

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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The Ascension of the Lord 16th May 2021



As Jesus prepared His disciples for the coming of the Spirit, He prayed in a very loving and intimate way for those to whom he was entrusting his mission. But his prayer looked far beyond these first disciples. As we celebrate the feast of the Ascension, and anticipating the gift of the Spirit on Pentecost, Jesus' words take on an additional meaning today for us.

Jesus prays for those who are dear to Him, but he knows that it will not be his miracles that will engender faith; it will not be his message that sparks truth. Only when the lives of his followers project a unique and genuine oneness will their witness be authentic and compelling. And so, we see him praying for four things - unity, joy, holiness, and mission.

Jesus left his followers with a mission that would provide the impetus for all they were to do - to take the knowledge of salvation to the entire world - no small task. This mission provides focus and meaning for our existence. It is only by staying focused on the mission that we remain alert, open to the gift of the Spirit and ready to fulfill the vision of the reign of God.

The Ascension story is a mission given to us. Pentecost is our rebirth in the Spirit. The original fire of the Gospel must burn in us. This gift must bring excitement, passion, and courage to us. We must shake off complacency, intolerance, and indifference. The Spirit must become our strength, our light, our hope, and our joy. It must become the driving force for all activity. What could be more urgent and necessary for us than awakening our passion for faithfulness to Jesus? He is the best the Church has to give; the best we can offer and communicate to today's world. Jesus is the center of our lives – everything else comes later.

Fr Baby

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church Toukley

Saturday: Vigil 6:00pm Fr Tomy

Sunday: 7:30am Fr Tomy

9:00am Fr Tomy

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

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 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: 6th May 2021**

Capacity: Capacity at a place of public worship continues to be 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: UPDATE—until Mon 17th May, **masks must be worn** in our Churches.

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: UPDATE—until Mon 17th May **Congregational Singing is not permitted** in Places of Worship.

Holy Communion: Parishioners are requested to receive Holy Communion in the hand and adhere to 1.5m physical distancing while processing to Communion. Those wishing to receive Holy Communion on the tongue are advised to wait at the end of the Communion line.

No Gathering: Parishioners are asked to move away promptly from the Church after Mass has finished.

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 noticeboard.

Children's Liturgy will resume on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month at 9.00am Mass at St Mary's, commencing from 16th May.

CWF May Appeal – this weekend—15/16 May 2021

Many thousands of young people and families in our community receive help from the charities that CWF supports. They can arise with new strength. We give thanks to God for the blessing these pastoral works offer to those in hospital, at school, across neighbourhoods and local parishes of Broken Bay. Please give generously to the final CWF appeal of the Financial Year 2020/21. Donations are 100% tax deductible and support five charities: - **Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Programme, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, St Lucy's School, St Edmund's College, and Ephpheta Centre.** All donations are gratefully received.

You can donate in three ways:

- Complete the CWF envelope in your pew;
- Online at www.bbcatholic.org.au/give;
- Or scan the QR code to the right.

Thank you for your contributions towards the pastoral works of the Church. God Bless.




St Brendan's Feast Day Saturday 15th May

The Feast Day of St Brendan will be celebrated this Saturday 15th May at 5pm Mass at St Brendan's. Children, teachers, parents and parishioners will be sharing in the ministries of the Mass and we thank everyone involved. All are welcome to join this celebration.



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Diocesan Mass Count

The Diocesan Mass Count continues again this weekend. Counters will be recording the number of people attending all Masses.

The Biggest Morning Tea will once again be hosted by Catholic Women's League and will be held in the Parish Centre from **12.30pm Monday 24th May**. Parishioners are warmly invited to join us on this occasion. Entry fee of \$15.00 includes the raffle. Come and join us for a fun filled afternoon raising funds for Cancer Council. **RSVP** to the Parish Office by Fri 21st May.



Catholic Women's League will hold their monthly meeting on 24th May in the Parish Centre. This will follow after the 9am Mass where we will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, Patron Saint of Australia and Catholic Women's League. New members are always welcome.

