

# Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Catholic Parish Toukley/Lake Munmorah

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## Vision

*To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community*

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### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

24th January 2021

We call this liturgical year, "the year of Mark," because, for the most part, his is the Gospel we will be hearing these Sundays. And Mark begins his Gospel with the first preaching of Jesus: "This is the time of fulfillment; the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the good news." The time is ripe; it is a gifted and graced opportunity; what people have waited a long time for, is coming to fruition - God is acting decisively on our behalf.



Like Jonah and the prophets, Jesus preached repentance, "metanoia." He invited people to have a change of heart and return to God. He is not only calling for a change in people's attitudes and actions but inviting them to believe that God's presence is actually at hand in all that he says and does. What Jesus is doing and saying is what God is doing and saying. All that follows these first words of Jesus in Mark's gospel will only be an elaboration of this concise proclamation about the presence of the reign of God in Jesus' presence. Jesus' call to metanoia sets the stage for what we see next, the call of the first disciples. Their response to his invitation is a concrete illustration of the radical change required. "Metanoia" means that a person going in one direction makes a total about face and goes in the opposite. A person responding to the call of Jesus must reorient his/her life; take on a new way of being, rededicate energies and see and judge things from a new perspective. God's call is a challenge to us to respond to service. Each of us has been called and is being called by name right now. "Come after me..." The Kingdom is at hand - and this indeed is "good news."

### Bulletin Notices

#### Welcome

We welcome all of our parishioners, and those visitors enjoying the beautiful Central Coast on holidays, who have joined us for the celebration of Holy Eucharist at this time. 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.

#### Birthday Wishes

The Parish Community wishes Fr Baby a Happy Birthday on 26th January. May God bless you on your special day and for the year ahead.



#### Thursday Weekday Mass 9am

Please note that the 9am Thursday Mass will be a normal Mass for the coming weeks as Fr Ken is away.

#### THANK YOU!

The Parish Community thank Lina Samaniego (Sacramental Co-Ordinator) and Di Healey (Catechist Co-Ordinator) for their wonderful ministry in our Parish. May God bless them both.

#### COVID Update

Our churches are now limited to 100 visitors. Mask wearing is mandatory for adults and children over 12 yrs of age. Please maintain social distancing of 1.5m. Please do not enter the church if you are unwell. See noticeboard and posters for more details. Wardens, please count those entering the church to ensure we do not exceed 100 visitors. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation.

## First Reading

*Jonah 3:1-5, 10*

*The Ninevites renounced their evil ways.*

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 24:4-9*

**R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.**

Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. **R.**

Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**

The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

## Second Reading

*1 Corinthians 7:29-31*

*The world as we know it is passing away.*

Brothers: our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*Mark 1:15*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

The kingdom of God is near:  
believe the Good News!  
*Alleluia!*

## Gospel

*Mark 1:14-20*

*Repent, and believe the Good News.*

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake - for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets, he called them at once, and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

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



Next Sunday - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
First Reading - Deuteronomy 18:15-20  
Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 7:32-35  
Gospel - Mark 1:21-28

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention  
for January

### **Human Fraternity**

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

