

First Reading

A reading from the book of Genesis Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 50:3-6, 12-14, 17

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

My offences truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done. **R.**

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me.
O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
Rom 5:12, 17-19

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve,

of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
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Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Mt 4:1-11

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge,
and they will support you on their hands
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.'

Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,
and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

The Gospel of the Lord.



Next Weeks Readings: 2nd Sunday of Lent Year A

First Reading Gen 12:1-4
Second Reading 2Tim 1:8-10
Gospel Mt 17:1-9

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First Sunday of Lent Time Year A 1st March 2020



Today's Gospel passage gives a brief narrative of the temptations of Jesus in the wilderness. Jesus went through a time of serious reflection and challenges during those days in the desert. As we know from experience, athletes prepare diligently for long duration. Similarly professional artists rehearse painstakingly for long hours and good teachers do their preparations meticulously. Before starting His public ministry, Jesus went into the desert to prepare Himself for the divine task entrusted to Him by the heavenly Father and to purify His mind and cleanse His heart. Jesus emerged from His forty days of fasting and prayer and prepared for the ultimate test of strength and skill against the powers of evil. Lent is a time when all followers of the Lord try to renew their lives. In a sense, we go into the desert with Jesus.

Every person needs to be tested in life- trials and challenges bring out the best and the worst in our lives. Only through trials and tests we come to know our strengths and our weaknesses. An awareness of our strengths and weaknesses is important for any success in our lives. The book of Proverbs very succinctly puts it (4: 23), "Above all else, keep watch over your heart, for therein lies the well springs of life". "Lent comes providentially to reawaken us to shake us from our lethargy" - Pope Francis.

Fr Baby

PARISH LITURGIES

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church Toukley

Saturday: Vigil 6:00pm

Sunday: 7:30am

9:00am

Children's Liturgy 1st & 3rd Sunday
(except school holidays)

6:00pm

St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

Saturday: Vigil 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church Toukley

Monday 7:45am

Tuesday 7:45am

Wednesday 7:45am

Thursday 7:45am (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 7:45am

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 8:15am—9:00am

St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

Saturday 4:30—5:00pm

MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

St Mary's Toukley

7:25am Monday to Thursday & Saturday

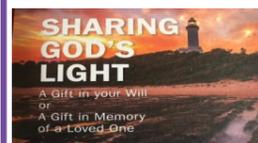
8:45am Friday



We welcome all of our parishioners, especially any new parishioners to the area and those of you who have been away on holidays. We also welcome any visitors who have joined us for the celebration of Holy Eucharist this weekend. You are all

most welcome here in our Parish Family. Please feel free to make yourself known to us, and we look forward to speaking with you.

Sharing God's Light—A Gift in Your Will



Our parish is very grateful for the bequests that have been left to the parish in the past. These bequests have supported our Faith Community and enabled us to maintain our parish church and buildings and implement pastoral initiatives. By leaving a gift in your will, or honouring the memory of a loved one, you are supporting your Family of Faith. Booklets available at doors of the church.

Thank you for Clavinova

Thank you to Raymond and Margaret Johnson for their donation of a keyboard to the parish and to the anonymous donor of \$1000 for their generous donation to the parish.

Parish Finance Meeting

The Parish Finance committee will meet on this **Monday 2nd March** at 12 pm in the Presbytery.

Parish Pastoral Council

We are happy to have Peter Huby (Chairperson), Tricia Humphreys (Deputy Chairperson), Ellen Sheerin (Secretary), Jo Moore & Bob Steele as new Parish Pastoral Council members. Two members from Mission Council are expected to be part of all Pastoral Council meetings together with One representative from Parish Finance Committee, Liturgy Committee, Religious Sisters and Schools. We wish the new team all the blessings and a wonderful team work.

Mental Health First Aid

Robyn Rosina, a parishioner and an accredited mental health first aid trainer, will be running a group for our parishioners on Mental Health First Aid. The aim of the learning, is to share an understanding of a range of mental illness and how the average person can help, not diagnose or treat, just chat in a helpful way. Very similar to physical health first aid but, just chatting in a helpful safe way instead. Please talk to each other about the importance of discussing Mental Health issues. The training is over two sessions, likely on Saturdays, but can be during the week. We are hopeful to have the first group after Easter. The cost will be \$30 per participant. This covers the textbook and all materials.

What you can expect from mental health first aid training.

KNOWLEDGE - Improves knowledge of mental illnesses, treatments and first aid actions.

CONFIDENCE - Increases confidence in providing first aid.

DE-STIGMATISING - Decreases stigmatising attitudes.

SUPPORT - Increases the support provided to others.

If you are interested in training to be a mental health first aider as an individual or in your workplace/team, please call Robyn Rosina 0402 968 388.

Will you put your hand up to minister?



We invite all our parishioners, especially our new parishioners, to consider joining one of our many Ministries, to serve our sisters and brothers in this Neighbourhood of Grace.