Readers Ministry Gathering

All Readers are invited to an update meeting at St Mary's Parish Centre on Sat 22nd May 12.00-1.30pm. Those involved have been contacted by phone/email. Light refreshments provided. If you have not already RSVP'd, please contact the Parish Office. We encourage all Readers to make every effort to attend. Thank you.

Thank you!

Our Parish Community wishes to thank John Daley & family for donating a piano to our Parish. It is now being used at St Brendan's Church and it sounds beautiful! We also thank Meg & Wayne Hickson for transporting the piano to it's new home. Thank you all!

Spirituality in the Pub

Tues 1st June 2021, 7.30pm-9.00pm, The Grange Hotel Function Room, Cnr: Renwick St & Pacific Hwy, Wyoming. Bistro opens at 5.30pm. *Inquiries: 4365 9197 or 0498 588 261*

Rosters for St Brendan's from June – August

Rosters are being prepared for the period June through to August. We welcome parishioners who are wishing to assist with the various ministries during the Mass. Training will be provided for all positions. Please see Tricia Humphreys or call the Parish Office.

Church Library at St Mary's is Ready!

Browse our Church Library in the Parents Room at the back of the church. Childrens books are also available.

Pentecost Prayers of the Faithful

Volunteers invited to read the "Prayers of the Faithful" in their own language at all Masses (St Mary's and St Brendan's) on Pentecost Sunday weekend 22nd/23rd May. Please leave details with the office.

St Mary's Rosters May-July available at the doors of the Church.

FOUND - A set of green Rosary beads. Please call the Parish Office.

Attention young singers & musicians!

Can you sing or play a musical instrument? Join our Youth Band and help us achieve our parish vision of being a vibrant eucharistic community! **First Sunday of each month** at 6pm Mass at St Mary's. See Sr Josie for more details. Stay for pizza after Mass!



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



Recently Deceased

Amy & Raymond Cheong, George Salvestro, Percy Trapman, Ian Willis, William Brown, Anna Stankowski, Pam Williams

Anniversaries

Ouseph Kuruvellil, Marrietta Moir, Evelee Ross, Danny Goonan, Cathri, Carmen Cefai, Ken Johnston, Doris Zerafa, Virginia De Souza, Nina Micallef, Frangeska Galea, Katy Ng, Grace Chetcuti, Laurie Mifsud, Emanule Camilleri, Johanna Jackson, Bill Dries

Remembrances

Georgina Baker, Moore & Langley families, Valmai Joseph Stark Family, Carol Brown

Please Pray for the Sick

Julie Kozak, Chris Jones, Marie Cohen, John McCann, Michael Wiggin, Vanessa Miller, Maureen Johnston, Peter Dormer, Diane Booth, Sr Tincy Thomas

Wedding

Mitchell & Vanessa, St Mary's, Sat 15th May

Welcome Newly Baptised

Airlie Crompton, Liza Blenman, Lucas Clack, Lilly Clack

Notices in this section appear as follows:

Recently Deceased—3 weeks, Anniversaries—3 weeks, Remembrances—3 weeks, Sick—6 weeks. Please contact the Parish Office to place/renew your notice.



May Birthdays

Ray Crocker (6th May)
Judy Kay (8th May)
Aileen Reid (15th May)
Fr Tomy (25th May)
Peter Huby (31st May)

Call the office to have your birthday included!



Mackay Family Funerals

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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

Acts 1:1-11

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 46:2-3, 6-9

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. **R.**

The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. **R.**

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. **R.**

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:1-7.11-13

To the measure of the full stature of Christ.

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same

hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is father of all, over all, through all and within all.

Each one of us, however, has been given his own share of grace, given as Christ allotted it. The one who rose higher than all the heavens to fill all things is none other than the one who descended. And to some his gift was that they should be apostles; to some, prophets; to some, evangelists; to some, pastors and teachers; so that the saints together make a unity in the work of service, building up the body of Christ. In this way we are all to come to unity in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God, until we become the perfect Man, fully mature with the fullness of Christ himself.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 28:19, 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 16:15-20

The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven, and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world, proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

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

Next Sunday - Pentecost

First Reading - Acts 2:1-11

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

Gospel - John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for May

The World of Finance

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

