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Catholic Parish Toukley / Lake Munmorah

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To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A

30th November, 2025



Gospel Reflection

Putting on the Lord Jesus Christ

St. Paul tells us in today's second reading, "Put on the Lord Jesus Christ." When we put on the Lord Jesus Christ, we make time for the most important. In doing that we find energy for everything else.

And this is what Advent should mean for us. It is a time of expectation. It is a time for us to be filled with new hope, new courage. It is a time for us to be reassured that the darkness that overshadows the present moment, whether from sin, sickness, poverty, sorrow, weakness or failure will be dissipated and driven away by the Sun of Justice, the Word-Made-Flesh.

But Advent expectation is not simply a strategy. It is a way of life. It leads us to believe that, however our life unfolds, God is a part of that unfolding. However we move towards the good things we are waiting for, God is involved in bringing those good things about. What we are waiting for is God's own Advent, God's own coming into our lives. That's why Paul today says in the second reading that we are closer to our salvation than when we first believed. God is on the move. God is coming. That is why Matthew says today in the gospel that we need to be awake. We need to be ready, because we do not know how and when our God will arrive.

So let us live this season with lamps burning, hearts awake, and hope alive. Christ will come in mystery today, and in majesty one day. Blessed are those who are ready when He knocks.

This, then, is the challenge of Advent - to stay alert and be hopeful, to put on the Lord Jesus Christ.

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
6:00pm	Fr Baby

St Brendan's Church 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	9:00am
Thursday	9:00am
Friday	9:15am (Except 1st Friday of Month)

First Friday of Month Anointing of Sick

11:00am

Saturday 9:00 am

St Brendan's Church Lake Munmorah

Wednesday 9:00am

First Wednesday of Month Anointing of Sick

Thursday 9:00am

EXPOSITION BLESSED SACRAMENT

St Mary's Church Toukley

Every Saturday – after Morning Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Mary's Toukley

Saturday 9.30am – 10am (by appointment 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 Thursday & Saturday

8:45 am Friday

First Friday Night Vigil

Exposition after 7pm Mass until 12.30am

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

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

1st Saturday 5pm at St Brendan's

EXCEPT IN SCHOOL HOLIDAYS



Welcome to our Parish. Today we celebrate **The First Sunday of Advent, Year A**. We welcome you to our Church and are very pleased to see you here.

Parish Calendar of Upcoming events - Save the Date:

Wed 3rd Dec: St Brendan's Whole School Thanksgiving Mass 9am

Fri 5th Dec: St Mary's Whole School Thanksgiving Mass 9.15am

Mon 8th Dec: St Brendan's & Year 6 Graduation Mass 5pm

Thurs 11th Dec: St Brendan's Year 5 Parish Mass 9am

Thurs 11th Dec: St Mary's Year 6 Graduation Mass 5pm

Fri 12th Dec: Volunteer Mass & BBQ 5pm at St Mary's

Sat 13th Dec: 24 hours Adoration for the Lord St Mary's

Wed 17th Dec: St Mary's Annual Christmas Carols 5.30pm

Wed 24th Dec: Children's Christmas Mass 6pm St Mary's/5pm St Brendan's

First Friday Anointing Mass 11am Fri 5th Dec St Mary's & 9am Wed 10th Dec St Brendan's.



Alliance of the Two Hearts First Friday Vigil Mass is on 5th Dec at 7pm at St Mary's. All welcome to join for any length of time. Starting with Mass at 7pm & ending with Mass at 12 midnight. Prayer, scripture, rosary, readings, confession & adoration in between. **Contact Maureen PH: 0417 922 613**

St Mary's Rosters - These are now available in the Church foyer for Dec/Jan along with the Christmas roster.

December Parish Morning Tea at St Mary's Volunteers Required For our December Parish Morning tea and all morning teas in 2026 we need volunteers!

Unfortunately if we don't have any volunteers there will be no morning teas in the future. We are also in need of volunteers to help clean Saint Brendan's Church once a month, or less depending on the amount of helpers. The church is usually cleaned on Friday's at 1.30pm. It only takes an hour to clean. Please phone Natalie 0467 425 750. Your support will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.



Parish Christmas Carols & Prayer Evening St Mary's Monday Wed 17th Dec 5.30pm -

All are invited to come together at St Mary's on Wed 17th Dec from 5.30pm for a beautiful night of carols and prayers. Please spread the word and invite family & friends.



