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Catholic Parish Toukley/Lake Munmorah

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To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community

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TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

7th September, 2025



Gospel Reflection

THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

In today's Gospel Jesus explains to his prospective followers the cost of being His disciple. The context is that of Jesus' instructions to His would-be disciples. He tells them that to follow Him, first and foremost, they should evaluate and count the cost of being a disciple. He makes two demands: The first is; to hate one's family and even one's own self. The second is that one has to take up one's crosses and follow Him. Hence Jesus makes it clear that one must be ready to sacrifice one's dearest things in life. In certain situations, in life, a disciple may have to choose between Jesus and what is very dear to him/her.

Jesus further explains this message through two parables. He makes it clear that discipleship has to be taken seriously. It could mean that a disciple has to undergo sufferings, persecutions and even death. History of the Church reminds us that discipleship had cost much sufferings. As in any other sphere of life, one has to weigh the pros and cons before taking a final decision. Hence, one must calculate the cost before venturing to become a disciple of Jesus. Accepting the cross gives us immense graces that will lead us to eternal life. Blessed Mother Mary is the perfect example of true discipleship. Jesus doesn't want disciples who just "*go along with the crowd.*" He wants committed Christians — those who are aware of the costs of following him — who, with God's grace, choose to follow him anyway. Being Jesus' disciple has never been convenient. It is costly - but Heaven is well worth the price!

"The first call which every Christian experiences is the call to abandon the attachment to this world." - Dietrich Bonhoeffer

"The key (to discipleship) is not to ignore life's demands but simply to integrate them to your life of faith. That is why Jesus teaches that we are to seek the Kingdom first and then all else will be provided." - D.M. Bickerstaff

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 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	9:00 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 **Twenty Third 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:

Sun 7th Sept: Parish Morning Teas and Father's Day

Thurs 11th Sept: St Brendan's Kinder Mass 9am

Fri 19th Sept: Sister Sister St Mary's Parish Hall 6.30-9pm

Fri 12th Sept: Catechist Walking Pilgrimage at Canton Beach

Fri 26th Sept: Jubilee of Catechists Pennant Hills with Bishop Anthony



Ordination Anniversary of Fr. Baby

Congratulations to dear Fr. Baby on his 21st anniversary on 4th September. God bless you. As a family we will celebrate this at St Mary's after 9am Mass this Sunday. And [Congratulations to Sr. Josie and Sr. Jennifer](#) who celebrated the feast of their Order - Saint Augustine.



Father's Day Blessing - Happy Father's Day!

All Father's and other significant male family members are welcome to receive a special blessing during the weekend Masses.



Sacrament of Confirmation: Congratulations to our 65 candidates who were confirmed on 30th Aug, 11am by Fr Brian Moloney. Thank you our dear parishioners and the prayer buddies of our candidates for all your prayers and support throughout their sacramental preparation. Thank you to the Sacramental Team & our 3 Catholic Schools for preparing our candidates.



Sacramental Programme for Y4-6 & High School.

For those candidates who received their Sacrament of Confirmation you have the option to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion before the end of Term 4. There will be a Parent Information Session on **Mon 8th Sept at 3:30pm, St Mary's Church and 7pm on Zoom.** To register for the Parent Info scan the QR Code provided or click the form to register <https://forms.office.com/r/TYxUHeTuyG>. Please see our Notice Board.

St Mary's School Improvements: Building works will commence in the coming weeks to construct 6 new classrooms, the refurbishment of some toilets and existing classrooms and an upgraded administration area at St Mary's Toukley. **Work will commence on September 3rd.** During the construction period, there may be some noise and minor disruption. You will be able to see these new classrooms from our carpark, being constructed next to the current 2 story building & oval to ensure that disruptions for parishioners and parents will be kept to a minimum. We'd like to thank you for your patience and support as we take this exciting step forward together. These improvements will make a lasting difference to our school, and we look forward to sharing the updates with you as the works progress.

Kind regards, Emma Sellars, Principal, St Mary's

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

Use of Parent/Carer Cry Room in St Mary's Church

Please feel free use the "cry room" during week day or weekend Masses if your children are needing attention and you wish to still feel included in and be part of the Mass.



