

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Catholic Parish Toukley/Lake Munmorah

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Vision

To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community

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Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year A

18th December 2022



Emmanuel, God-with-Us

We gather as a people of faith in a holy season of hope. The voice of fear is drowned out for us by the message we were given in last week's Scriptures: "Be strong, fear not! Here is your God!" That message is reinforced today in the example of two who rose above their fears with absolute trust and confidence in God's love, Joseph and Mary. Both are told not to be afraid in the face of an uncertain future. Mary would humbly accept her role as Mother of the Word-Incarnate. Joseph would abandon traditional wisdom and take his beloved as his wife, despite rumours and the pointing of fingers.

Through this young couple, God would give a sign to the whole of history, the birth of a Child - Emmanuel, God-with-Us - who would put an end to our fears and bring calm to our hearts. And this Child is the one who would finally unite the human family in a new community of freedom, justice and peace. He stands with all human beings who yearn for a radical change of heart and life, who crave liberation from the power of evil, who seek release from all forms of oppression - religious, political, social, and economic. He stands as the only One who can take away our fear and make clear our vision.

The human family needs now more than ever before to hear the message of Advent which can free us from our fears and give us direction. More importantly, we need to recognize and respond to the constant invitation of Jesus, God-with-us. We need to join Him in a new world community of shared love, peace, and justice. Through our faith and courage, we can help each other to put away our fears, to move from darkness to light, to begin to hear again the words of life. We can reach out to support - by the strength of our love and concern. Let's be God's holy people. Let's be light in darkness, peacemakers, and life-givers in every aspect of our lives.

Let's put aside our own fears so that we can truly witness to the hope this Advent season proclaims.

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 - 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 (Mass devoted to Mother Mary)

St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

Wednesday 9:00am (1st Wed of the month
Anointing of Sick)

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
(by appointment at other times)

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

St Mary's: 1st & 3rd Sundays 9am (excluding
School Holidays)

St Brendan's: Saturdays 5pm (most weeks)



Welcome to our Parish. Today we celebrate the **Fourth Sunday in Advent, Year A**. Thank you for being here.

Advent Prayer (after Communion)

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks and praise for your unceasing love for us. Help us to be attentive to your call. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we ponder your ways and always do the will of your Son, Jesus Christ.



Christmas Mass times

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)

St Brendan's, Lake Munmorah

Christmas Eve: 5pm Vigil Children's Mass
(Carols at 4.30pm)

Christmas Day: 8am



Parish Christmas Carols - Tues 20th Dec at St Mary's

All are invited to come together at St Mary's on Tuesday 20th December at 6pm for Christmas Carols. Please spread the word and invite family and friends.



Thank you - CFIC & Renewal of Vows

We thank everyone who came along to share our Renewal of Vows at Mass last Sunday and we are grateful to all who supported our CFIC special collection. Fr Tomy and Fr Baby.

St Mary's Church Carpet

After much thought and consultation, we have decided to re-carpet St Mary's church. We have chosen a very experienced supplier/installer and we hope to have the new carpet laid in the new year. The total price is considerable so we thought we'd invite Parishioners or families to 'sponsor a square metre', 'sponsor the sanctuary', or 'sponsor the main aisle' to help with the cost. The cost per square metre is \$93. There are envelopes available at the church doors for anyone who would like to contribute. Thank you in advance.



2nd Rite of Reconciliation

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish, Warnervale will celebrate the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation on Thursday 22nd December at 6pm. All welcome.

Fr Baby holidays

Fr Baby will be taking a well-deserved break from 9th January until early February. We wish him safe travels and we hope he enjoys this special time with his family.

Parish Office News

As previously advised, the Parish office will be closed on Friday 23rd December and will re-open on Tuesday 3rd January. The office will be open every day 9am-2pm from 3rd January until and including 17th January, but will then be closed from 18th-27th January, re-opening on Monday 30th January. Please contact the priests for any urgent enquiries when the office is closed.



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St Vincent de Paul - Wyong Vinnies Support Centre

Address 47 Howarth St, Wyong, Open Mon-Fri 9am-4pm. Call 4353 5614 for an appointment. Vinnies can help with food hampers, toiletries, PBS prescriptions, furniture, clothing, petrol vouchers and much more. See the noticeboard for more details.

Social Justice Message

Linda Burney Speaks On The Voice To Parliament

Indigenous Australians Minister Linda Burney said "The Voice will not have a veto right of the parliament." "It's advisory and it will also not have a program delivery function." and Australians would be "well informed" about what they were voting for when they go to the ballot box. The Voice should "improve the life outcomes for First Nations people", and unite the country. (from Margaret Hagan)

Vinnies Christmas Appeal

The Vinnies Christmas Appeal is being held again this weekend 17/18 Dec. Envelopes are available at the church doors. The Vinnies Christmas Tree is also available for donations of non-perishable goods or gift cards. We thank you for your support.



