

# 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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## Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

1st January 2023



The calendar year comes to an end, and we gather to celebrate two special feasts in our Church: The Holy Family and that of Mary, the Mother of God. We celebrate the end of another year of pilgrimage in faith, and the beginning of a new year of our lives.

The feast of the Holy Family is a celebration of all families: not perfect families, not constantly serene families - but families just like ours. If we picture the family of Joseph of Nazareth as we have seen them depicted in works of art or statuary, it becomes very difficult to model our family lives around theirs.

Mary, as the Mother of our God, becomes our mother. It is she in whose arms the Babe nestled at birth, and in whose arms the crucified Son lay at the foot of the

Cross. "Mary, the Mother of God" is perhaps the most significant of her titles - an ordinary girl called to bring forth the Word of Salvation - to care for Him, to nurture Him, to feed Him with the fruits of this life, so that He could feed others with the gift of Eternal Life.

As we reflect upon the past year, we all realize not only how truly precious life is, but also how very fragile it can be, and how quickly all things change. We need to remind ourselves that all changes take place in the present moment. Everything else is either prelude or postlude to change.

In the Morning Star rise of Christmas, in the love of a man and a woman and their baby, we can rediscover the incredible power of His love. And that Love gives us a new opportunity to celebrate life, to share love, to enkindle hope. Paul's letter to the Colossians is a wonderful expression of the ideals that we all work towards and pray for to make our own families "holy" families.

May your families know his Love and Peace, today and always.

### Special Notices:

**We welcome all parishioners and visitors.** We wish you every blessing for the New Year.

#### **Please remember in your prayers:**

##### **Recently Deceased**

Helen Turner, Paul Head, Beau Rutherford

##### **Anniversaries**

John Ledger

##### **Remembrances**

Millicent Zietsch, Peggy O'Neill, Clare Goodall, Rose & Rowe Families, 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 Bowring, Margaret Brett, Allen Veneri, 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

*Fr Baby*

Sutton, Liz Kelman, Lailane Bugaoisan, Teresa Jan, Michael Durken, Olive Haslam, Colin Fowler, Joy Rearden, Sr Tincy, Joyce Burns, Diane Booth, Rhondda Rey, Ann Buckman, David Vella, Ann Rigney, Margaret Jones, Margaret Moran, Faye Roberts, Noel McCool

#### **Parish Office - Holiday Hours**

The office re-opens on Tues 3rd Jan, then closes 18-27 Jan, re-opens Mon 30th January.

#### **First Friday**

There will be no First Friday Anointing Mass this month. Friday Mass is at 9.15am.

#### **Fr Tomy's Anniversary**

Please join us in celebrating Fr Tomy's Anniversary of Ordination on 9th January. Congratulations Father.

## First Reading

*Numbers 6:22-27*

*They will call down my name on the children of Israel and I will bless them.*

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'Say this to Aaron and his sons: "This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them:

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace."

This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 66:2-3, 5, 6, 8*

**R. May God bless us in his mercy.**

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

*Galatians 4:4-7*

*When the appointed time came, God sent his son, born of a woman.*

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, 'Abba, Father,' and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave any

more; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation *Hebrews 1:1-2*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;

now he speaks to us through his Son.

*Alleluia!*

## Gospel

*Luke 2:16-21*

*The shepherds found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the crib ...When the eighth day came they gave him the name of Jesus.*

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told.

When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



**Next Sunday** - The Epiphany of the Lord

First Reading - Isaiah 60:1-6

Second Reading - Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

Gospel - Matthew 2:1-12

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