

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 Advent, Year C

19th December 2021



"Blessed is she who believed"

Today's Gospel passage gives us a detailed description regarding the meeting of Blessed Mother Mary with her cousin Elizabeth. These two saintly women experienced the blessing of a loving and living God. Mary wanted to share her joy with her cousin. So, she travelled to the hill country where Elizabeth lived.

When greeted by Mary, Elizabeth recognized the great privilege God had bestowed on Mary. Filled with the Holy Spirit Elizabeth praised Mary and the uniqueness of the child in her womb. Elizabeth joyously praised and thanked God for the great faith Mary had when she totally surrendered to the will of God and accepted God's Word in her womb.

It is through Mary that God keeps the promises foretold by Micah. The promises of God will take human form in her womb in the person of Jesus. In Mary we see that God does not merely make promises but fulfills them. In Mary we see someone who allows the promises of God to shape her whole life - not in a passive way but positively by her unconditional 'yes' to God. In this final week of Advent, when we are eagerly preparing for Christmas, Elizabeth and Mary give us some deep insights as to how we could prepare for the great event.

1. By believing in the promises of God.
2. By recognizing what God has done in our lives and in the lives of others.
3. By sharing our joy with others.

We need to bless and encourage the younger generation. Elizabeth demonstrates the responsibility of the older generation to inspire the younger generation. Dear friends let us open our hearts and families to give a space for Jesus, "the Emmanuel" during this Christmas time.

Fr Tomy



Welcome to our Parish. Today we celebrate the **Fourth Sunday of Advent**. We are pleased to welcome you to our Church.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church Toukley

Saturday: Vigil 6:00pm Fr Tomy
 Sunday: 7:30am Fr Tomy
 9:00am Fr Tomy
 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 (no Anointing Mass in January)

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

Children's Liturgy (currently paused)

1st & 3rd Sundays 9am at St Mary's

Christmas Mass times (no bookings this year)

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)

Sun 26th Dec: 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 (no evening Mass)

Sun 26th Dec: 8am



New Planned Giving app— "Good Giving"

Visit <https://brokenbay.goodgiving.com.au/qr/parish/toukley> or on your mobile App store, search for "Parish Giving Broken Bay" or scan the QR code to the right: This allows you to set-up regular automated Planned Giving for Clergy, Parish and Pastoral collections.



Catechists Urgently Needed

Do you enjoy working with children? We need some new Catechist volunteers in our Parish, to either lead a class or be a helper, teaching Catholic scripture in the local public schools. Full training & support provided. Call the Parish Office for more info.



Pastoral Discernment Central Coast

Listening to one another guided by the Holy Spirit

You might have heard about the 'Central Coast Project' happening across our diocese. Link to video outlining the project: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/our-faith/pastoral-discernment-central-coast>. The first step is at our Parish level with a 'listening journey' around particular themes: walking, sharing, listening, participating in mission, dialogue with others, and moving forward together. We have had Plenary Council parish gatherings with its discernment journey to the Australian Council of Bishops which will be moving forward with the Holy Spirit to 2023. This project is much more local in terms of the recommendations that will be shaped through our Parish Discernment submission. The project aligns with Bishop's six priorities for our Diocese and are outlined in his pastoral letter December 2020 - <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/about/bishop/pastoral-letter-jesus-christ-our-beginning-and-end>.

The project will begin with listening and discernment within our Parish at our local level. Robyn Rosina and her team will extend an invitation to our parish, community and civic groups to listen to their thoughts about strategies for evangelisation, parish renewal and discipleship, ensuring a sustainable and thriving community, celebrating what we are doing well and what might the future look like for our Church on the Central Coast. Bishop Anthony is eagerly awaiting our thoughts and we are invited to shape our Parish Submission which is due by end March 2022. Watch this space for opportunities to get involved and share your thoughts during February and March 2022. I will outline with you over the coming weeks how we as a Parish will progress the plan for our submission. Please keep this work in your prayers.

Robyn Rosina

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COVID-19 Restrictions – Places of Worship Diocese of Broken Bay Latest Update: from Wednesday 15th Dec 2021

- Please do not enter the church or other parish buildings if you are unwell.
- No density limits apply in Places of Worship.
- Please continue to hand sanitise.
- **CHECK-IN in using the QR code is still MANDATORY**
- Wearing a mask is optional (but recommended where physical distancing is not possible)
- Singing by the congregation is now permitted

IMPORTANT: signing-in on paper is only a back-up option if you cannot check-in with a QR code. If you have a smartphone, please download the Service NSW app, create a log-in and then use your smartphone to scan the QR code and sign-in at the church doors.

Thank you from Fr Tomy & Fr Baby

Thank you all for your contribution to our collection to support the charitable activities of the CFIC last weekend. Any remaining envelopes can be returned this weekend. We appreciate your generosity.

