

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 A

19th March 2023



Light In the Lord

"You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light..." These opening words from the letter to the Ephesians set the scene and focus on both of today's readings: the conflict between light and darkness - between good and evil. As "children of Light" we still must be strong and vigilant to do what is "pleasing to the Lord," and to "produce every kind of goodness."

The Gospel today gives us a vivid and dramatic miracle story. It is not only about the cure of the blind man, but the deeper light-giving that happens as the man faces opponents and naysayers to his experience. We may not need the restoration of physical sight. But what we do need is vision — something to get us moving in the right direction. We need to see who we are before God, where we are going and what we must do along the way.

In the story Jesus changes the man's condition. He cures two forms of blindness. Blindness is a universal ailment that afflicts all of us. We are blind to God's presence in our lives, to the needs of our neighbours, to people of other races, religions, nationalities etc. The healing happens quickly. Jesus gives the man his physical sight, but that is just the first step on the man's journey to spiritual sight. In the confrontation he has with the Pharisees the man will continue to progress from his newly acquired physical sight to spiritual sight.

This is a challenging gospel story and today we have another opportunity to check our own vision. We can look back and reflect on what choices we have made in our lives. We can see that God is not someone on high to fear, but someone up close who walks our life with us in loving companionship.

"You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light..."

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

Children's Liturgy 1st & 3rd Sunday at 9:00am
Mass (except school holidays)

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 9:00 am

Tuesday 9:00 am

Wednesday 9:00 am

Thursday 9:00 am (Ordinate 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 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

8:25 am Monday to Thursday & Saturday

8:45 am Friday

First Friday Night Vigil

Exposition after 7pm Mass until 1.30am



Welcome to our Parish. Today we celebrate the **Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year A**. We welcome our Reconciliation Sacramental Candidates & their families. We will celebrate your sacramental journey with a special blessing at Masses this weekend at both churches.



St Brendan's Family Mass and Cricket with our Parish Priests!

We're excited to announce a special event! All members of our school community are invited to join us for a friendly game of cricket with our very own parish priests before our Family Mass. This is a great opportunity to get to know our parish priests outside of Mass and to bond with fellow members of our community. Dust off your cricket whites, grab your bat, and join us for an afternoon of fun and friendly competition. After the cricket fun is finished, we will head to the Church for Family Mass. **Saturday the 25th March Cricket: 3:30pm Family Mass 5pm in the Church** RSVP via [link](#). Thanks, Alli Foksett



NSW Building Grants for St Mary's School - Catholic Schools Broken Bay are committed to ensuring we develop & maintain the best possible spaces & facilities to support learning. We have recently been updating long term plans to guide the next phase of investment & been working with the Catholic Block Grant Authority (CBGA) to determine if our proposals might be eligible for grant funding. I'm delighted to advise that St Mary's is the successful recipient of a significant government grant to support our capital works program. The NSW Government approved the recommendation from the CBGA that a capital grant of \$2,004,436 be offered towards the cost of the following project under the NSW Building Grants Assistance Scheme: Replacement of demountable classrooms with 6 permanent, contemporary classrooms. Refurbishment of 5 classrooms, student amenities, administrative & staff spaces. Construction of outdoor learning space. We look forward to the finalising the planning and construction of these works as we continue to implement improvements to student learning.

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Upcoming events—Fridays in Lent: Stations of the Cross
St Mary's 8:30am (before 9:15 Mass) & First Friday 10:30am before healing Mass



Welcome! Our doors are open and the light is on! Experience God's light and peace in your life this Lent. During Lent St Mary's Church, Toukley, will be open every **Friday 7.00pm to 7.30pm** for a quiet time of adoration, prayer, reflection and the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity.

Upcoming events - Save the Dates:

- ◆ Sat 25th March 5pm - St Brendan's Family Mass & cricket
- The Sacramental Programme for Reconciliation is now underway.
- Please keep these families in your prayers. Dates are listed below:
- ◆ Tues 28th March 3pm -St Brendan's
- ◆ Wed 29th March 3.30pm - St Mary's
- ◆ Thurs 30th March 3.30pm - St Mary's

Fr Tomy's Feast Day 19th March, Feast of St Joseph

House Blessings

Families who would like to have their homes blessed before Easter, please contact the Parish Office or Priests.

