

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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First Sunday of Advent, Year A

27th November 2022



Dear friends, Advent Season is a gift, given to us each year by our Mother Church, to purify us so that we may experience the tender and intimate love of Jesus. The Season of Advent affords us an opportunity to prepare for the celebration of the birth of Our Lord at Christmas; we do this with anticipation and joy.

Our aim is to reach as far into the Kingdom as is possible, by God's grace, before we die. The love of God poured into us – the Holy Spirit. We must stay awake – to concentrate, and to keep on the lookout for the movements of the Spirit. Where do we find God's 'lifts? Wherever we find an increase in love, peace, gentleness, courage and all the other gifts of the Holy Spirit spoken about in the Scriptures. We need to scour our lives and seek out the presence of God's Spirit and remain there. Keep our sails full. Speed along to greater love, freedom and peace. Where do we find God's 'knocks'? Wherever we find discouragement, envy, factions, selfishness, anxiety. Again, the Scriptures are full of the signs contrary to the presence of God. We need to observe these movements in ourselves and others, and avoid them and keep avoiding them. If we keep getting knocked, we may never reach God's Kingdom. Most of all, do we know that we have a destination and do we strive to reach God's Kingdom? Or are we just lolling about, as they did in Noah's day, allowing our hearts to be coarsened by the cares of life? We have one life to live, one race to run. Let's be urgent. Stay awake! By God's grace, let's set our sails, and keep adjusting them, to speed into God's Kingdom. (Advent Companion 2022, Sydney Archdiocese)

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 Lake Munmorah

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

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church Toukley

Monday - 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 (Mass devoted to Mother Mary)

St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

Wednesday 9:00am (1st Wed of the month
Anointing of Sick)

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 (except 15th Oct)
(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

St Mary's: 1st & 3rd Sundays 9am (excluding
School Holidays)

St Brendan's: Saturdays 5pm (most weeks)



Welcome to our Parish. Today we celebrate the **First Sunday in Advent, Year A**. Thank you for being here.

Advent Prayer (after Communion)

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks and praise for your unceasing love for us. Help us to overcome the 'knocks' of life, and to rely on the grace of the 'lifts' that you offer. By the Power of the Holy Spirit, may we strive toward your Kingdom as we prepare for the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ.



Pastoral Works (CWF) November Appeal

Thank you to our amazing parish for your support of the Pastoral Works November Appeal. Our Parish has contributed \$3246. This weekend is the last weekend to return envelopes. Thank you again.

Parish Morning Tea - next weekend - Sun 4th Dec

We will hold morning tea next Sunday 4th Dec after 8am Mass at St Brendan's and after 9am Mass at St Mary's. All welcome. St Mary's morning tea will be hosted by the Filipino Community.

Thank you to St Mary's Yr 5 and new Kinders

Thank you to St Mary's Year 5 students and the 2023 Kinder students who lead our 9am Sunday Mass at St Mary's last weekend. Thank you to the school staff who prepared the children's involvement in the Masses.

Parish Christmas Carols - Tues 20th Dec at St Mary's

All are invited to come together at St Mary's on Tuesday 20th December at 6pm for Christmas Carols. Please spread the word and invite family and friends.



Catholic Women's League will be holding their last meeting for the year this coming Monday 28th November in the Parish Centre at St Mary's. Join us for 9am Mass and then we meet from 10am. We resume again on the 4th Monday in February 2023.

November: Time To Remember The Dear Ones.

We conclude our month of remembrance on the 30th November with 6pm Mass in both Churches. Everyone is welcome.

Kevin Williams Farewell

All are invited to a Farewell Liturgy to acknowledge and celebrate Kevin Williams' time as Principal at St Mary's. Fri 2nd Dec 9.15am at St Mary's Church. We wish Kevin well for the future.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception - Renewal of Vows

This is the feast of the Religious order of the sons of the Immaculate Conception (CFIC) to which Frs Tomy and Baby belong. On the weekend of 10/11 Dec there will be a special collection to support the charitable activities of the CFIC. Fr Tomy and Fr Baby will renew their religious vows on 11th Dec during 9am Mass at St Mary's.

First Friday of the Month - 2nd December

Please join us in our reparation vigil at St Mary's. Begins with Holy Mass at 7pm Friday 2nd December.


Catechist Corner

We'd love to hear from you if you've ever thought about becoming a Catechist! Now is the perfect time to enquire and sign up...ready for the new school year! Please contact the Parish Office for more information.





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Music Workshop

All Parish musicians and choir members are invited to a Parish Music Workshop on Tues 29th Nov 6.00-7.30pm at St Mary's Church. The workshop will be run by Simon Hyland from the Evangelisation team at Catholic Schools Broken Bay. Refreshments included.

Parish Volunteers BBQ

We ask that all Parish Volunteers put Friday 9th Dec in your diary for our annual Thank you BBQ. This will be held at St Mary's, beginning with Mass at 5pm, followed by the BBQ.

St Vincent de Paul - Wyong Vinnies Support Centre

Address 47 Howarth St, Wyong, Open Mon-Fri 9am-4pm. Call 4353 5614 for an appointment. Vinnies can help with food hampers, toiletries, PBS prescriptions, furniture, clothing, petrol vouchers and much more. See the noticeboard for more details.

