

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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Fourth Sunday of Lent Year C

27th March 2022



Lost and Found

The story of the prodigal son is so poignantly clear as to leave no doubt in our minds. The son deliberately leaves his father's house and rejects his father's love. He offends contemptuously. He revels in his disobedience... until pangs of hunger trigger off pangs of guilt and remorse. Sorrow for sin leads him home ready to be disowned as son if he can only stay on as servant.

What a surprise was in store! Not only was his father not angry and resentful he was watching and waiting. He ran out to meet his wayward son, embraced him, kissed him, and welcomed him. There was no scolding, no threats, no demands - only a robe, a ring and a celebration! When the other son objected about his father's gift of prodigal forgiveness, he heard very simple, moving words: "This brother of yours was dead and has come back to life, he was lost, and is found."

Forgiveness is only part of the story. Of course, Jesus is speaking about our need for forgiveness. We are the sons and daughters who must learn to trust in the Father's love. We are also those who must remain steadfast in our daily routines, knowing that we are loved just as much. Repentance leads to forgiveness and forgiveness must lead to joy-filled reconciliation.

Jesus tells a story about a lost son, a faithful son and a loving father. It is a story of failure, repentance, forgiveness, of joy and reconciliation. It is a story of "letting go" and "making room." It is a story of a father and his sons and daughters. There is no more important lesson for us to learn as followers of Jesus - that of giving and accepting of forgiveness - lovingly, totally, unconditionally, recklessly in love with our God.

If we haven't learned that, we really haven't learned the meaning of being Christian. We seem to understand quite well the point that Jesus was trying to make: that no matter how terribly we have failed, no matter how far off course we may wander our God is ready and waiting to reach out in a loving embrace of forgiveness. All we need to do is ask.

Fr Baby

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church Toukley

Saturday: Vigil 6:00pm Fr Baby
Sunday: 7:30am Fr Baby
9:00am Fr Baby
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

Monday 9:00 am
Tuesday 9:00 am
Wednesday 9:00 am
Thursday 9:00 am (Ordinariate of Our Lady of the Southern Cross)
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 (by appointment at 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 Saturday

First Friday Night Vigil

Exposition after 7pm Mass until 1.30am

Children's Liturgy (resuming soon)



Welcome to our Parish. Today we celebrate the **Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year C**. We are pleased to see you in our Church.

Thank you Children & Families

Thank you to the children, families and teachers who organised and came along to Mass at St Brendan's last Saturday, it was a beautiful celebration of the new school year, especially for Kinder and Yr 7 students. It is wonderful to see the families in our Churches!

Children's Liturgy - helpers needed!

We will be resuming Children's Liturgy in the coming weeks and we need some helpers! You will need a WWCC, and be willing to give a little of your time during 9am Sunday Mass at St Mary's once or twice a month. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help.

Parish Morning Tea

Our monthly 'Parish Morning Tea' on the first Sunday of each month after 9am Mass at St Mary's and 8am Mass at St Brendan's will be starting again soon. If you have been involved in organising these morning teas in the past, or you would like to help in the future, please contact the Parish Office so that we can coordinate the roster.

Daylight Saving time—ends Sun 3rd April

Please be aware that this is the last week of Daylight saving time. Clocks move back by one hour next Sunday morning 3rd April.

Holy Week Program

Palm Sunday 10th Apr - Procession from St Mary's Grotto before 6pm Vigil & 9am Sunday, St Brendan's before 5pm Vigil & 8am Sunday.

Holy Thursday 14th Apr - No morning Masses. St Brendan's 5pm Mass, St Mary's 6pm Mass. Washing of the feet.

Good Friday 15th Apr - Children's Stations of the Cross 9am at both churches. Traditional Stations of the Cross 10am at St Mary's. Passion 3pm at both Churches.

Easter Vigil 16th Apr - Blessing of the New Fire, St Brendan's 5pm, St Mary's 6pm.

Easter Sunday 17th Apr - St Brendan's 8am, St Mary's 7.30am, 9am. No evening Mass on Easter Sunday.

Palm Sunday 9/10 April - please bring your own palms to Mass.

Rosters—St Mary's

Please collect a new roster from the table in the foyer of the church. The Holy Week/Easter roster will be available from 1st April.

Easter Roster lists—St Brendan's

Easter Roster lists are in the foyer at St Brendan's from this weekend.

Ukraine Appeal

Please consider donating to the Caritas Australia Ukraine Appeal www.caritas.org.au/ukraine

Chrism Mass


The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at 7.30pm Tues 12th April at OLR Cathedral, Waitara. All welcome. Limited spots available on our Parish Bus. RSVP to the Parish Office by 1st April.

