the Church on Saturday 27th March by 10am. Normal weekend Mass times.

Holy Thursday - 1st April

St Brendan's - 5pm Mass, St Mary's - 6pm Mass

Good Friday - 2nd April

St Brendan's - Stations of the Cross 9am

St Mary's - Children's Stations of the Cross 9am, Traditional 10am

Passion - 3pm at both St Brendan's and St Mary's

Easter Saturday Vigil - 3rd April

St Brendan's - 5pm, St Mary's - 6pm

Easter Sunday

St Brendan's - 8am

St Mary's - 7.30am, 9am (no evening Mass)


Feast of St Patrick - Wed 17th March

Feast of St Joseph—Fri 19th March

During this 'Year of St Joseph', we will celebrate the Feast of St Joseph on Fri 19th March with 3 days of Triduum prayer. If you have a statue of St Joseph that you would like to donate to our Church, please let Father or the Parish Office know.



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Church Library Coordinator Needed!

Please contact the Parish Office or Father for more information.

New Stock in the Holy Shop:

Are you looking for a beautiful Saint bracelet? Visit our Holy Shop after Mass to explore the range. Thank you to the Vassallo Family for donating the bracelets. There are many more beautiful items for sale as well.

Prayer notices on this page

Please be advised that the names that appear on this page under Recently Deceased, Anniversaries, and Remembrances will be published for three (3) weeks, and then they will be removed. Names under Prayers for the Sick will be published for six (6) weeks, and then they will be removed. If you would like a name to appear for a longer period of time, please contact the Parish Office towards the end of the three or six week period so that we can add it again. Baptisms and Funerals will appear only for the week that they occur. Thank you

Planned Giving Envelopes

Sincere thanks to those who already contribute to our Church Funds through the Planned Giving Program. Your contribution goes towards the management and maintenance of our Church and facilities and is greatly appreciated. New envelopes are available for collection from this weekend. We have some spare envelope numbers available, so if you are not currently part of our Planned Giving program and you would like to be, please complete one of the blue cards located at the Church doors and give it to the priest or warden, or drop it off at the Parish Office.



A note on the Tap 'n Go system: a few parishioners have asked recently whether the Tap 'n Go terminal is a substitute for using the Planned Giving envelopes, but the answer is 'No'. The Tap 'n Go system does not record the donor's name so unfortunately we cannot match your Tap 'n Go donation to your Planned Giving envelope number. (Note: all Tap 'n Go donations go to the Second Collection.)

Credit card Option for Planned Giving:

If you would prefer to use credit card for Planned Giving, the Parish Office can set this up for you. It is very easy and is done automatically on a monthly basis, which means you don't have to remember to bring your envelope to Mass. For more information, call the Parish Office on 4396 4455, email toukleyparish@bbcatholic.org.au or complete a blue card, and hand it to the priest, warden or Parish Office.

Catholic Women's League will meet for their monthly meeting on Monday 22nd March at 10am in the Parish Centre. We have a speaker coming to speak to us on recycling. All are welcome.

St Leo's Catholic College, Wahroonga, Open Day & Expo

Tues 16th March, 4-7pm. Hourly Principal addresses, campus tours, sports activities and performances. Register online stleos.nsw.edu.au

March Birthdays

Brianna Teresa Fry (6th March)
Frances Johnson (8th March)
Terry Reid (14th March)
Ampi Madden (15th March)
Sr Josie (19th March)
Rose Hubby (24th March)

Call the office to have your birthday included!



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



Recently Deceased

Lorraine Moore (sister of Pauline O'Malley), John Hall, Meredith Goodrich, Gloria Hay, Ann Climpson, Kevin Gee

Anniversaries

Luke Sapa, Ellen Ashton, Greta Hackett, Vicente, Gliceria M, & Lorenzo Arsenio, Eddie Johnston, Dorothy Rush

Remembrances

Charles Radford, John Kennedy, Cyril Mills, Thyra King, Keith & Nancy, Mark & Peter Prizeoran, Kathryn Tuxworth, Gabrielle Woodrow, Stephen Cappa, George Castle, Edith Briosso, Rose, Rowe & Foster Families, Manuel Galea, Francis Galea, Coster Family, Schembri Family, Tony Pace, Baker Family members, Joe Marlon, Maurie Cohen, Lynn & Raphael Cohen, Mary & Jack Webb, Jack & Rita Webb, Carol Brown, Bruce Everingham, Sam Fraser, Renu & Joseph Debono, Angelo Caruana, Dennis, Ross, Wade, Mitchell Families, Valmai Joseph & Stark Family, Wynn Family, Scott Kay, Danny Kay, Moore & Lanqley Families, Bernard Yap, V DeSouza, V Bararez, Fred & Ann Stephens, Gerard De Zilva, Vicky Debono

Please Pray for the Sick

Pat McCann, John McCann, Merv Waters, Julie Kozak, Faye Brunton, Maureen Johnston, Sam Spiteri, Lucy & Bill, Pam Formosa, Graham Moir, Glenn Brown, Khoo Swee Goon, Lily Tan, Kevin Harvey, Diane Booth, Tincy Thomas, 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 Wiggan & Vanessa Miller, Sister Carmela Debbie Gibba, Miklos Beothy, Mr Baldovan, Hannah Tierney, Faye Lund, Julie Newey, Kathy Outlaw, Finn McConnon, Anne & Steve Durnford, Vaughn Haynes, Pam Moir (family), Adrian Collins

Funeral

John Hall, Mon 15th March, Simplicity Chapel Erina

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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

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of his people.

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 136

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

By the rivers of Babylon
there we sat and wept,
remembering Zion;
on the poplars that grew there
we hung up our harps. **R.**

For it was there that they asked us,
our captors, for songs,
our oppressors, for joy.
'Sing to us,' they said,
'one of Zion's songs.' **R.**

O how could we sing
the song of the Lord
on alien soil?
If I forget you, Jerusalem,
let my right hand wither! **R.**

O let my tongue
cleave my mouth
if I remember you not,
if I prize not Jerusalem
above all my joys! **R.**

Second Reading

Ephesians 2:4-10

When we were dead through sins, he brought us to life.

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ - it is through grace that you have been saved - and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 3:16

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

John 3:14-21

God sent his Son into the world that we might be saved through him.

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.

Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believed in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.

On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil.

And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

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

Next Sunday - Fifth Sunday of Lent

First Reading - Jeremiah 31:31-34

Second Reading - Hebrews 5:7-9

Gospel - John 12:20-33

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention
for March

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

