# Our Lady of Perpetual Succour



Catholic Parish Toukley/Lake Munmorah St Mary's Church 458 Main Rd Noraville St Brendan's Mass Centre 29 Carters Rd Lake Munmorah





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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C



## "HUMILITY: THE MOTHER OF ALL VIRTUES"

Today's first reading from the book of Sirach speaks about the great virtue of humility. It tells us that a humble person is open to the promptings of the Lord God and never rejects wisdom no matter where it comes. Humility is the sign of true greatness. The greater a person is the humbler he/she should be. The message is to be humble, and you will find favour with the Lord God. Humility may be the least understood and most maligned of Christian virtues.

In today's Gospel, St. Luke, narrates an incident where Jesus and His disciples were invited to a Pharisee's house for dinner. Many prominent people from the town were invited. Most of them were eager to take the best available seat because each one of them considered himself more important than all others. Jesus observing this taught His disciples a lesson in humility.

This is what He tells them and us: when you are invited to a function, do not occupy places of honour. Because in case a person more worthy than you is invited the host may come and request you to give the honourable place to that person. Consequently, you will be put in an embarrassing and humiliating situation. However, if you are occupying a less honourable place and the host requests you to occupy a more honourable place you will be honoured in the presence of every one present. Hence the virtue of humility is of great importance in the life of a follower of Christ. It ranks right up there with the great Gospel values. Thus, for Jesus to lose one's life is to find it. The last shall be the first and the humble shall be exalted.

The point of the parable is this: When the reign of God comes in its fullness, God will bestow honour on all of us at the banquet table. By claiming to be part of the body of Christ, we are not professing that we are better than everyone else. Rather, we are proclaiming true humility: that we know who we are - sinners, welcomed to the banquet where we are shown once again that we are forgiven friends of God and table companions with Jesus.

"Do you wish to raise yourself: Begin by humbling yourself" - St. Augustine.

"It is in being humble that our love becomes real, devoted and ardent"-St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta. 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 - 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)

#### <u>St Brendan's Lake Munmo</u>rah 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 (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 St Brendan's: Saturdays 5pm (most weeks)

Welcome to our Parish. Today we celebrate the **C.** Thank you for being here.



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#### Family Masses at St Brendan's

We are excited to welcome families to celebrate a Family Mass at St Brendan's this Saturday 27th August at 5pm. Children's Liturgy will be held, and children will be invited to participate in the entrance procession, offertory and singing. All welcome.

## Pastoral Works - August Collection - this weekend

Our Parish will be holding a collection for Pastoral Works this weekend 27/28 August. There is no longer

an official appeal in August but we will still make envelopes available for those who would still like to contribute in August. The amount collected will go towards our quota for the 2022/23 collection year.

#### **Parish Morning Teas**

Our next Parish Morning teas will be held on Sunday 4th September at both churches. This coincides with Father's Day, so please bring your dad and celebrate this special day with our Parish Community.

#### Fr Baby's Anniversary of Ordination

Next Sunday 4th Sept we will celebrate Fr Baby's Anniversary of Ordination. All are welcome to join us for this occasion.

#### Sr Josie & Sr Jennifer Renewal of Vows

Sr. Josie, OSA and Sr. Jennifer, OSA will be renewing their religious vows on 4 Sept at 9am Mass on the Feast day of Our Lady of Consolation, their Congregation's Marian patron. Please include them in your prayers and their congregation the Augustinian Sisters of Our Lady of Consolation and for the increase of religious vocation.

#### Saturday morning 9am Mass at St Mary's

Every Saturday morning Mass will be devoted to our Mother Mary, as our church is called St Mary's. We will offer this Mass to Mary to give thanks and pray for blessings for our Parish.

#### Alpha has arrived - and it's not too late to join in!

Come along on Saturday morning, 10:30am-1pm at St Mary's Parish Centre. See https://www.facebook.com/toukley.parish.3

#### Social Justice Message

#### Join us in celebrating Social Justice Sunday today, 28 August. **RESPECT: CONFRONTING VIOLENCE AND ABUSE**

"Jesus rejects the use of religious traditions to justify violence". "Canon law does not encourage, much less require, women to remain in violent or abusive marriages" noted at the Catholic Bishop's conference 2022. From Margaret Hagan

#### World Youth Day (WYD) 2023

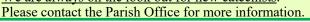
If you or a young person (16-35) you know is interested in WYD 2023, please visit https://bbwyd.org.au/ for more information. Any parishioners interested in helping to sponsor a young person to attend WYD 2023, please contact the Parish Office.



#### **Catechist Corner**

Can you believe we are half-way through term 3 already!? Our catechists are enjoying teaching scripture in our public schools. Have you ever though about joining this rewarding ministry? We are always on the look out for new catechists.







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

• Please <u>do not enter</u> the church or other parish buildings if you are <u>unwell</u>. This includes meetings/gatherings.