Christmas Mass Times

ST MARY'S TOUKLEY

Christmas Eve 6pm including Children's Nativity

Carols 11.30pm & Midnight Mass

Christmas Day 7.30am & 9am

NO evening Mass

ST BRENDAN'S LAKE MUNMORAH

Christmas Eve 5pm Vigil and Children's Nativity

Christmas Day 8am

NO evening Mass



PWBB Collection

Thank you to everyone who generously donated to the PWBB appeal. The total so far raised by the Parish towards our quota is **\$6185.00**.

Advent Books now available in the church foyer - Please take one of these beautiful free books provided by our Diocese of Broken Bay to assist you on your spiritual journey during the time of Advent.



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Attention Wardens: As we had agreed during our seminar for Wardens and welcomers, after the homily, we keep a minute of pause, before we do the first collection to start from the front seeing the face of people and not from the back of the church. Also collections should accompany the offertory procession.



PARISH WORKING BEE! All parishioners are invited to our Parish Working Bee on Sat 13th Dec at 10am in preparation for our Christmas celebrations. We will be focusing on cleaning the church, putting up Christmas decorations & setting up the Nativity for our Christmas Carols. Your helping hands will make a big difference! Thank you for your generosity and spirit.

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD - 9am Sat 13th Dec to 9am Sun 14th Dec - ST MARY'S PARISH CENTRE.

As Advent calls us to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ, our parish will hold 24 Hours for the Lord. A full day of adoration before Jesus Christ, truly present in the Most Holy Eucharist. We invite every parishioner to make a concrete act of faith and love by committing to at least one hour with the Lord. Please register for a time slot on the sign-up sheets at the church doors or by contacting the Parish Office.

Come, keep watch with the Lord. Even one hour can change your heart this Advent.

As we begin advent: Please remember Gloria is omitted and the Apostles Creed is said.

The Good News: Why God Became Man 4th Dec

6.30pm-9pm - All are invited to celebrating the coming of the Lord by joining acclaimed Catholic speaker Simon Carrington. Simon will be talking about the great mystery of the Incarnation. All are welcome to join Simon for the Rosary at 6pm, the main talk will begin at 6.30pm. The talk will be followed by a time of prayer, praise and worship in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Supper will be provided afterwards for those that wish to stay. Please bring a small cash donation to provide for Simon's expenses.



St Vincent De Paul Giving Tree - The Vinnies Christmas tree is now up in St Mary's Church. Please donate gift cards only, no toys. The Christmas Appeal is on **13/14th Dec**. Envelopes are available in the church. We thank you for your support.

Renewal of Religious Vows: On Sunday 7th Dec, Fr Tomy, Fr Baby & Fr Joshi will renew their religious consecration on 7th Dec during 9am Mass at St Mary's. We congratulate them for their service & friendship in our Parish. Morning tea shall follow to mark the special day.



PARISH VOLUNTEERS & FAMILY MASS & THANK YOU BBQ Fr Tomy, Fr Baby, Parish Pastoral Council & Parish Finance Committee are inviting all our amazing Parish Volunteers from both churches to a Mass & BBQ on **Fri 12th Dec at 5pm**. Phone the Parish office to **RSVP for catering purposes**. Please wear your name badge.

ST BRENDAN'S COFFEE & CHAT THE DOYLO RSL WED
3rd Dec 10.30am-12.30pm. All are welcome!



Pope Leo XIV's November Intention

During November, Pope Leo invites us to pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter might find consolation in their community, and may receive peace of heart from the Spirit of Consolation.



Please pray for the following:

Recently Deceased: Christine Vydinotis, Paul Mackay, Judy Johnston, Shirley Campbell, Barbara Coffey, Gloria Cutcliffe & Patrick Sheehy

Anniversaries: Lorna Simms, Janet Wood, Alfred Mitchell, Charles Radford, Wagner Javelona, Carlos Tahan, Luke Manassa, Wayne Puckeridge & Trooper Joshua Porter

Remembrances: Elaine Scrivener, Catherine Marks, Scrivener Family, Michael Saba & Mary Saba, Ronald Pingo Roach, Diane, Smith, Greg Irvine, Marie O'Keefe, Valami Joseph & Stark Family & Wendy Woodhouse