Christmas Mass times

St Mary's, Toukley

Christmas Eve: 6pm Vigil incl. Children's Nativity Carols 11.30pm, Midnight Mass

Christmas Day: 7.30am and 9am (no evening Mass)

St Brendan's, Lake Munmorah

Christmas Eve: 5pm Vigil Children's Mass (Carols at 4.30pm)

Christmas Day: 8am



Vinnies Christmas Cards

Will be available from this weekend at both churches. Please check at the Holy Shop/doors of the church.

Social Justice Message

A Better Use Of Our Taxes? Australia's prison system is in crisis, caused by stricter sentencing rather than rising crime rates. Australia's incarceration rate has doubled since the mid-1980s. It costs taxpayers billions of dollars each year. This money spent on support agencies would give positive outcomes for society and the people. (from Margaret Hagan)

Immaculate Conception of Our Lady - Thurs 8 Dec

The Ordinariate Mass at 9am on Thurs 8 Dec at St Mary's will be a celebration of this feast. The Mass will be followed by Morning Tea in the Parish Centre. Everyone is invited to the celebration.

Flooding at Forbes

The flooding at Forbes has caused disruption and loss for many people. Sr Kathleen (known to many parishioners) is working there and has appealed for blankets because Forbes can be a cold place. Please consider donating clean blankets which can be left at the church and then sent on. Fr Ken (43993523) can provide more information.

Children's Worksheets & Free Christmas Books

Worksheets, pencils and Free Christmas books for children are available at the church doors.



Parish Youth Mass at St Mary's - next Sunday 4th Dec

1st Sunday of the month at 6pm Mass. An opportunity for our young people and their families to take part in the liturgy. All welcome.

Upcoming events - Save the Dates:

Lectio Divina - Thursdays 5pm

Fri 9th Dec - Parish Volunteers Thank you Mass & BBQ

Tues 20th Dec - Christmas Carols at St Mary's 6pm



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



Recently Deceased

Diane Smith, John 'Jack' Mahony, Patrick Post

Anniversaries

Lorraine Anderson, Ellen Cahill, Wayne Puckeridge, Isabel Ridgewell, Vicky Debono

Remembrances

Molly Krishnan, Lisa Grenot, Carol Brown, Moore & Langley families, Valmai Joseph Stark Family and all Holy Souls

Please Pray for the Sick

Mary Cefai, Donald Lewis, Kim Thomas, Mrs J Bowring, Margaret Brett, Allen Venneri, Gary Poppett, Jenna Stoffel, Jeff Moir, Joshua Booth, Miklos Beothy, Ken Scales, Pat Corby, Kevin & Helen Turner, Maureen Dries, Pat Glennen, Mary Smith, Sabu Kuruvell, Yvonne Sutton, Liz Kelman, Lailane Bugaoisan, Teresa Jan, Michael Durken, Olive Haslam, Colin Fowler, Joy Rearden, Sr Tincy (Fr Baby's sister), Joyce Burns, Diane Booth, Rhondda Rey, Ann Buckman, David Vella, Ann Rigney, Margaret Jones, Margaret Moran, Faye Roberts, Noel McCool

November Birthdays

Eric Grimes (6th Nov)
Amanda Coombe (8th Nov)
Nova Jayanthi (9th Nov)
Cecilia McClusky (13th Nov)
Lucy Jurd (13th Nov)
Bill Mulvany (13th Nov)
Margaret Muir (21st Nov)
Lina Samaniego (24th Nov)
Tommy Ng (24th Nov)



Call the office to have your birthday or anniversary included!

BULLETIN Notices must be received by the office by 2pm Wednesday to be included for the coming weekend. Subject to space and approval. Thank you

Help needed!

We are looking for one of our St Mary's church groups to volunteer to host the February Parish morning tea (1st Sunday of Feb after 9am Mass). Any group who doesn't already host morning tea in another month, please consider this and call the Parish Office if you can help. The current roster is in the Sacristy.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for November Children Who Suffer



We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

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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

Isaiah 2:1-5

The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come
the mountain of the Temple of the Lord
shall tower above the mountains
and be lifted higher than the hills.
All the nations will stream to it,
peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the Temple of the God of Jacob
that he may teach us his ways
so that we may walk in his paths;
since the Law will go out from Zion,
and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.'
He will wield authority over the nations
and adjudicate between many peoples;
these will hammer their swords into ploughshares,
their spears into sickles.
Nation will not lift sword against nation,
there will be no more training for war
O House of Jacob, come,
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Lord, I rejoiced when I heard them say:

'Let us go to God's house.'

And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R.**

It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.

For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David. **R.**

For the peace of Jerusalem pray:

'Peace be to your homes!

May peace reign in your walls,
in your palaces, peace!' **R.**

For love of my brethren and friends

I say: 'Peace upon you!'

For love of the house of the Lord

I will ask for your good. **R.**



Second Reading

Romans 13:11-14

The time has come, our salvation is near.

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon - let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the day-time: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *Ps 84:8*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 24:37-44

Stay awake, you must be ready.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.'

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Next Sunday - Second Sunday of Advent Yr A

First Reading - Isaiah 11:1-10

Second Reading - Romans 15:4-9

Gospel - Matthew 3:1-12