

# Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Catholic Parish Toukley/Lake Munmorah

St Mary's Church 458 Main Rd Norville  
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## Vision

*To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community*

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### First Sunday of Advent, Year C

**28th November 2021**



#### Be vigilant at all times

"Be vigilant at all times" - not exactly a very pleasant phrase to be heard as we prepare for the holidays on this first Sunday of Advent. But during the Season of Advent, the most salient interpretation of the phrase "be vigilant and pray at all times" is one of "paying attention" - that one be attentive to the presence of God at each moment of life, make the most of all opportunities, and prepare for the Kingdom already present in this world.

Attention is the key word here. It is paying attention to the presence of God. It is tending toward that presence by paying attention to the presence and plight of our neighbor. In Jesus' view, the Kingdom is always near, ready to break through the barriers of every day, to take hold of us, impel us, embrace us, challenge us - and if we pay attention, and if we are "vigilant," we will be able to find evidence of His all-encompassing Love in the simple, ordinary, and sometimes tragic events that go to make up our daily lives.

Advent is a time of expectation, a time of preparation, a time of urgency. Scripture reminds us during this first week that Advent is also a time of warning. We must not allow ourselves to slip into the routine of ordinary life and to miss the opportunities that life presents to us. Advent is a time for us to recall lost opportunities, and of determining to take steps to miss fewer opportunities in the days ahead. It's a time for us to pay attention, to be watchful. We need to prepare ourselves to live effectively and lovingly with life's tensions, and not only to be aware of our needs but also to the needs of others. "May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all..." - 1 Thessalonians 3:12.

This is the gift of Christmas - the gift that speaks of Light dispelling the Darkness. Much of the world today continues to be confused about this gift and refuses to accept it. The Light that has entered the darkness is one born in a stable, and whose earthly life ended on a cross. The babe of Bethlehem 2000 years ago has given us a legacy and a mission: "Love as I have loved. Live as I have lived." This is His Christmas gift to us.

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	
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 (except 27th Nov & 4th Dec)

### 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 (currently paused)**

## Benediction & Confession at St Mary's Sat 27th Nov & 4th Dec

There will be no Benediction or Confession at St Mary's this Sat 27th Nov & next Sat 4th Dec due to the Confirmation ceremonies being held. See one of our priests to arrange Confession at another time.



### Confirmation Candidates

Congratulations to our Confirmation candidates! Some candidates will receive the Sacrament this weekend and others will receive the Sacrament on 4th Dec. A big thank you to families and Sacramental Leaders.

### New Planned Giving app— "Good Giving"

Visit <https://brokenbay.goodgiving.com.au/qr/parish/toukley> or on your mobile App store, search for "Parish Giving Broken Bay" or scan the QR code to the right: This allows you to set-up regular automated Planned Giving for Clergy, Parish and Pastoral collections.



### Catechists Urgently Needed

Do you enjoy working with children? We need some new Catechist volunteers in our Parish, to either lead a class or be a helper, teaching Catholic scripture in the local public schools. Full training & support provided. Call the Parish Office for more info.



### WORKING BEE ST BRENDAN'S

Thank you to those who helped. We appreciate your time and talents!



**Mass of Inclusion 2021** for those living with disability and their families. Celebrated by Bishop Anthony on Sun 5th Dec 9.30am OLR Cathedral, Waitara. Due to the current restrictions, there are very limited places available for people to attend in person. To book your place, go to <https://form.jotform.com/213147605999063> The mass will also be livestreamed, and we encourage you to join at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNewwlf7i14XB9TsVBrLvQ>

### Christmas Mass times (no bookings this year)

#### St Mary's, Toukley

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

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

Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Dec: 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 (no evening Mass)

Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Dec: 8am



### Feast of the Immaculate Conception - 8th Dec

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 11/12 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 12th Dec during 9am Mass at St Mary's. Please keep us in your prayers.

### Attn: Readers, Wardens, Servers at St Mary's

**Christmas & Jan 2022 Rosters** for St Mary's are being prepared. Please use the form at the doors of the Church to indicate your availability for Christmas, late December and January rosters. Replies required by 5th Dec.



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Welcome to our Parish. Today we celebrate the **First Sunday of Advent**. We are pleased to see you in our Church once again.



**COVID-19 Restrictions – Places of Worship Diocese of Broken Bay** Latest Update: from Monday 18th Oct 2021 our Churches are open for **MASSES** as per our usual schedule. Capacity at St Mary's: 235. St Brendans: 320.