Maybe your children have gone off to school, and you have a few hours to give - to the sick in their homes, reading at Mass, distribution of Holy Communion or help those less fortunate than you. Please collect a brochure from the foyer of the churches.

Upcoming Parish Events



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. OLOR Church, The Entrance and St Cecilia's Church, Wyong will also be open from 7pm. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity.

Catechists



Last weekend we celebrated Catechist Sunday, when we acknowledged and thanked our amazing Catechists and those involved in our Children's Liturgy.

Our Catechists renewed their commitment to their ministry and they also received a special Blessing. **Thank you so much!**

Consider being a Catechist or a Helper.

Schools are back and our parish is in need of Special Religious Educators (Catechists) for the new school year, to "Pass on the Faith" to the many Catholic children in our State schools. If you are able to give of your time, either as a Catechist or a Helper, please contact Di Healey, Catechist Coordinator on 0401 162 287

Monthly Morning Teas

Stay after Mass for a cuppa and a chat today this Sunday after the 8am Mass at St Brendan's, hosted by the Macquarie Group or after the 9am Mass at St Mary's, hosted by the Rosary Group. Thank you to all the groups who supply morning teas throughout the year.



Reconciliation Programme

The Sacramental Programme for Reconciliation has now started with facilitated sessions commencing tomorrow, **Monday 2nd March**.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held at St Brendan's on **30th March and 1st April** and at St Mary's on **31st March and 2nd April**

Please keep these dates in your diaries.

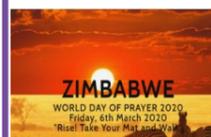
Churches Together Planning Meeting

The next Planning Meeting for Churches Together will be held this **Wednesday 4th March** at 7.00 pm at Warnervale Catholic Church, Mary MacKillop Drive (off Sparks Road at the lights). It is also a time to share any news from our churches.

The Stations of the Cross - St Mary's Church

Stations of the Cross will be held at **8:30am each Friday during Lent**, except the **First Friday of the Month, 6th March and 3 April, will be at 10:30am** before Anointing Mass.

World Day of Prayer



The next World Day of Prayer will commence with morning tea at 10.30am, followed by the service at Toukley Uniting Church on **Friday 6th March**.

The theme for this World Day of Prayer is **Zimbabwe Rise! Take your mat and walk!**

Lunch will be served at the conclusion of the service. All are most welcome.

The relics of St Therese and her parents



The relics of St Therese and her parents, Sts. Louis and Zelig, will be in OLOR Church, The Entrance next **Sunday 8th March** from 8 pm until **Monday 9th March** at 5 pm. Fr Bill Stevens invites groups from our Parish and schools to visit and pray in the presence of the relics during this time. He is very happy to talk to any group. For people who are working, the night liturgies may be useful.

The car park will remain open throughout the visit. Hospitality will be available throughout, at the rear of the Church. Please see our church notice boards for the programme of liturgies.

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

Recently Deceased

Frank Feliciotto, Vi Brodie, George Garvey, Felice Grasso, Fr John Barry OSA, Fr Denis Callahan, Ellen Ashton, Frederick Jurd, Eileen O'Kane, Marie Dyer, Jason Myers (Dublin), Bernard Hensley, Wesley Glabus, Veronica King.



Anniversaries

Danny Kay, Ruby Prendergast, John Flanagan, Chris Bryan, Bill Tyson, Colin McIntyre, Eddie Johnston, Carol Brown, Tony Wilson, Joseph & Stella Magri, Mary Stewart, Franceska Rose, Anselmo, Paulita, Enrico, Arturo & Pio Edwin Ambait, Pantaleon, Temotea Ambait, Elma Capacite, Romualda & Hermigilso Giba, Valmai Joseph, Dorothy Rush, Victoria Borg, Rose and Stark Families & Holy Souls.

Remembrances

Scott Kay, Lisa Marie Grenot, John Thomas Matthews, Hannah McCool, Gilles Dedrouas, Lorraine Anderson

Please Pray for the Sick

Fr Bill Aliprandi, John Andrews, Linda Read, Eleanor Matthews, Paul Covington, Andrew Kelly, Fiona Gill, Koby Thomas Evan Shepherd and Kathleen Strong, Bourke, Brian Davies, Tony Hodges, 4 year old Ethan, Faye Lund, Michael Wiggin & Vanessa Miller.



Fr Peter deSouza was admitted to San Hospital last Monday 24 February for surgery for acute appendicitis. We wish him well for his recovery.

Safeguarding

New legislation will come into place that affects all religious bodies from 1 March 2020, this includes Reportable Conduct and Mandatory Reporting.

The Office for Safeguarding (Chancery) is working closely with the Office of the Children's Guardian and the Department of Communities & Justice to prepare for the changes that will soon come into effect for the greater protection of children in NSW.

Please speak to Lorraine Dunn at St Brendan's and Robyn Rosina at St Mary's if you feel the need.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March



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We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity

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