Please Pray for the Sick: Anne Westbury, Nora McCool, Susan Coulton, Sonya, Bernice Judge, Ross Horsburgh, Jim Ralston, George Tohme, Faye Germann, Glen Brown, Lea Gray, Mary Swift, Doris Micallef, Branko Babic, Irma L Baez, Maria McEwen, Amelia Harrison-Ford, Ron Hughes, Claudette Radford, Alexander Wade, Louise Bugden, Edward Boyle, Bobby Raymond, Andrew Teo, Gerauld Correia, Leane Dadd, John Knight, Anne Govers, Eva Cusick, Zara Cusick, Willem, Max Jurd, Claire Ray Doris, Clare Johnstone, Chris Wilson, Miklos Beothy, Novita Elizabeth Taha Lamharan, Joy Stokes, Dale Bentick, Avis Sullivan, Ken Jenkins, Lawrie & Libby Boshell, Ruben Fernandez Velasco, Ivy Teo, Brian Brame, Irene Tognito, John Muir, John Hamilton Jnr, Kel Outlaw, Kevin Roy, Kathy Casey, Elaine Horton, Jane, Allen, Helen Sewell, Lacey, Chelsea Brame, Nicholas Sheehy, Hunter, Peter De Lacy Peek, Patrick Hobson, Jessica & Lee Abbott, Baby Nora, Lucky Bowen, Sergio, Maxwell, Nacua Sedicol, Sue Reardon, Sandra Turl, Mia & Johanna Harries, Ana das Gracias, Zona Kable, Jose Adelino, Barry Egan, Suzanne Webb, Patricia, Warren Pope, John Stuart, Stefano & Paolo Macchi, Stephen Jeffrie, Paul Mizzi, George, Sylvia Hudson, Bill O'Keefe, Michele Maroon, Mick G & Robbie Depares

Memorial Mass For the beloved Vicky Debono at St Brendan's Church on Sun 30th Nov at 5pm

Funeral Service for the Late Shirley Campbell Mon 1st Dec, 10.30am at St Mary's Church

November/December Birthdays

Evelyn Maceda (22nd Nov)
Eli Fiedler (25th Nov)
Kathleen Cheetham (28th Nov)
Isabel Fiedler (6th Dec)
Melba Voigt (10th Dec)
Christopher Crocker (12th Dec)
Charlie Saliba (17th Dec)
Paul Moir (20th Dec)
Yvonne Griffin (23rd Dec)
Kye Sutherland (26th Dec)
Emily Bridgett (27th Dec)



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First Reading Isaiah 2:1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come

the mountain of the Temple of the Lord

shall tower above the mountains

and be lifted higher than the hills.

All the nations will stream to it,

peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,

to the Temple of the God of Jacob

that he may teach us his ways

so that we may walk in his paths;

since the Law will go out from Zion,

and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.'

He will wield authority over the nations

and adjudicate between many peoples;

these will hammer their swords into ploughshares,

their spears into sickles.

Nation will not lift sword against nation,

there will be no more training for war

O House of Jacob, come,

let us walk in the light of the Lord.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced when I heard them say:

'Let us go to God's house.'

And now our feet are standing

within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R.**

It is there that the tribes go up,

the tribes of the Lord.

For Israel's law it is,

there to praise the Lord's name.

There were set the thrones of judgement

of the house of David. **R.**

For the peace of Jerusalem pray:

'Peace be to your homes!

May peace reign in your walls,

in your palaces, peace!' **R.**

For love of my brethren and friends

I say: 'Peace upon you!'

For love of the house of the Lord

I will ask for your good. **R.**

Second Reading Romans 13:11-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The time has come, our salvation is near.

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon - let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,

and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 24:37-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Stay awake, you must be ready.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Next Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent Year A

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

ALL WELCOME!

Please join us for Mass and
Children's Nativity at either St
Brendan's Lake Munmorah or St
Mary's, Toukley.

Wednesday 24th December,
2025.

There are lots of roles for
the children to take part

in, including:

Children's Nativity

Liturgical Dance

Reading

Altar Service

Choir

Register here to
be involved at
St Brendan's
5pm Mass



Register here to
be involved at
St Mary's
6pm Mass



"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28



November 2025

7th Nov (1st Friday)

Healing Prayer Service, 6:30pm-8:30pm

at Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church, **Chatswood**

INNER HEALING RETREAT, 14th-16th Nov

Guided by Fr Sam Samuel VC & Fr Jubby Varghese VC

Starts on Friday 5.30pm & ends on Sunday 4.00pm

For bookings: 02 43721598 or email: drcretreatreg@gmail.com

17th Nov (3rd Monday)

Healing Prayer Service, 7:00pm-9:00pm

at St Patrick's Church, 11 Macquarie street, **WALLSEND**

21st Nov (3rd Friday)

Holy Mass & Adoration, 6:00pm-9:00pm

at Our Lady Help of Christians, Church, 31 Oxford St, **EPPING**

30th Nov, 9:00am - 4:00pm

ONE DAY PILGRIMAGE (Last Sunday)

- Praise and Worship • Preaching the Word
- Eucharistic Adoration • Divine Mercy Chaplet • Holy Mass

ALL ARE WELCOME, NO BOOKING REQUIRED, BYO LUNCH



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