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Catholic Parish Toukley/Lake Munmorah

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To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

17th August, 2025



Gospel Reflection

Fire of the Good News

Through Today's Gospel passage Jesus warns His disciples and all of us that following Him is a very difficult task. It would bring division in the life of disciples. So they are called to declare their loyalties and get their priorities right. When we stand for the values of Jesus family ties may get broken and relationship may get strained. Hence a true follower of Christ is a threat - a source of division, a light that shows up in the darkness. Such a person will be opposed by those who want to remain in the darkness.

Jesus exhorts us that as Christians we must stand up against all evil - all that leads us away from genuine love of God and love of our neighbour. That exactly is the prophetic mission of the disciples of Jesus.

We need to be prepared, always. We do have to live each day trying to imitate the life of Jesus as perfectly as we can. His ministry flowed from his belief that living in love was living in God. I believe this is the "fire" that He was speaking about. He told us that there is no easy way to bring about the Kingdom of God. It demands purity of heart, a commitment to peace, readiness to forgive, generosity, the endurance of persecution... being ready to take the hard road. True discipleship calls for large, loving and generous hearts - filled with a burning desire to live as He lived, to serve as He served.

If we Christians, like Jesus, truly lived and preached as He did, then we can be certain that the reign of God would be seen among us, and that Christianity would have something of great value to share and explore with people searching for meaning in an age of disbelief. Only by accepting this challenge will we be able to "set the earth on fire" with the "good news."

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

St Brendan's Church 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	9:00am	
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 **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C.** We welcome you to our Church and are very pleased to see you here.

Upcoming Parish events - Save the Date:

Sat 23rd Aug: St Brigid's/St Brendan's Family Mass 5pm
Sat 30th Aug: The Rite of Confirmation St Mary's Church
Fri 19th Sept: Sister Sister Women's Group St Mary's Parish Hall from 6.30-9pm.



Annual Retreat of Priests from 25th-29th August

During the week we shall have **only Communion services on Tues, Wed & Thurs in both churches.** We shall have our usual Mass at 9.15am on Friday. On Saturday we shall have only morning Mass. **No Confessions & Benediction in the morning due to Confirmations in the Parish.**

Attention Readers: At the end of first and second Reading please pause few seconds and then say **"The Word of the Lord"**.



RCIA/RCIY (Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults/ Youth). It's a process through which adults/young people are initiated into the Catholic faith. If you would like to know more the Catholic faith or if you know someone who is interested our RCIA/ RCIY programs is beginning with the first information night on **Tues 27th Aug at 7pm at St Mary's Church.** Please call the Parish Office or use the QR Code/ link to register.
<https://forms.office.com/r/xpBQZmEfau>



Congratulations to John Rooney who is received into the Catholic Church at St Brendan's this weekend during 5pm Mass on the 16th August. May God bless you John as you continue your journey in the Catholic faith.

Parish Lectio Divina: You're invited to join us in our Lectio Divina every Thurs 5-6pm on Zoom. We reflect together the coming Sunday's Gospel & share inspiring thoughts together as friends praying together. Pls call the Parish office/speak to our Priests/Sisters.



Kid's Ministry! Hi Kids, have you thought which ministry interests to join? Ask your parents to scan the QR Code or click the link or visit our Parish Notice board/ Facebook. There will be a parent information at: St Brendan's: every 3rd Sat of the month after 5pm Mass St Mary's: every 3rd Sun of the month after 9am Mass. <https://forms.office.com/r/3MHCN7cphR>

Gardener and Calligrapher Required at St Mary's Church

We are in need of a volunteer gardener to assist with the beautiful area behind the church near the Parish Centre. If you have a green thumb please contact the Parish Office. We also are looking for someone to record the names of the Deceased in the Book of the Dead in the church. A Calligraphy set is available if you have the skill to do this once per month. Contact the Parish Office for further details.



Congratulations on the Sacrament of Baptism:

May God's blessings be upon **Theodore, Kingsley, Everleigh, Hadley, Mila, Romy, Thomas** & their families as they receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Thank you to the anonymous sponsor who has generously paid for the one year the cost of the new water cooler at St Mary's church.



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Harvy Needs a Piano!! Do you have a piano in need of a good home? If yes, please call the Parish office as Harvey is in need of one and it will be put to good use!

Parish Involvement: Have you ever thought, how would you like to share your talents, skills & time with our Lord? Are you ready & willing to share it but don't know who to ask? Just talk to our priests, call our Parish Office or anyone you know is helping in our parish. We're here to support you. This is your spiritual home and community.

There are a number of lost umbrellas in the Lost Property in the churches. Please check to see if one is yours.

Please Do NOT turn right when exiting the St Mary's Church car-park. It is illegal, dangerous and holding up people trying to exit the driveway.