Those entering the church MUST:

- **CHECK-IN in using the QR code—MANDATORY**
- Wear a mask
- Hand sanitise
- Physically distance inside the Church (2 sqm rule).
- No singing by the congregation

**IMPORTANT:** signing-in on paper is only a back-up option if you cannot check-in with a QR code. If you have a smartphone, please download the Service NSW app, create a log-in and then use your smartphone to scan the QR code and sign-in at the church doors. It's very easy and you can use this method everywhere you go.

### **Friday Morning Mass rescheduled - Fri 10th Dec**

Due to St Mary's Yr 6 Graduation Mass being celebrated in the Church on Fri 10th Dec at 9.15am, our Friday Parish Mass on that date will be held at 5pm instead. This will be followed by the Volunteers BBQ.

### **Parish Volunteers 'Thank You' BBQ—Fri 10th Dec 6pm**

All Parish Volunteers are invited to a BBQ at St Mary's to acknowledge and celebrate your contribution to our Parish this year. Invitations are being sent by email & phone, please RSVP by 6th Dec. If you are a volunteer and you have not heard from us, please contact the Parish Office.

### **Daily Mass Books for sale**

We have some copies of the 2022 Daily Mass Book, plus many other beautiful items, for sale in the Holy Shop at St Mary's. Please visit before or after weekend Masses.

### **Vinnies Christmas Appeal**

We will be holding our annual Vinnies Christmas Appeal on the weekend of 4/5 Dec. Please give generously to support the important work of Vinnies in our local area. Our Vinnies Christmas Tree will be available later in December for your gift card donations.



**A friendly Invitation to attend a secular Franciscan Mass** to be celebrated by Father Joseph Nguyen OFM at 11am Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec Our Lady of the Rosary Church, The Entrance followed by a Christmas BYO everything Picnic Lunch at The Waterfront Park The Entrance. Bring a warm jacket if attending the picnic. For more information contact Sandra Petith 0499811177 All welcome.

### **Children's Worksheets**

Worksheets and pencils are available at the church doors.



### **November: Time To Remember The Dear Ones**

We conclude our month of remembrance with a special Mass on **30th Nov at 6pm** in both Churches. Everyone is welcome.

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



### **Recently Deceased**

Antonio Di Napoli, Isabel Ridgewell, John Gazzana, **David O'Connell**

### **Anniversaries**

Ron Turner, Irma Turner, Lorraine Anderson, Denis Newey, Sylvia Wells, Emilio Nacua Sr, Swee Gim Khoo, Jose Castanares

### **Remembrances**

Josephine Cortis, Carol Brown, Gallagher Family, Prizeman Family, Keith & Nancy, Mark & Peter Prizeman, Kathryn Tuxworth, Gabrielle Woodrow, Tony Hodges, Moore & Langley families, Greg Irvine, Valmai Joseph Stark Family

### **Please Pray for the Sick**

Ben Kozak, Karl Henry, Norma Dipple, Errol Jurd, Kathleen Cassidy, Adel Firth-Mason, Noel McCool, Nenita Turner, Yohanes Christanto Perdana, Jehzekiel Lambaran, Brian Lane, Joe Micallef, Eleanor Matthews, Dave Rodney, Maila Reyes, Mary Smith, Therese Chetcuti, Graham Moir, Sr Tincy Thomas

### **HSC Students**

We pray for all students sitting HSC exams. May God watch over them and bless them as they near the end of their exams and schooling.

### **November Birthdays**

Charlie Tabone (3rd Nov)  
Amanda Coombe (8th Nov)  
Nova Jayanthi (9th Nov)  
Cecilia McClusky (13th Nov)  
Lucy Jurd (13th Nov)  
Lina Samaniego (24th Nov)



*Call the office to have your birthday included!*

### **Happy Anniversary**

We wish Ray & Islay Mahony a very Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary on 27th Nov. Congratulations to you both!



### **Anniversary Mass for Vicky Debono**

Tues 30th Nov 6pm at St Brendan's. All welcome.

### **Lectio Divina—every Thursday 5pm via Zoom**

To participate, please visit the Parish Facebook page

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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

*Jeremiah 33:14-16*

*I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.*

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah: 'In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

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

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14*

**R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.**

Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my Saviour. **R.**

The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

His ways are faithfulness and love  
for those who keep his covenant and will.  
The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him;  
to them he reveals his covenant. **R.**

## Second Reading

*1 Thessalonians 3:12 - 4:2*

*When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.*

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

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## Gospel Acclamation *Ps 84:8*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

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

*Alleluia!*

## Gospel

*Luke 21:25-28, 34-36*

*Your redemption is near at hand.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.'

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

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



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

#### **People who suffer from Depression**

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

**Next Sunday** - Second Sunday of Advent, Year C  
First Reading - Baruch 5:1-9  
Second Reading - Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11  
Gospel - Luke 3:1- 6