Catechist Corner

We're looking for at least 2 more catechists to help in the public schools we teach scripture at. Full training & support is provided. Please call the Parish Office for more information. We'd love to hear from you!



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COVID-19 Restrictions – Places of Worship Diocese of Broken Bay Latest Update: 25th February 2022

- Please do not enter the church or other parish buildings if you are unwell.
- Check in using the QR code/paper sign in is not required
- Wearing a **mask is OPTIONAL**
- No density limits apply in Places of Worship but please allow space between people where possible.
- Please continue to hand sanitise.
- Singing by the congregation is permitted

Pastoral Discernment Central Coast Project

This is the last weekend to give your feedback to this Project. Return your completed form to the feedback box or contact Robyn Rosina on robynrosina@iinet.net.au or 0402 968 388.

Planned Giving Envelopes 2022 - Please Collect

New planned giving envelopes are ready to be collected from the doors of both churches. Please look for your name as some envelope numbers have changed. The new envelopes are not dated, but will start at the beginning of April. Call the office for any enquiries.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE will hold their monthly meeting on Monday 28th March in the Parish Centre. Anyone who would like to join us is very welcome. We are always on the lookout for new members. Jaqueline Kemp National CoVice President and Pauline O'Malley National Treasurer were installed along with the National Executive on Wednesday 23rd March at Sawtell. We wish the in-coming National Executive a very productive term of office over the next three years.

Newly Baptised

We welcome Brooks Martin, Grace Vaughan, and Bonnie Martin and their families to our Parish Community.



2nd Rite of Reconciliation

You are invited to Warnervale Parish for the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation on Wed 6th April at 6.30pm.

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 7-7.30pm.

Upcoming events - Save the Dates:

Every Thursday 5pm - Lectio Divina via Zoom

Wed 30th/Thurs 31st March - First Reconciliation at St Mary's

Sun 3rd April 9am - St Mary's - Year 1 School/Parish Mass

Wed 6th April - First Reconciliation at St Brendan's

Mid-April 2022 - First Eucharist Sacramental Program begins

Spirituality in the Pub

Next meeting is Tues 5th April 7.30-9.00pm. Grange Hotel, Wyoming. Enquiries: 4362 1579.

Children's Worksheets

Worksheets and pencils are available at the church doors.



Holy Shop Open!

Our Holy Shop at St Mary's is open every weekend, before and after each Mass. Lovely gifts for Sacraments and Easter.

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



Recently Deceased

Michael Mason, Irene Sutherland, Gloria Morath

Anniversaries

Christopher Dormer, Sam Spiteri, Tony Petkovic, Marija Petkovic, George Gavranic, Tony Gavranic, John Flanagan, Danny Kay, Greg Irvine

Remembrances

Sr Mary Rita, Josephine Cortis, Paul Cortis, Michael & Cecilia Toole, Vicky Debono, Katy Ng, Scott Kay, Carol Brown, Moore & Langley families, Valmai Joseph Stark Family

Please Pray for the Sick

Joyce Burns, Diane Booth, Rhondda Rey, Joe Johannas, Judy Kay, Nestor Regalo, Ann Buckman, David Vella, Ray Sleucher, Ann Rigney, Margaret Jones, Margaret Moran, Faye Roberts, Lisa Hart, Lucas Campbell, Noel McCool, Nenita Turner

Please call or email the office to have your loved one's name included above. All names appear for 3 weeks, except the Sick list which appears for 6 weeks. Please call to extend.

March Birthdays

Brianna Teresa Fry (6th March)

Frances Johnson (8th March)

Connie Camillieri (11th March)

Terry Reid (14th March)

Ampie Madden (15th March)

Jacqui Fletcher (17th March)

Sr Josie (19th March)

Jo Spek (19th March)

Dan Buckman (21st March)

Rose Huby (24th March)

Gail Mainwaring (25th March)



Call or email the office to have your birthday included!

Latin Mass

Please be aware that Bishop Anthony does not currently give approval for any Latin Mass on the Central Coast. The only approved Latin Mass in the Diocese of Broken Bay is at St Benedict's Church, Arcadia. Please see Father if you have any questions.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges;

may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.



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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

Joshua 5:9-12

The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the passover.

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'
The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33:2-7

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
In the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. R.

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. R.

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. R.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

God reconciled us to himself through Christ.

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.



The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *Luke 15:18*

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:
Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Your brother here was dead and has come to life.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man,' they said, 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about, "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property - he and his women - you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Next Sunday - Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year C

First Reading - Isaiah 43:16-21

Second Reading - Philippians 3:8-14

Gospel - John 8:1-11