

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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Twentieth Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

16th August 2020

**O WOMAN,
GREAT IS
YOUR FAITH!**



The context of today's gospel is that a Canaanite woman pleaded Jesus to heal her daughter from an evil possession. That time Jews and Canaanites had a hostile relationship. At first Jesus did not respond to her desperate cries. The disciples pleaded with Jesus to grant her request because she had become a headache for them. Then Jesus cited the reason for his inaction. His ministry is limited to the Jews. It was not reasonable that the bread of children is given to the house dogs. He has come to bring back the lost sheep of Israel.

However, this woman did not take Jesus' no for an answer but persisted with her request. She humbly accepted her own unworthiness. The persistent faith of the Canaanite woman is a benchmark for those who find God indifferent to their problems and sufferings in life. The woman knew what she wanted and was convince of Jesus' power to grant it, no matter what happened around her. She refused to take the apparent NO from Jesus. As the result Jesus not only heals her daughter but compliments her faith saying "woman, great is your faith!".

How persevering are we in our dialogue with God? Is our faith in God shaped and controlled by external circumstances or our own personal conviction? God may delay his response to strengthen our conviction and deepen our faith in Him, but he will never turn down our genuine prayers and petitions made in filial faith and love.

Hence this miracle story tells us the following: 1. To be persistent in our prayers even if our prayers are not answered immediately.

2. No one is to be denied of God's love, mercy and healing touch because he or she does not belong to our community or our religion.

"God's dream is that you and I and all of us will realize that we are family, that we are made for togetherness, for goodness, and for compassion"

Bishop Desmond Tutu

Fr. Baby

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 8:15am—9:00am

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

Parish Facebook Page

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

Understanding COVID-19 Restrictions – Places of Worship Diocese of Broken Bay Fact Sheet

What does this mean for places of worship?

- The number of people in a public place of worship must not exceed one person per 4 square metres.
- When calculating the number of people permissible in the church for a religious service, the Celebrant, concelebrants, Deacon, server and other essential ministers are excluded from the head count. All members of the congregation should be counted, including children. The calculation must be made by measuring the floor space of the areas open to the public. For our Churches, this means the sanctuary, sacristy, or other areas where people would not congregate are not included in the calculations. The maximum number of people allowed in the church should be displayed on all entry points to the church.

People attending a religious service will be required to provide their name and contact details (phone or email) when they enter so that they can be used for contact tracing. The details of one adult member per household is sufficient. **Parishioners are requested to receive Holy Communion in the hand. Parishioners are advised to wear masks during Mass.** More details are available on the notice board **Sacrament of First Communion**

. **Group sessions will commence the week of Monday 17 August** and will run for 4 weeks.

Enrolments will be taken next week at the Pastoral Room in the laneway to St Mary's school which runs off the Pandora Parade side of the school at Noraville. Lina, the Sacramental Coordinator will be at the Pastoral Room at St Mary's to take enrolment forms and fees **from 8:00am–8:50am and from 2:00pm–3:00pm every morning and afternoon next week from Monday 10 to Friday 14 August.** You will also be asked to book into the four group sessions when you register.

The cost of the program is \$30 per family, for one or more children. The enrolment fee covers the cost of resources and administrative expenses associated with the Sacramental program. If you are unable to pay at this time, please speak with me (Fr Tomy) or our Sacramental Coordinator, Lina when you enrol. No child will be excluded for financial reasons.

Mass during restriction

Number of people allowed to attend Mass during restriction

St Mary's Church - 100 people that is one person per 4 square metre.


St. Brendan's also 100 people.

Parish Centre The number of people allowed in the parish centre is 20.

St Brendan's Rosters are being prepared for the following period anyone wishing to participate in the Liturgy roster please add your details to the sheets at the rear of the Church. Training will be provided for all positions, there is a shortage of Readers and Senior servers for the 5.00pm Mass, any assistance would be appreciated.