Thank you from Heather Baker for the good wishes, gifts, morning tea and birthday cake. Please accept this as my personal thank you to you all. From Heather

New Parishioner Forms - There is now a new Parishioner form available in both churches for individual or families to register in the Parish.

Sacramental Programme Congratulations to Lewis Z, receiving his First Holy Communion during 9am Mass at St Mary's. May you grow deeper with your relationship with Jesus in receiving him in the Eucharist. **Confirmation Preparation:** This week after the Communion, our candidate will be presented with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. As a congregation, we pray together with the Priests for the Holy Spirit to come and inspire the hearts of these children.

SISTER SISTER TICKETS! Tickets are now available to purchase at the Parish Office! Also this week at St Brendan's Saturday evening Mass (see Jo) and St Mary's 6pm Mass (see Naomi). \$20 each cash only!

Save the date!



You have to go deeper to go further...

September 19, 2025
6.30pm - 9.00pm
St Mary's Parish Hall

Tickets \$20 each (payable at your school or parish offices)
(Includes champagne on arrival, lucky door prize & light supper)

Register here



A gathering of women, coming together to support each other in life, faith and friendship.

Join us for an evening to fill the mind, body and spirit. Come be nourished with food, prayer, friendship and leave feeling rejuvenated.

with Special Guest Speaker



Karen AMES

Please pray for the following:

Recently Deceased: Margaret Anne Johnson, Fred Camenzuli, Anne Murphy, Kenneth Marvin Grigge & John Hamilton Snr

Anniversaries: Ronald "Pingo" Roach, Hector Grapulin, Emma Grapulin, Elizabeth Coles, Tim Cahill, Win Sinclair, George Gordon, Maria Krawetkowski, Tom Parker, Zachary Nathan Canillas, Manuel Tana, Aadam, Romeo, Eliezer, Lorna, Clar, Kurt, Liling, Seloy, Angel, Faith, Paul Reid & Doris Glennen, Stephens Cappa

Remembrances: Elena Mabini, Fred Camenzuli, Brigido Mabini, Charles Radford, Paul O'Neile, Tom Burke, Crysterline & Richard Hamer, Sr. Carolina Vasquez OSA, Marie O'Keefe, Valami Joseph & Stark Family & Wendy Woodhouse

Please Pray for the Sick: Andrew Teo, Gerauld Correia, Leane Dadd, Jack Knight, Anne Govers, Katherine Hoppett, Willem, Max Jurd, Claire Ray Doris, Beth Andrews, 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, Avis Sullivan, John Muir, Amelia Hamilton-Ford, John Hamilton Jnr, Kel Outlaw, Kevin Roy, Kathy Casey, Elaine Horton, Jane, Allen, Helen Sewell, Liz Kelman, Lacey, Chelsea Brame, Nicholas Sheehy, Hunter, Peter De Lacy Peek, Patrick Hobson, Jessica & Lee Abott, Baby Nora, Denis Tansey, Lucky Bowen, Sergio, Maxwell, Nacua Sedicol, Sue Reardon, Sandra Turl, Mia & Johanna Harries, Ana das Gracas, Zona Kable, Jose Adelino, Barry Egan, Suzanne Webb, Patricia, Warren Pope, Elaine Scrivener, John Stuart, Stefano & Paolo Macchi, Stephen Jeffrie, Paul Mizzi, George, Sylvia Hudson, Bill O'Keefe, Michele Maroon, Mick G & Robbie Depares

August Birthdays

John Frame (1st)	
Pat Bulgin (5th)	
Sr Jennifer Canillas (6th)	
Jake Elias (6th)	
Fr Joshi Naduppura (6th)	Mary Azzopardi (12th)
Jeffrey Ranada (6th)	Peter Turner (20th)
Ellen Sherrin (7th)	Constance Day (22nd)
Toutain Ketoni (9th)	Naomi Hepplewhite (23rd)
Heather Baker (10th)	Geoffrey Swan (29th)
Ann Firman (10th)	Anne Gover (30th)
Dasha Kent (11th)	Nikita Corbett (31st)
Raymond Mahony (12th)	Angeline Collard (31st)



Pope Leo XIV's Francis' August Intention



For mutual coexistence
Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

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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

First Reading Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world.

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 39:2-4, 18

R. Lord, come to my aid!

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry. **R.**

He drew me from the deadly pit,
from the miry clay.
He set my feet upon a rock
and made my footsteps firm. **R.**

He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.
Many shall see and fear
and shall trust in the Lord. **R.**

As for me, wretched and poor,
the Lord thinks of me.
You are my rescuer, my help,
O God, do not delay! **R.**

Second Reading Hebrews 12:1-4

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us.

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shamefulness of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 12:49-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

I have come not to give peace, but discord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Next Sunday: Twenty First Sunday In Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30