Our Lady of Perpetual Succour



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Vision To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community



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"The Good Shepherd Lays Down His Life for the Sheep"

Fourth Sunday of Easter is called *Good Shepherd Sunday* and we continue to reflect on the meaning of the Resurrection. This is also the *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*. Today, we celebrate the risen Lord as the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. The Gospel text offers us both comfort — Good Shepherd, knows us, provides for us and loves us – and a double challenge: to become *good shepherds* to those entrusted to our care.

Jesus calls Himself the Good Shepherd. It is important for us to understand the background of a shepherd in Palestine at the time of Jesus. The shepherd was a man completely and wholeheartedly dedicated to the care and wellbeing of his sheep. The relationship between the shepherd and the sheep was very intimate. He called each one by name and they knew his voice. The shepherd went in front and the sheep followed him. Often, he would carry the weak and the very young on his shoulders. To protect his flock from robbers and animals of prey, he had to undergo extreme hardships and risk even his life. Jesus as a good shepherd cared for His followers. He cared about people especially the weak and the unwanted and the least and the lost. We should draw great comfort from this fact. This is the kind of saviour we have. He is someone who really cares about us even to the extent of giving His life for us.

The Good shepherd does not look for his own comfort but that of his sheep. This theme is echoed in the words of Jesus " I came not to be served but to serve and to give my life as a ransom for many". On this *World Day of Prayer for Vocations* we are asked to encourage and pray for our young men to respond to God's call to serve His Church in the ministerial priesthood. Let us follow the Good Shepherd who first loves us. He says, "I know my own and my own know me".

Fr Tomy

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church Toukley

Saturday: Vigil	6:00pm	Fr Baby
Sunday:	7:30am	Fr Baby
	9:00am	Fr Baby
Children	's Liturgy 1	st & 3rd Sun

Children's Liturgy 1st & 3rd Sunday (except school holidays) 6:00pm Fr Tomy

St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

Saturday: Vigil	5:00pm	Fr Tomy
Sunday:	8:00am	Fr Tomy

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church Toukley

Monday9:00 amTuesday9:00 amWednesday9:00 amThursday9:00 amFriday9:15 am(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

<u>St Brendan's Lake Munmorah</u>

Saturday 4:30-5:00pm

MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

St Mary's Toukley

8:20 am Monday to Saturday

<u>First Friday Night Vigil</u>

Exposition after 7pm Mass until 1.30am

<u>COVID-19 Restrictions – Places of Worship Diocese of Broken Bay</u>

Latest Update: 29 March 2021

<u>Capacity:</u> Capacity at a place of public worship <u>continues to be subject</u> 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.

<u>Masks:</u> mask wearing is <u>not mandatory</u> for places of worship. You are welcome to wear a mask if you would like to.

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

<u>Seating</u>: 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: Singing is <u>now permitted</u> in Places of Worship by the congregation.

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

<u>No Gathering</u>: Parishioners are asked to move away promptly from the Church after Mass has finished.

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

<u>Offertory Procession:</u> 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.

Anzac Day



Today we remember the brave men and women who have served and still serve the Australian people in times of war and peacekeeping. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

<u>World Day of Prayer for Vocations,</u> <u>Good Shepherd Sunday</u>

Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more voca-



tions to the priesthood and religious life?

*Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.

*Keep our parish priests in your prayers throughout the week. *Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister. Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call. Does a life of joy in knowing you are following the Lord as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life inspire you? Contact the Vocations Office at 0418 522 449 or email: <u>voca-</u> <u>tions.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au</u>

HARMHAVEN

ARPETS



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DOUG CASHIN

Planned Giving Envelopes

Uncollected envelopes are now in the Parish Office, please drop in Mon-Fri 9am-2pm or call 4396 4455 to organise collection.

Parish Census —1st/2nd May

A reminder that we will be doing a Parish Census at Masses next weekend. Please make sure you complete the Registration form (if you didn't complete one at Christmas time). <u>Please bring a pen.</u> There will also be a Diocesan Mass Count throughout May.

Catholic Women's League

Next meeting—CWL will meet for their monthly meeting on Monday 26th April at 10am in St Mary's Parish Centre. Due to the bad weather, our speaker on recycling will now be coming to our April meeting. All are welcome.

