

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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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

25th July 2021



The Bread of Eternity

Today's Gospel passage contains the deepest Eucharistic theology in scripture, the Bread of Life. It is, in fact, the only miracle recorded in all four Gospels. In all these presentations Jesus takes the bread, breaks it, and gives it to the disciples. These same words are used at the Last Supper - words we hear repeated each time when we celebrate the Eucharist together. However, there is a particular focus in the Gospel of John. In John, Jesus has a tremendous compassion for the people whom he sees as hungry and in need of nourishment.

Jesus takes the loaves, gives thanks and distributes them to those reclining: friends, strangers, even enemies. This is a powerful sign, reminding us just exactly who God is: a nourishing, strengthening, traveling companion, present in our lives, who uses bread to draw us together as a caring community - a community which in turn feeds the poor, the hungry and the needy. Isn't this what Eucharist is all about?

The miracle of the loaves and fishes shows Jesus' deep concern for those around Him. There is always something more to what we perceive to be Jesus' message. We are called and the same time we are sent forth. We are forgiven only to forgive others in the same way. *We are fed, only to feed.*

Jesus makes a claim only God can make: He is the true bread of heaven that can satisfy the deepest hunger we experience. The feeding of the five thousand shows the remarkable generosity of God and his great kindness towards us. When God gives, he gives abundantly - He gives more than we need for ourselves that we may have something to share with others, especially those who lack what they need. God takes the little we have and multiplies it for the good of others.

Christ has called us to follow him. And in the continuing miracle that we celebrate in the Eucharist, he is giving us the nourishment we need to yield inwardly for the sake of God and neighbor, and just for a moment, giving us the vision and experience in the present of what our eternity can be.

Fr Baby

Lectio Divina

Sr Josie and Sr Jennifer invite you to join them for their weekly Lectio Divina (Break open the Word) for the following Sunday Gospel every Thursday at 5pm. This is delivered via Zoom so it is a perfect opportunity for you to participate while we are still in lockdown. This past Thursday, several Parishioners joined the Zoom, see the picture to the right. If you would like to participate, please visit the Parish Facebook page for more information.



LIVE STREAM: Sunday Mass 9am

We will be live streaming our 9am Mass this Sun 25th July. You will find the link at our Facebook page: Toukley-Lake Munmorah Parish. We have included our Readings on the last page of this Bulletin so that you can follow along while you watch our Mass (or another online Mass or Mass on TV).



CatholicCare Foster Care Campaign

There are children in our community who have been through experiences few of us could begin to imagine and without our help, will go through a childhood without the love and support of a family. CatholicCare are looking for families across our parishes who might consider taking a child or young person into their home - to love and support them whether for one or two nights, a few weeks, months, or long term. All carers receive 24/7 support, ongoing training and financial support to cover the care and living costs of the child or young person. If you have space in your home and room in your heart, please reach out now. Call (02) 4320 7777 or visit www.fostering.org.au.

Confirmation Sacramental Program

Confirmation in our Parish is scheduled for 18th September. Even though things are so uncertain at the moment with COVID restrictions, we have been advised by the Diocese to go ahead with preparing for the Sacrament, and then decisions will be made closer to the time as to whether the ceremonies will go ahead on that date, or be rescheduled. We have decided to do online bookings and preparation classes via Zoom this year so that we can proceed regardless of COVID restrictions. This way, even if the ceremony date does get postponed, our preparation will be complete, and we will be ready for any possible rescheduled date. For more information and to access the online booking form, please go to our website: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/toukley/sacraments/confirmation>

Are you interested in becoming a Catechist?

We are always on the lookout for new Catechists in our Parish to either lead a class or be a helper for one of our current Catechists to teach Catholic SRE in our local Public Schools. Full training and support is provided. The only requirement is that you have a current Working With Children Check (WWCC). If you've ever considered this Ministry, please contact the Parish Office for more information.



Preparing for the Assumption of Mary


From 1st August, we will be saying the Rosary every day at 5pm in preparation for the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. Please see the Parish Facebook page for details of how to access the meeting.

Anniversary of Sisters Arrival

Next Tuesday 3rd August marks the 2nd Anniversary of Sr Josie and Sr Jennifer arriving in our Parish. As a Parish Community, let us give thanks for their generous contributions across so many ministries, through teaching, music, Children's Liturgy, Sacramental Programs, and much more. You are gifts from God!