Children's Worksheets & Free Christmas Books

Worksheets, pencils and Free Christmas books for children are available at the church doors.



Blankets for Forbes Appeal

Thank you to the generosity of the many parishioners and friends who donated blankets. We have a huge amount to donate and Sr Kathleen is very grateful. Fr Ken.

ROSTERS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY

Roster sheets for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day at St Brendan's are now available at the rear of the Church. Please add your name if you are available.

The Gifts of Christmas - Reflections for Advent

Advent is a time of preparation and anticipation. How are you preparing during this season of Advent? Our new Diocesan resource is available and is suitable for small groups or individual reflection during Advent. The resource can be accessed on the Diocesan webpage <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/our-faith/evangelisation/advent-2022>

Save the date – Toronto Men's Weekend

A menALIVE Men's Weekend will be held in St Joseph's Toronto Parish on the weekend of 25/26 March 2023. This weekend is suitable for all men from 18 years of age and provides an opportunity for men to explore what makes them feel fully alive. More information including how to register will be provided closer to the date.

Pilgrimage from Fatima to Lourdes

14 Night Tour of Spain, Portugal, France. Visiting Madrid, Lisbon, Fatima, Santiago, Lourdes, Barcelona, Malta. Departing Sydney 28/5/23. Raising funds for The Friends of Providence House NSW. For full details call Jim Borg 0418 825 591.

Upcoming events - Save the Dates:

Lectio Divina - on hold, will resume Feb 2023

Fri 23rd Dec - Mon 2nd Jan - Parish office closed

Wed 18th - Fri 27th Jan - Parish office closed



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



Recently Deceased

Andrew Speight, Jim Guest

Anniversaries

Glen O'Connor, Guiseppe Nocera, Denis Newey, Edna Bath, Colin McIntyre

Remembrances

Anselmo Paulita, Arturo Zenaida Enrico, Pio Edwin, Elma, Juan Anselmo, Pantaleon, Temotea, Hermigildo, Romulalda, Johnston Family, Carol Brown, Moore & Langley families, Valmai Joseph Stark Family

Please Pray for the Sick

Vaughn Haynes, Sandra Curry, Mary Cefai, Donald Lewis, Kim Thomas, Mrs J Bowering, Margaret Brett, Allen Venneri, Gary Poppett, Jenna Stoffel, Jeff Moir, Joshua Booth, Miklos Beothy, Ken Scales, Pat Corby, Kevin & Helen Turner, Maureen Dries, Pat Glennen, Mary Smith, Sabu Kuruvelil, Yvonne Sutton, Liz Kellman, Lailane Bugaoisan, Teresa Jan, Michael Durken, Olive Haslam, Colin Fowler, Joy Rearden, Sr Tincy (Fr Baby's sister), Joyce Burns, Diane Booth, Rhondha Rey, Ann Buckman, David Vella, Ann Rigney, Margaret Jones, Margaret Moran, Faye Roberts, Noel McCool

Newly Baptised

We welcome Lily Vaughan, Lucas Houston and Lara Houston Bedmar and their families to our Parish Community.



December Birthdays

Melba Voigt (10th Dec)
Christopher Crocker (12th Dec)
Charlie Saliba (17th Dec)
Paul Moir (20th Dec)
Ray Webster (20th Dec)
Kye Sutherland (26th Dec)



Call the office to have your birthday or anniversary included!

BULLETIN Notices must be received by the office by 2pm Wednesday to be included for the coming weekend. Subject to space and approval. Thank you

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for December

Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations



We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

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 7:10-14

The virgin will conceive.

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No,' Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.'

Then Isaiah said:

'Listen now, House of David:

are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of my God, too?

The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign.

It is this: the maiden is with child

and will soon give birth to a son

whom she will call Emmanuel,

a name which means "God-is-with-us".'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 23:1-6

R. Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.

It is he who set it on the seas;

on the waters he made it firm. **R.**

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?

Who shall stand in his holy place?

The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things. **R.**

He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.

Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R.**

Second Reading

Romans 1:1-7

Jesus Christ, a descendant of David, is the Son of God.

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures.

This news is about the Son of God, who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in

Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

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Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 1:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

A virgin will give birth to a son;

his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 1:18-24

Jesus was born of Mary, the betrothed of Joseph, a son of David.

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, and said 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son

and they will call him Emmanuel,

a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. When Joseph

woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Next Sunday - The Nativity of the Lord

First Reading - Isaiah 52:7-10

Second Reading - Hebrews 1:1-6

Gospel - John 1:1-18