- Check in using the QR code/paper sign in is <u>not required</u>
- Wearing a mask is OPTIONAL, but ENCOURAGED
- 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

## Offerings for Priests & our Church

Please remember to place your offering in the collection bowls or use the 'Tap N Go' machines at the rear of our churches. Thank you

## **Confirmation Sacramental Program**

Our Confirmation classes have commenced. Confirmation will be celebrated at both churches by Bishop Anthony on Saturday 15th October. Please pray for our candidates over the coming weeks.

## <u>First Friday/Saturday of the Month - 2nd/3rd September</u>

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

## <u> Parish Youth Mass - St Mary's - next Sunday 4th Sept</u>

Every 1st Sunday of the month at 6pm Mass with pizza dinner afterwards! An opportunity for our young people and their families to take part in the liturgy. You are all welcome.

## <u>Liturgy of Lament - Fri 2nd Sept 7pm</u>

Join us as we prayerfully acknowledge the suffering caused to our most vulnerable and give public expression to our sorrow. Fri 2nd Sept 7pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara. The liturgy will also be live-streamed, see <u>https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/</u>

## CWL Lamington Drive for Father's Day:

<u>Final week for orders!</u> Please use the order sheets at the church doors. Payment: please write "Lamingtons", your name & ph number on an envelope, enclose correct money and place in the collection bowls.



## NATSICC Course - see noticeboard for more details

A foundational Online Cross Cultural Competency Course for all Catholic workers, volunteers, Clergy and Religious. Catholic focus, will equip participants with the knowledge and skills to effectively engage with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

#### **Children's Worksheets**

Worksheets and pencils are available at the church doors.

#### <u>Upcoming events - Save the Dates:</u>

*Lectio Divina - has resumed, every Thurs 5pm.* Mon 22nd Aug - Confirmation program begins

Sun 4th Sept - Father's Day and Morning tea after Mass, Youth Mass 6pm

<u>Sun 11th Sept</u> - St Mary's Yr 2 lead Sunday 9am Mass <u>Sat 17th Sept</u> - St Brendan's Family Mass 5pm

Sat 1st Oct - Mother Mary Lady of Fatima 6pm Mass & Procession Sat 15th Oct - Confirmation Ceremonies, 11am St Brendan's, 2pm St Mary's

Sun 30th Oct - St Mary's Yr 3 lead Sunday 9am Mass

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



## Recently Deceased

Charles Tabone, Pauline Yee, Stephen Boyle, Martin McCarthy, Thankamma Thomas, Tony Culgan, Helen Crossley, Bob Hayes, Matteo Di Micco

## Anniversaries

Thomas Parker, Patrick (Paddy) Doyle, Eileen Crocker, Jack Harris, Sherlina Maceda, Quinciano Maceda, Stephen Cappa, Bryan Knox, Dan Goonan, Paul Reid

## Remembrances

Pamela Dawn Pearce, Willa McLardy, George Vella, Emanuel Tana, Zachary Nathan Canillas, Carol Brown, Moore & Langley families, Valmai Joseph Stark Family

## Please Pray for the Sick

Ken Scales, Pat Corby, Kevin & Helen Turner, Maureen Dries, Pat Glennen, Mary Smith, Sabu Kuruvelil, Yvonne Sutton, Liz Kelman, Lailane Bugaoisan, Teresa Jan, Michael Durken, Olive Haslam, Colin Fowler, Joy Rearden, Margaret Brett, Sr **Tincy (Fr Baby's sister), Joyce Burns, Diane Booth,** Rhondda Rey, Nestor Regalo, Ann Buckman, David Vella, Ray Sleucher, Ann Rigney, Margaret Jones, Margaret Moran, Faye Roberts, Noel McCool

## <u>August Birthdays</u>

John Frame (1st Aug) Pat Bulgin (5th Aug) Sr Jennifer Canillas (6th Aug) Jake Elias (6th Aug) Ellen Sheerin (7th Aug) Bill Martin (9th Aug) Toutai Ketoni (9th Aug) Heather Baker (10th Aug) Ray Mahony (12th Aug) Lorrie O'Brien (13th Aug) Lance Scrivener (17th Aug) Peter Turner (20th Aug) Miriam Spiteri (23rd Aug) Geoffrey Swan (29th Aug)



Call the office to have your birthday included!

## **Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for August**

## Small & Medium Businesses



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94: 02 4396 1555 / Fax: 82 4396 5813 www.bat.org.au We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

## **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**

Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29

## Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly,

and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

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

## **Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 67:4-7, 10-11

**R**. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy. O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. R.

Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place. God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. R.

You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life.

It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. R.

## **Second Reading**

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

## You have to come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living



God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

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

## Gospel Acclamation Matthew 11:29

Alleluia, alleluia! Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. Alleluia!

## Gospel

Luke 14:1, 7-14

## All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

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

**Next Sunday** - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr C First Reading - Wisdom 9:13-18 Second Reading - Philemon: 9-10, 12-17 Gospel - 14:25-33

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