Easter Rosters for St Brendan's are now available at the Church.

Palms for Palm Sunday

With Palm Sunday approaching on Sunday April 2nd, donations of palms would be greatly appreciated. Please leave palms at the Parish Office by Friday 31st March



Volunteers needed for St Brendan's Church - If you have a few hours to spare, we need volunteers to help clean the windows of the Church prior to Holy Week. We would also love volunteers to help with the gardening at the front of the Church at St Brendan's so if you're able to spare some time or have a green thumb please contact the Parish Office or St Brendan's school office on 43581501

Chrism Mass Tuesday 4th April 7:30pm at Waitara

Holy Week Mass Program

	St Mary's	St Brendan's
Palm Saturday Vigil	6:00 pm	5:00 pm
Palm Sunday	7:30 am 9:00 am 6:00 pm	8:00 am
Holy Thursday	No morning Mass 6:00 pm	5:00 pm
Good Friday:		
Stations of The Cross	9:00 am	9:00 am
Passion	3:00 pm	3:00 pm
Easter Vigil	6:00 pm	5:00 pm
Easter Sunday	7:30 am 9:00 am	8:00 am
	No Evening Mass	

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



Recently Deceased

Pat McBride, Maria Cummins, Mary Hansell, Lorraine Love, Peter Houison, Flo Westbury, Stephen Bradford, Edmund Raftery, Patrick McGloin,

Anniversaries

George Gavranic, George Cefai, Sam Spiteri, Greg Irvine, Barbara Brigoli, Gloria Morath, Wendy Woodhouse, Danny Kay, Niel Voigt, Victor Moir, Edward Redman, John Kennedy

Remembrances

Matteo Dimicco, George Castle, Teresita, Teodoro, Kenneth George Durley, Anselmo, Paulita, Enrico, Arturo, Zenaida, Pio Edwin, Carmelita, Elma, Juan Anselmo, Hermigildo, Romualda, Pantaleon, Temotea, Frank Murray, Felisa Ballivar, Valmai Joseph & Stark Family, Stephens Cappa, Margie Hamer, Lucena Brigoli, Elentena B. Gimena, Natalia B. Becaldo, Lorenzo Mazzitello, Olga Creighton, Jean Jurd, George Vella, Scott Kay, Ronald Pingo Roach, Donald Lewis, Carol Brown & Brown Family, Noel & Maura O'Reilly, Hickey Family, Carter Family, Geale Family, Thyra King, Pat & Bonnie Meier, Miller Family

Please Pray for the Sick

Allan Middleton, Miklos Beothy, Eric Peck, Salomie, Robbie Depares, Shirley Campbell, Daniel Schultz, Eva Cusick, Maureen Price, Liz Kelman, Rhondda Rey, Kerrie Lennard, Florian Stoffell, Carmel & Ken Hancock, Margaret Brett, Heatherbell Baker, Alicia Regglo, Marcos, Bill & families, Cecelia McClusky, Vaughn Haynes, Sabu Kuruvelil, Sr Tincy, Noel McCool

March Birthdays

Connie Camilleri (11th March)
Terry Reid (14th March)
Scarlett Hodder (15th March)
Jacqui Fletcher (17th Mar)
Elsa Rosen (17th March)
Jo Spek (19th March)
Sister Josie (19th March)
Rose Huby (24th March)
Call or email the office to have your birthday included!



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March We

pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.



Mackay Family Funerals

In Association with Mackay Family Crematorium
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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

1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 22*

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow
Me, all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **R.**

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing

them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:
Wake up from your sleep,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *John 8:12*

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel *John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38 (shorter form)*

The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored. His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man. They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet', replied the man. 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away. Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him'. Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.



The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Next Sunday - Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year A

First Reading - Ezekiel 37:12-14

Second Reading - Romans 8:8-11

Gospel - John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33-45