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Bishop Randazzo announces change to the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation

I have been unable to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in the parishes of the Diocese at all this year," said Bishop Randazzo, who has decided, due to ongoing uncertainty and for the sake of clarity for parents and families, parishes and personnel involved in preparing children for the Sacraments that he will not celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at all in 2020.

Formerly, children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation were seven years old, typically those in Year 2. For the future celebration of the Sacrament, Bishop Randazzo has announced that candidates will be at least eight years old, those who are in Year 3.

Mental Health First Aid Training—Expression of Interest

I would like to offer training for our parishioners. Mental Health First Aid is Nationally Accredited Training and I am an Accredited Trainer. The training is over two sessions likely on Saturdays but can be during the week. I will run the training at cost only; \$30 per participant. This covers the textbook and all materials. The learning aims to build skills and confidence to support friends, colleagues and others during struggles with mental health. About 1 in 5 Australian adults experiences a common mental illness each year. Mental Health First Aid Training will teach you practical skills to support someone with a mental health problem. If you are interested in training to be a mental health first aider, please let me know. I hope to have our first course in late August early September 2020.

Robyn Rosina Please phone 0402 968 388.

Thank you

We thank parishioners who generously sponsored hand sanitizers and disinfectant wipes, making sure of the safety of everyone. Special thanks to Judy Kay and her friend, Kathy Khan, Chetcuti and Camilleri families and the Micallef family. May God bless you all.

Tap & Go Device

Due to Covid 19 and for the safety of our parishioners and the wellbeing of others, we have been asked to install a Tap & Go. The machine has arrived, and is installed at the rear of the church. Donations are set at \$10. All you need to do is place your credit or debit card near the terminal and when the beep is heard a \$10 donation has been made to the parish account. All donations go towards the ongoing costs of our parish. There is no receipt and they are not tax deductible. Your donation is greatly appreciated.

Date Saver – Liturgy of Lament – Listening to the Past: Caring for the future

Tuesday 1 September 2020, 7.00pm @ Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara. The liturgy will also be lived streamed. To view connect at www.bbcatholic.org.au

All are invited to gather to pray together in acknowledging the suffering caused to our most vulnerable and to give public expressions to our sorrow.

Please share the attached flyer with members of your Parish and wider community, family and friends.

August Birthdays

Lance Scrivener 17th August

Peter Turner 20th August



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

Recently Deceased

Baby Bernadette Vassallo, Fred Butterfield, Bruce Everingham, James Laurie, Judith Martin, Teresa Harvey, Denis Daly.

Anniversaries

Paul Kain, James Rush, Myra & Jack Hanlen, Steve Salaic, Kety & Peter Savris, Doris Glennen, Lidia Cure, Patricia Phillips, Albert Sykes, Eileen Sykes, Rose and Stark Families, Carol Brown.

Remembrances

Beth Robertson, Vera Brown, Teresa Vella, Vera Brown, James Sebastian, Tony Gavranic, James William Baker, Chetcuti Family, Valmai Joseph & Stark Family,, Joseph Boyle, Jack Muller, Brown & Muller Families.

Please Pray for the Sick

Cheryl Kennedy, Zerafa family, Vicky Debono, Neville Bowman, George Gavranic, Ann Buckman, Josephine Poynting, Eloise Bell, Camille Hill, Wendy Peterson, Adrian, Ken Chubb, Fiona Haslam, Teresa Wegryzn, 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, Tony Hodges, Faye Lund, Michael Wiggin & Vanessa Miller. Sister Carmela Debbie Gibba, Mary Powell & Miklos Beothy.

Pope Francis' Prayer

Intention for August

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.



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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 56:1, 6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants - all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant - these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66:2-3, 5-6

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
And all nations learn your saving help. **R.**

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **R.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
Till the ends of the earth revere him. **R.**

Second Reading

Romans 11:13-15, 29 -32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you - will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28

Woman, you have great faith

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants.' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Next Sunday TWENTY- FIRST SUNDAY

First Reading Isaiah 22:19-23

Second Reading Romans 11: 33-36

Gospel Matthew 16: 13-20



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