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CFIC Appeal - The Religious Order of the Sons of the Immaculate Conception (CFIC) founded by Blessed Luigi Maria Monti and from which our Priests Fr Tomy and Fr

Baby belong to, are holding a special collection during the weekend of **20th/21st September**. Please give generously to this appeal to show your appreciation to the wonderful foundation that our Priests here are a part of. Envelopes will be available at both Churches from next weekend. To those who would like to, you can sponsor Seminarians to show your support on their journey to Priesthood. Please talk to your Priests if you need further information. Thank you for all your generosity and support, it is greatly appreciated.

SISTER SISTER TICKETS! Tickets are available to purchase at the Parish Office, \$20 each cash only. They are selling out fast so Ladies don't forget to call the office!



St Brigid's Catholic College News

The students of St Brigid's Catholic College would like to thank the parishioners who supported their Cake Stall fundraiser on the 23/24th Aug. They raised over \$1,000, which is enough to cover their deposit for their pilgrimage. The students from Years 9-11 will be travelling to Melbourne for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) in November. The next Cake Stall Fundraiser will be in October, please keep an eye on the parish bulletin for more details."

Jubilee of Catechists: This is a special celebration within the Catholic Church, **taking place 26-28 Sept 2025**. We will be holding a Walking Pilgrimage as a way of entering into the spirituality of physical movement as part of a spiritual journey beginning with Mass at St Mary's Church at 9:15am then going to Canton Beach (by car). During the walk at Canton Beach, we will pray the Holy Rosary & conclude with a shared meal and fellowship.

Congratulations Chloe Denise Lampasona who received her First Holy Communion this Sunday at St Mary's. May God bless you Chloe.

House or Car Blessings : If you would like your home or car blessed by one of the Priests please contact the Parish Office to arrange an appointment.



Junior Servers Vesting Area: The area for the Junior Servers at St Mary's will be in the Parent Retreat Room.

Weekend Giving St Mary's Church and St Brendan's Church Excluding Tap & Go

1st Collection St Mary's **\$786.60**

2nd Collection St Mary's **1589.10**

1st Collection St Brendan's **\$289.30**

2nd Collection St Brendan's **\$279.65**

Dear Friends, we start publishing the weekend collections to get an idea about what is happening with collections. These figures exclude Tap & Go & online giving. Thanks for your generosity and support.



Please pray for the following:

Recently Deceased: Elaine Scrivener, Mark Andrew Baxter, Violet Baxter, Denis Tansey, Shannon Murray, Lisha Tannous, Paul Gibb, Enid Wilson, Sr Esperanza Marasigan, OSA Margaret Jones & Monica Buck

Anniversaries: Ellen Sheerin, Thomas Sheerin, Glen Brown, Ronald "Pingo" Roach, John Booth, Deborah Zammit, John Henry, Janet Wood, Hector Grapulin & Emma Grapulin

Remembrances: William Henry Baker, Beth Andrews, Leedy Fernley, Iris Mary, Curtin, Elena Mabini, Fred Camenzuli, Marie O'Keefe, Valami Joseph & Stark Family & Wendy Woodhouse

Please Pray for the Sick: 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, 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, 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, John Stuart, Stefano & Paolo Macchi, Stephen Jeffrie, Paul Mizzi, George, Sylvia Hudson, Bill O'Keefe, Michele Maroon, Mick G & Robbie Depares

September Birthdays

Charlie Cassar (5 Sept)
Bede Irvine (6 Sept)
Helen Cashin (6 Sept)
Robyn Rosina (6 Sept)
Jennifer Proudfoot (7 Sept)
Nat Rosina (11 Sept)
Mary Gavranic (16 Sept)
Patricia Roach (17th Sept)
Aurora Spencer (22 Sept)
Wayne Bulgin (26 Sept)
Irene Deagan (27th Sept)
Marie Steel (28th Sept)
Nancy Bergado (30th Sept)



Pope Leo XIV's Francis' September Intention

For our relationship with all of creation Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

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First Reading Wisdom 9:13-18

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Who can comprehend the will of God?

What man can know the intentions of God?

Who can divine the will of the Lord?

The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn men back in to dust
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night. **R.**

You sweep men away like a dream,
like grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades. **R.**

Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants. **R.**

In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. **R.**

Second Reading Philemon 1: 9-10, 12-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon

Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him - I could say - a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your

consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Ps 118:135

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws.
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 14:25-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes, and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Next Sunday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

First Reading: Numbers 21:4-9

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: John 3:13-17