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Catholic Parish Toukley/Lake Munmorah

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To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community

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Third Sunday of Lent Year C

20th March 2022



A Call to Conversion

All three of today's readings speak of God's mercy and compassion. Today's Gospel emphasizes the need for repentance. Although God's love for us is constant, He will not save us without our co-operation. That is why He invites us during Lent to repent of our sins and to renew our lives by producing fruits of love, compassion, forgiveness, and faithful service. Jesus warns his listeners not to spend their time speculating about the guilt of others, but to concentrate on examining their own lives, and their own need for repentance and forgiveness.

In the second part of today's Gospel Jesus explains this warning through the parable of the unproductive fig tree. This particular fig tree did not produce fruits for a long period of time. The master decided to cut it down. But the gardener requested the master to allow him to water and manure the tree for another year. The master agreed to this request. The tree was given another chance to produce or perish. "Repent" (Greek, *metanoia*), implies not just regret for the past but a radical conversion and a complete change in our way of life as we respond and open ourselves to the love of God. Repentance, or a turning away from one path to another, is not so much finding God as being found by God. Jesus calls us today to "repentance" – not a one-time change of heart, but an ongoing, daily transformation of our lives. In one of his letters, Thomas Merton wrote, "We are not converted only once in our lives, but many times; and this endless series of large and small conversions, inner revolutions, leads to our transformation in Christ".

The message of the parable is explicit. Let us take God's warnings and use the given opportunities for turning away from our sinful ways and turn to God.

Lent is the appropriate time to repent and turn away from our sins. "We will have to repent in this generation not merely for the unkind words and actions of the bad people but for the appalling silence of the good people" - Martin Luther King Jr.

Fr Tomy

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 (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 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

8:20 am Monday to Saturday

First Friday Night Vigil

Exposition after 7pm Mass until 1.30am

Children's Liturgy (currently paused)



Welcome to our Parish. Today we celebrate the **Third Sunday of Lent, Year C**. We are pleased to see you in our Church.

Welcome Children & Families

This weekend we celebrate a Family Mass at St Brendan's at 5pm on Saturday, as we welcome St Brendan's Kinder students and St Brigid's Year 7 students. It is wonderful to see the children and families in our Churches!

Children's Liturgy - helpers needed!

We will be resuming Children's Liturgy in the coming weeks and we need some helpers! You will need a WWCC, and be willing to give a little of your time during 9am Sunday Mass at St Mary's once or twice a month. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

Vinnies Flood Appeals

In response to the devastating floods impacting across NSW, the St Vincent de Paul Society has launched an emergency flood appeal to assist residents with their immediate needs as well as longer-term recovery. Donate at <https://www.vinnies.org.au/nswfloodappeal>

Ukraine Appeal

The escalating violence in Ukraine is rapidly becoming a dire humanitarian crisis. Please consider donating to the Caritas Australia Ukraine Appeal www.caritas.org.au/ukraine

Holy Week Program

Palm Sunday 10th Apr - Procession from St Mary's Grotto before 6pm Vigil & 9am Sunday, St Brendan's before 5pm Vigil & 8am Sunday.

Holy Thursday 14th Apr - No morning Masses. St Brendan's 5pm Mass, St Mary's 6pm Mass. Washing of the feet.

Good Friday 15th Apr - Children's Stations of the Cross 9am at both churches. Traditional Stations of the Cross 10am at St Mary's. Passion 3pm at both Churches.

Easter Vigil 16th Apr - Blessing of the New Fire, St Brendan's 5pm, St Mary's 6pm.

Easter Sunday 17th Apr - St Brendan's 8am, St Mary's 7.30am, 9am. No evening Mass on Easter Sunday.

Holy Week Roster Availability—St Mary's

Wardens, Servers, Readers at St Mary's, please indicate your availability for Holy Week by using the form at the doors of the church.

Easter Roster lists—St Brendan's

Easter Roster lists are in the foyer at St Brendan's from this weekend.

Catechist Corner

Most of our Catechists have now returned to the classrooms and have told us how wonderful it is to be back. The children are eager to learn and are a pleasure to teach. A truly rewarding ministry!


Why don't you consider joining the team too?!

We'd love 2 more catechists to help in the public schools we teach at. To get started, Catechists need to be fully-vaccinated (Dept of Education requirement), obtain a WWCC (free for volunteers) and complete some training, which the Parish Office can help to organise.

Our Catechists teach at Lake Munmorah (Wed), Northlakes (Tues), Manering Park (Wed), Blue Haven (Tues), Gorokan (Thurs), and Gwandalan (Fri). Wouldn't it be great to help Catholic students in these schools learn more about Jesus? Classes run for 30 minutes, once a week. Full training & support is provided. Please call the Parish Office for more information. We'd love to hear from you!



