

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Catholic Parish Toukley/Lake Munmorah

St Mary's Church 458 Main Rd Norville

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Vision

To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community

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Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year B

21st March 2021



"Gaining and Losing"

Today we come face to face with a stark reminder that if we are to be followers of Christ we must be willing to be like a grain of wheat, dying so as to bear "much fruit." In response to the request of the Greeks, Jesus moves our attention to his suffering, death and resurrection, which we will soon be celebrating during our Triduum. Contrary to our experience of death as a final destruction, Jesus sees it as a moment to give glory to His Father. Those who see his death through eyes of faith will also see God's hand in rescuing Jesus from death.

God has promised to make a new covenant, a covenant "written upon their hearts." Jesus is that new covenant and in him, God has united Himself to us with bonds that can never be broken, because through his death the new covenant is established. We, too, are assured this new life because we look upon Jesus as the one "lifted up from the earth." He raises us up with himself to a new life, a forgiven life.

The way through death is the way to eternal life for his followers. As Jesus' followers, we die everyday in the decisions we make to choose him and service to God through neighbor, above our own self interests and desires.

We can either accept what we hold in faith about the death of this "grain of wheat" - and fashion our own lives accordingly - or we can look upon the crucified one as having lived a foolish and wasted life - and reject his message. The world powers rule and govern from exalted thrones and military might. Jesus rules from the cross - by the cross and his resurrection, he draws everyone to himself.

Jesus' radical act of self giving stands at the center of our lives. In the Gospel Jesus compares Himself to a grain of wheat that dies in order to bear much fruit. The great loss of Jesus' own life, has become the very ground of our hope. Before all else, the Gospel invites us to respond to the God of love who saves us, to see God in others and to go forth from ourselves to seek the good of others. We cannot allow this invitation to be hidden from our sight.

Fr Baby

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 9:00 am

Tuesday 9:00 am

Wednesday 9:00 am

Thursday 9:00 am

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

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

COVID-19 Restrictions – Places of Worship Diocese of Broken Bay

Latest Update: 12 Feb 2021

Capacity: Capacity at a place of public worship is subject to the one person per 2 square metre rule. Children count towards the capacity limit. Our capacity: St Mary's: 235, St Brendan's: 320

Please do not enter the Church if you feel unwell.

Masks: mask wearing is no longer mandatory for places of worship. You are welcome to wear a mask if you would like to.

Record Keeping: Everyone entering the Church must sign in with their name and contact number, preferably using the QR code, or on the paper sheet provided. Please write clearly. The Parish office will hold the record for 28 days confidentially and securely.

Seating: please sit only where marked, to maintain physical distancing requirements. Members of the same household may sit together. Seating signs are staggered to allow for physical distancing, so please adhere to these signs.

Singing: No congregational singing in our Parish, Musicians & Choir only. (Current restrictions allow singing only if masks are worn and if we revert to the 4 sqm rule, so, for now, no singing unfortunately).

Holy Communion: Parishioners are requested to receive Holy Communion in the hand and adhere to 1.5m physical distancing while processing to Communion.

No Gathering: Parishioners must move away promptly from the Church after Mass has finished.

COVID Important Updates:

No Sharing Food: Please remember that any meetings we hold must not involve sharing of food. If food is served, it must be individual serves on separate plates/containers, or participants must bring their own food.

Offertory Procession: due to easing of COVID restrictions, we are now able to resume the Offertory Procession.

More details about COVID restrictions are available on the notice board and signs at the Church doors.

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 7.00-7.30pm

Holy Week

Palm Sunday - 28th March

Parishioners are invited to bring their own palms for blessing on Palm Sunday. Extra palms for others can be brought to the church on Saturday 27th March by 10am.

Normal weekend Mass times.

Holy Thursday - 1st April

St Brendan's - 5pm Mass, St Mary's - 6pm Mass

Good Friday - 2nd April

St Brendan's - Stations of the Cross 9am

St Mary's - Children's Stations of the Cross 9am, Traditional 10am

Passion - 3pm at both St Brendan's and St Mary's

Easter Saturday Vigil - 3rd April

St Brendan's - 5pm, St Mary's - 6pm

(please bring battery-operated candle)

Easter Sunday

St Brendan's - 8am

St Mary's - 7.30am, 9am (no evening Mass)

Holy Thursday—Procession of Oils

We invite a nurse (or ex-nurse) to be involved in the Procession of Oils at Holy Thursday Mass on 1st April at St Mary's (6pm). Please let Father or the Parish Office know if you would like to be involved.



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New Stock in the Holy Shop:

Are you looking for a beautiful Saint bracelet? Visit our Holy Shop after Mass to explore the range. Thank you to the Vassallo Family for donating the bracelets. There are many more beautiful items for sale as well.