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Today we celebrate the **Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** (Year B). As our lockdown continues, please keep each other in your prayers, and remember to stay home and stay safe. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Prayer for People Affected by Covid-19

Jesus, during Your ministry on Earth You showed Your power and caring by healing people of all ages and stations of life from physical, mental, and spiritual ailments. Be present now to people who need Your loving touch because of COVID-19. May they feel Your power of healing through the care of doctors and nurses. Take away the fear, anxiety, and feelings of isolation from people receiving treatment or under quarantine. Give them a sense of purpose in pursuing health and protecting others from exposure to the disease. Protect their families and friends and bring peace to all who love them.

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

Latest Update: 14th July 2021. Due to current COVID restrictions for the Greater Sydney area, including the Central Coast, **our churches and all Parish buildings are currently closed.** This remains in place until and including Fri 30th July.

Parish Office—currently closed due to COVID restrictions

Please do not visit the office but you are welcome to call us on 4396 4455 or email us any time at toukleyparish@bbcatholic.org.au.

Planned Giving during Lockdown

Option 1: Switch to credit card—The invitation to switch/begin regular credit card giving remains available. The form is available on the Parish website. Please print & complete the form, then return it to the office by email toukleyparish@bbcatholic.org.au.

Option 2: Donate directly to the Parish Bank Account—if you are able to, please consider depositing your Planned Giving contribution directly into our bank account. Acc Name: Toukley Catholic Parish, BSB 062 784, Acc # 6238001, Ref # Your surname and envelope number. Thank you in advance for your support.

CWF Tax Receipts for 2020-21 are available in the office

Email the Parish office to request your receipt by email.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly - Sun 25 July

As part of the celebrations for the Year *Amoris Laetitia* Family, Pope Francis has set aside the fourth Sunday in the month of July as World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. This year the **first ever World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly** will be celebrated on **Sunday 25 July**. Click the link below for video message from Pope Francis: <https://youtu.be/bFUSwj3fjLA>



Week 8 Safeguarding Message: The Pastoral Care of the elderly is a priority that must form part of a Safeguarding Action Plan of any Parish community. In the encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*, Pope Francis reminds us that “*no one is saved alone. With this in mind, we must treasure the spiritual and human wealth that has been handed down from generation to generation.*”

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



Recently Deceased

Valma Holstein, Paul Huggins, Mate Miletic, Marija Miletic, Arturo Canillas, Reg Fisk, John McCann, Jeanette Leonard

Anniversaries

Lydia Cure, Bernie Unterrheiner, Sammie Zerafa, Fr Paul Fitzgerald, Jean Jurd, James William Baker, Yook Chee Ng, William Henry Baker, Carol Brown

Remembrances

Rafael S. Reyes, Stephen Cappa, Moore & Langley families, Greg Irvine, Valmai Joseph Stark Family

Please Pray for the Sick

Jehezkiel Lambaran, Brian Lane, Joe Micallef, Anne Lacrosse, Eleanor Matthews, Dave Rodney, Maila Reyes, Mary Smith, Therese Chetcuti, Graham Moir, Julie Kozak, Sr Tincy Thomas

Funeral

Valma Holstein's funeral will be held at Palmdale next week

Notices in this section appear as follows:

Recently Deceased—3 weeks, Anniversaries—3 weeks, Remembrances—3 weeks, Sick—6 weeks. Funerals & Baptisms—1 week. Please contact the Parish Office to place/renew your notice.



July Birthdays

Is anyone celebrating a birthday in July? We wish you a Happy Birthday. We'd love to hear from you so we can put your name here!



Call the office to have your birthday included!

Bulletin notices—Wednesday deadline

Please ensure that any requests for Bulletin notices are supplied to the Parish Office by mid-day Wednesday. This is to allow time for the Bulletin to be prepared and printed. Thank you.

Mackay Family Funerals

In Association with Mackay Family Crematorium

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Head Office: 249 Pacific Highway West, Ourimbah 2258

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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

2 Kings 4:42-44

They will eat and have some left over.

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some over." He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:10-11, 15-18

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. **R.**

The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live. **R.**

The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. **R.**

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:1-6

There is one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

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Gospel Acclamation

Luke 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 6:1-15

He distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted.

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee - or of Tiberias - and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover. Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Next Sunday - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading - Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

Second Reading - Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

Gospel - John 6:24-35

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for July **Social Friendship**

We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