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COVID-19 Restrictions – Places of Worship Diocese of Broken Bay Latest Update: 25th February 2022

- Please do not enter the church or other parish buildings if you are unwell.
- Check in using the QR code/paper sign in is not required
- Wearing a **mask is OPTIONAL**
- No density limits apply in Places of Worship but please allow space between people where possible.
- Please continue to hand sanitise.
- Singing by the congregation is permitted

Pastoral Discernment Central Coast Project

Please give your feedback to this Project - feedback forms are available at doors of both churches. Return your completed form to the feedback box or contact Robyn Rosina on robynrosina@iinet.net.au or 0402 968 388. We appreciate your feedback. Thank you to Robyn Rosina for coordinating this and being our Parish Rep.



Planned Giving Envelopes 2022 - Please Collect

New planned giving envelopes are ready to be collected from the doors of both churches. Please look for your name as some envelope numbers have changed. The new envelopes are not dated, but will start at the beginning of April. Call the office for any enquiries.

Fridays in Lent

Stations of the Cross—St Mary's 8:30am (before 9:15 Mass), 10:30am (before 11am Healing Mass 1st Fri)

The Light Is On—St Mary's, Adoration & Reconciliation 7-7.30pm.

Upcoming events - Save the Dates:

Every Thursday 5pm - Lectio Divina via Zoom
Wed 30th/Thurs 31st March - First Reconciliation at St Mary's
Sun 3rd April 9am - St Mary's - Year 1 School/Parish Mass
Wed 6th April - First Reconciliation at St Brendan's
Mid-April 2022 - First Eucharist Sacramental Program begins

Right to Life - VAD Bill 2021—Have your say

<https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/lc/Pages/petition-details.aspx?q=apWMtQo6WVdu1NOOVqOtYA==>

Spirituality in the Pub

Next meeting is Tues 5th April 7.30-9.00pm. Grange Hotel, Wyming. Enquiries: 4362 1579.

Bishop Anthony's Lenten Penance 2022 message - available on the noticeboards or call the Parish office for a copy.

Parish Bus - Contact Joan Haslam ph 4392 6892 to book a spot.

Holy Shop Open!

Our Holy Shop at St Mary's is open every weekend, before and after each Mass. Lovely gifts for Sacraments and Easter.

Children's Worksheets

Worksheets and pencils are available at the church doors.



Congratulations

We send our best wishes and congratulations to David & Lorraine Dunn on the occasion of their 52nd Wedding Anniversary.

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



Recently Deceased

Irene Sutherland, Gloria Morath, John Mickkelsen, Timothy James Younie, Nancy Sprohar

Anniversaries

Tony Petkovic, Marija Petkovic, George Gavranic, Tony Gavranic, John Flanagan, Danny Kay, Greg Irvine, Joe Parker, John Kennedy

Remembrances

Vicky Debono, Katy Ng, Scott Kay, Margie Hamer, Stephen Cappa, Arturo Canillas, Carol Brown, Moore & Langley families, Valmai Joseph Stark Family

Please Pray for the Sick

Joe Johannas, Judy Kay, Nestor Regalo, Ann Buckman, David Vella, Ray Sleucher, Ann Rigney, Margaret Jones, Margaret Moran, Faye Roberts, Lisa Hart, Lucas Campbell, Noel McCool, Nenita Turner

Please call or email the office to have your loved one's name included above. All names appear for 3 weeks, except the Sick list which appears for 6 weeks. Please call to extend.

March Birthdays

Brianna Teresa Fry (6th March)
Frances Johnson (8th March)
Connie Camillieri (11th March)
Terry Reid (14th March)
Ampie Madden (15th March)
Jacqui Fletcher (17th March)
Sr Josie (19th March)
Jo Spek (19th March)
Dan Buckman (21st March)
Rose Huby (24th March)
Gail Mainwaring (25th March)



Call or email the office to have your birthday included!

Thank you!

We extend our heartfelt thanks to a very generous parishioner who has made a large donation to help cover the costs of producing this Bulletin. Thank you

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.



Mackay Family Funerals

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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

Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15

This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent me to you.

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am,' he answered. 'Come no nearer,' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 102:1-4, 6-8, 11

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

The Lord does deeds of justice,
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses
and his deeds to Israel's sons. **R.**

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him. **R.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.

I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a

cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *Matthew 4:17*

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Repent, says the Lord;
the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Next Sunday - Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year C

First Reading - Joshua 5:9-12

Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Gospel - Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

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