<u>Lamingtons for Sale</u>—CWL will be selling lamingtons at each Mass on $1^{st}/2^{nd}$ May. <u>Pre-orders need to be in by Mon 26/4 10am</u>

Plain or cream available at a cost of \$8/half doz. or \$15/doz. Please help the CWL in their support of yr 11 and yr 12 students in our Catholic Schools on the Central Coast. To assist in our ordering,

please call the Parish Office on 4396 4455 to place your order as soon as possible and then either pay in person at the Parish Office or put the correct money in an envelope marked with your name, phone number and 'Lamingtons' and put the envelope on the collection plate at Mass. Thank you



<u>Sacramental Program—First Eucharist</u>

Parent Information Sessions on <u>Wed 28th Apr 3.30pm</u> at St Brendan's and <u>Thurs 29th Apr 3.30pm and 7pm</u> at St Mary's. Children must be in year 4 (or older) and have received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Reconciliation already. (We have a few pre-loved Communion Dresses available—please contact the Parish office).

CWF Appeal

Our next CWF Appeal will be held on the weekend of 15th/16th May. <u>CWF donations ARE tax-deductible</u> so your generosity with this appeal not only helps our Parish to meet our target but also helps you at tax time!

Parish Administrative Assistant, Woy Woy Catholic Parish

Part-time, 12 hours per week, Wed & Fri. Can you see yourself as a welcoming face of Woy Woy Catholic Parish? For further info please see the full advertisement at: <u>www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions</u> <u>-vacant</u> Applications close Friday, 7 May 2021

PRAISEFEST is back! - Save the Date

The next PRAISEFEST will be held on Fri 28th May at St Peter's Catholic College, Tuggerah from 6-9pm. Come along, sit back &

chill with us, or engage in a variety of different activities. Stay tuned for more info.



Attention young singers & musicians!

Can you sing or play a musical instrument? Join our Youth Band and help us achieve our parish vision of being a vibrant eucharistic community! Starting Sun 2nd May at 6pm Mass at St Mary's. Contact Sr Josie or the Parish Office. See noticeboard for more details.



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



Recently Deceased

Laurence McGillan, Barry Croft, Sam Spiteri, Vicky Mifsud, Jim Robertson, Colleen Taylor, Faye Lund, Caterina D'Angola, Greg Irvine

Anniversaries

Anthony Psaila, Matthew Johnston, Frederick Stephens, Peter O'Malley, Ingrid Hamer, Donald & Amelia Marshall, Albert Sykes, Arsenio Reyes

Remembrances

Vicky Debono, Salvina & Angelo Caruana, Saviour, Censa & Renu & Joe Debono, William Henry Baker, Wade, Mitchell, Dennis, Ross families, Stephen Cappa, Valmai Joseph Stark Family, Carol Brown

Please Pray for the Sick

Michael Wiggin, Vanessa Miller, Maureen Johnston, Peter Dormer, Arlene Chatterjee, Ivy Teo, Diane Booth, Sr Tincy Thomas

Please remember, notices in this section appear as follows:

Recently Deceased—3 weeks, Anniversaries—3 weeks, Remembrances—3 weeks, Sick—6 weeks. Please contact the Parish Office to have your notice appear for a longer period of time.



<u>April Birthdays</u>

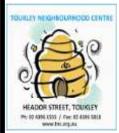
Pam Moir (7th Apr) Rawson Blackwood (10th Apr) Angel Gaoiran (17th Apr) Kate Drake (19th Apr) Shirley Campbell (23rd Apr)



Call the office to have your birthday included!

Mackay Family Funerals

In Association with Mackay Family Crematorium A.B.N. 79 085 423 589 Head Office: 249 Pacific Highway West, Ourimbah 2258 PO Box 89 Ourimbah NSW 2258. Phone: (02) 4362 2733 Fax: (02) 4362 2899



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

Acts 4:8-12

This is the only name by which we can be saved.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29

R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner stone.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men: it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. R.

I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. R.

Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end. R.

Second Reading

John 3:1-2

We shall see God as he is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;

all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him

because we shall see him as he really is.

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

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

Gospel

John 10:11-18

The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock and one shepherd. The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

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

Next Sunday - Fifth Sunday of Easter First Reading - Acts 9:26-31 Second Reading - 1 John 3:18-24 Gospel - John 15:1-8

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April

Fundamental Rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.



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