Planned Giving Envelopes

Envelopes for April onwards are available for collection at the main doors of the church. We apologise that not all envelopes were available last weekend, but the remaining envelopes are now ready for collection. If you cannot find your envelopes, please let the Parish Office know.

Want to join the Planned Giving Program?

If you would like to join our Planned Giving Program to support the management and maintenance of our church, we encourage and value your contribution. Please complete one of the blue cards found in the foyer of the church. There are several options available, including cash (via numbered envelopes), direct deposit, or credit card. Complete one of the blue cards found in the foyer, and hand it to the priest, warden or Parish Office.

Lenten Spirituality Morning

All are invited to attend a Lenten Spirituality Morning to be held at St Mary's Parish Centre on Mon 29th Mar from 10am to 1pm. This session will be led by the CCD office via Zoom but it offers us a chance to meet as a group. Numbers are limited, RSVP to the Parish Office by 10am Tues 23rd Mar.

St Joseph Statues

Thank you to the generous parishioners who contributed to our new St Joseph statues: Connie Camillieri, Chetcuti family, Benjamin family & another anonymous donor. Your generosity is appreciated by our Parish.

2nd Rite of Reconciliation

All are invited to the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation at Mackillop Parish Warnervale, Thursday 25th March at 6.30pm in the church.

Catholic Women's League will meet for their monthly meeting on Monday 22nd March at 10am in the Parish Centre. We have a speaker coming to speak to us on recycling. All are welcome.

Position Vacant - Hornsby Parish

Parish Administrative Assistant Part-time, 33.5 hours per week 5 days (9am-4.20pm Monday - Friday)

If you have previous office administration experience and this role interests you, please email recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au with your cover letter and CV. **Applications close Fri 26 March 2021.**

March Birthdays

Brianna Teresa Fry (6th March)
Frances Johnson (8th March)
Terry Reid (14th March)
Ampi Madden (15th March)
Sr Josie (19th March)
Rose Huby (24th March)

Call the office to have your birthday included!



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



Recently Deceased

Lorraine Moore (sister of Pauline O'Malley), John Hall, Meredith Goodrich, Gloria Hay, Ann Climpson, Kevin Gee

Remembrances

Lydie Fernley, Patricia Baker, Margie Hamer, Stephen Cappa, Charles Radford, John Kennedy, Cyril Mills, Valmai Joseph Stark Family, Carol Brown, Keith & Nancy, Mark & Peter Prizeman, Kathryn Tuxworth, Gabrielle Woodrow

Please Pray for the Sick

Diane Booth, Pat McCann, John McCann, Merv Waters, Julie Kozak, Faye Brunton, Maureen Johnston, Sr Tincy Thomas

Funeral

Ruth Stephens, Thurs 25th March 11am, St Mary's

Baptisms

We welcome the following children and their families into our Parish Community: Theodore Diviney, Sebastian Diviney, River Olson, Lily Rodgers

Wedding

Rebecca & Paul Peacock, Sat 27th March, St Mary's

Congratulations!

Our Parish Community congratulates Lorraine & David Dunn on their 51st Wedding Anniversary on 17th March, and Ivan & Marie Gostan on their 48th Wedding Anniversary on 24th March. May God bless you all on this special occasion.



Charitable Works Fund

Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay Survey 2021

We invite you to complete the CWF Survey 2021. It will only take about 2-3 minutes of your time. Listening to our parish community is important and we would love to know more about you and what you value most about CWF. Your feedback will help us better serve the community, plan our priorities and how to communicate with you more effectively. The survey is open to all parishioners in the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay. Closing date for responses is **Wed 7 April 2021**. The online CWF survey can be found here -

www.surveymonkey.com/r/CWF2021

Mackay Family Funerals

In Association with Mackay Family Crematorium
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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

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive - it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest - it is the Lord who speaks - since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 50:3-4, 12-15

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

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.

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,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you. R.

Second Reading

Hebrews 5:7-9

He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 12:26

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, my servant will also be.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

John 12:20-30

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come
for the Son of Man to be glorified.

I tell you, most solemnly,
unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies,
it remains only a single grain;
but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Anyone who loves his life loses it;
anyone who hates his life in this world
will keep it for the eternal life.

If a man serves me, he must follow me,
wherever I am, my servant will be there too.
If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.

Now my soul is troubled.

What shall I say:

Father, save me from this hour?

But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!'

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

'Now sentence is being passed on this world;
now the prince of this world is to be overthrown.

And when I am lifted up from the earth,
I shall draw all men to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Next Sunday - Palm Sunday

First Reading - Isaiah 50:4-7

Second Reading - Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel - Mark 14:1 - 15:47

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention
for March

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