Holy Shop Open!

Our Holy Shop at St Mary's is open every weekend, before and after each Mass. We have some copies of the 2022 Daily Mass Book, plus many other beautiful items. Come and shop for Christmas gifts!

Vinnies Christmas Appeal

St Vincent de Paul conference would like to thank all who contributed to the Christmas Appeal, this year we raised over \$2000. This will go towards helping the less fortunate in our community. Our Vinnies Christmas Trees are now available in both churches for your gift card donations.



Children's Worksheets

Worksheets and pencils are available at the church doors.



Parish Office - Holiday Hours

The office will be closed from 2pm Christmas Eve and will re-open on Mon 10th Jan. Open Mondays & Fridays only until end January.

No First Friday Anointing Mass in January

Please be advised that there is no First Friday Anointing Mass in January. Mass will instead be held at 9.15am on Fri 7th January 2022.



Annual Crib

This year's Christmas crib is sponsored by Lawrence & Teresa Benjamin & family. We appreciate their generosity & support.

St Mary's Christmas & January rosters are available

Please collect from the table near the church doors.

Parish Bus can now resume - contact Joan Haslam 4392 6892

Christmas Season offering envelopes are available at the back of the church.

Have your say – help shape future character of Toukley and surrounds

See the St Mary's noticeboard for more information

Lectio Divina is on hold for Dec & Jan, and will resume in February.

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



Recently Deceased

Donatus Antony, Tommy Clarke, German Castillo, Patricia Hensley

Anniversaries

Sally Beasley, Tricia, Noelito, Priscilla, James Alexander, Glen O'Connor, Alfred Mitchell

Remembrances

Mary Anne McBride, Philomena Boyle, William Henry Baker, Georgina Baker, Thyra & John King, Clara & John Hudson, James William Baker, James Saunders, Wade, Mitchell & Ross families, Stephen Cappa, Ronald Thomas, Petronela Adelaide, Arturo Canillas & Rosalinda, Carol Brown, Greg Irvine, Moore & Langley families, Valmai Joseph Stark Family

Please Pray for the Sick

Faye Roberts, Lisa Hart, Elena Mabini (Sr Josie's mother), Lisa Hart, Lucas Campbell, Noel McCool, Anna Cole, Val Unterrheiner, Ben Kozak, Karl Henry, Norma Dipple, Errol Jurd, Kathleen Cassidy, Adel Firth-Mason, Nenita Turner, Yohanes Christanto Perdana, Jehzekiel Lambaran, Brian Lane, Joe Micallef, Eleanor Matthews, Dave Rodney, Maila Reyes, Mary Smith, Therese Chetcuti, Graham Moir, Sr Tincy Thomas

December/January Birthdays

Melba Voigt (10th Dec)

Christopher Crocker (12th Dec)

Charlie Saliba (17th Dec)

Paul Moir (20th Dec)

Kye Sutherland (26th Dec)

John Van Der Kroft (1st Jan)

Call the office to have your birthday included!



Stamps for Missions

Used postage stamps can be donated, please drop them off in the box in St Mary's Church foyer, or at the Parish Office. Thank you

The Augustinian Sisters of Our Lady of Consolation

are pleased to announce their newly elected Superior General, Sr. Maria Eden Gicana, OSA. She has been with us for a month when Srs. Josie & Jennifer first arrived here in August 2019. Let us keep Sr. Eden in our prayers.



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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

Micah 5:1- 4

Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.

The Lord says this:

You, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
the least of the clans of Judah,
out of you will be born for me
the one who is to rule over Israel;
his origin goes back to the distant past,
to the days of old.

The Lord is therefore going to abandon them
till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth.
Then the remnant of his brothers will come back
to the sons of Israel.

He will stand and feed his flock
with the power of the Lord,
with the majesty of the name of his God.
They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his
power
to the ends of the land.
He himself will be peace.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

**R. Lord, make us turn to you;
let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. **R.**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **R.**

May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name. **R.**

Second Reading

Hebrews 10:5-10

I am coming to do your will.

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world:
You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation,
prepared a body for me.
You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin;
then I said,
just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book,
'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.'
Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law
lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacri-

fices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for
sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he
says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is
abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second.
And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering
of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *Luke 1:38*

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 1:39-44

*Why should it happen that I am honoured with a visit
from the mother of my Lord?*

Mary set out at that time and went as quickly as she
could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went
into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as
soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt
in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spir-
it. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are
the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.
Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother
of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my
ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is
she who believed that the promise made her by the
Lord would be fulfilled.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for December For Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned
to announce the Word of God: may they be
its witnesses, with courage and creativity
and in the power of the Holy Spirit.



Next Sunday - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
First Reading - 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28
Second Reading - 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24
Gospel - Luke 2:41-52

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