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Catholic Parish Toukley/Lake Munmorah

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To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community

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Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B

29th August 2021



Today's readings explain what true religion is. It is not simply a scrupulous, external observance of rules, laws, traditions and rituals. It is a loving, obedient relationship with God expressed in obeying His Commandments, worshipping Him, recognizing His presence in other human beings, and rendering them loving and humble service. God can be loved and served only through our love for fellow humankind: especially by serving the poor and the orphans and the widows and the needy. He tells us that we have to be doers of the word and not merely hearers.

In today's Gospel reading Jesus confronts the Pharisees and the Scribes who accused His disciples of not keeping the traditions and practices of the Jews. This was told in the context of His disciples eating food without washing their hands as the Jewish custom was. According to their traditions they were expected to wash their hands before eating any food. Jesus went on to explain that what really make us impure is not what we eat or drink: that which goes into the stomach but rather, what comes out of our heart: that is evil thoughts, desires, fornication, theft, murder, and adultery.

Jesus is inviting us to have a close look at our set practices and observed traditions. He wants us to have a conversion of heart that will lead us to God experience. Let us not waste our precious lives in trivial matters but give importance to the essentials of life. It is not enough to do lip service to God and fellow humans but rather by concrete actions which comes from our hearts. Keep your heart holy as it is the source of sins, vices and evil habits. The observance of traditions and of washing rituals does not correct the internal motivations and inclinations that really defile people. External piety without internal holiness is hypocrisy.

"Serving the poor is serving God" - St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta.
"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others" - Mahatma Gandhi.

BAY CONNECT—Online resources for everyone

The Diocese of Broken Bay has launched **BAY CONNECT**, an online program of regular activities commencing on 30 August, to converse, reflect and connect spiritually online with our communities. Access the Bay Connect page here: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/news/covid-19-updates/prayer-resources/bay-connect> We encourage you to join as many activities as you can.



Pastoral Works Broken Bay

Charitable Works Fund (CWF) has re-branded to Pastoral Works Broken Bay.

We appreciate any support that can be given, no matter how big or small. Our ministries continue to operate and provide vital services. We encourage donations at www.bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks. All donations over \$2 are tax-deductible. Collection envelopes for Masses will be available when our churches re-open.



Lectio Divina—every Thursday 5pm via Zoom

Sr Josie and Sr Jennifer invite you to join them for their weekly Lectio Divina (Break open the Word) every Thursday at 5pm. 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 Sunday 29th August. You will find the link at our Facebook page: Toukley-Lake Munmorah Parish.

CatholicCare Foster Care Campaign

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

We are so happy for the children and their families who have begun their Confirmation Sacramental journey. They have adapted so well to the online classes. We have included in this Bulletin a special page dedicated to our Confirmation Candidates. Please include them in your prayers. In the coming weeks, we hope to bring you some pictures and messages from these children to share how their Sacramental Program is going. God Bless all children—they are so resilient!

CatholicCare can help with Coles/Woolworths vouchers.

Call CatholicCare on (02) 9481 2600 or email them at info@catholiccaredb.org.au. They are here to help our parish families. Please note this support is able to be offered due to Government funding so they will require ID and some documentation to access assistance but they can walk you through the requirements.

St Vincent de Paul - help available

Vinnies Support Centres are still able to take calls and arrange food vouchers or food items to be delivered to those in need. Our closest Vinnies centre is Wyong. Ph 4353 5614. Open Mon-Fri 9.30am-4pm

Anniversary of Ordination

Fr Baby will celebrate his Ordination Anniversary on Sat 4th September. Please join us in congratulating Fr Baby and keep him in your prayers.



Social Justice Sunday

As we celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 29 August, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conferences' Social Justice Statement 2021-22: *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor*, affirms that "we human beings need a change of heart, mind, and behaviour". It invites us to join in responding to Pope Francis' invitation to take a journey towards total ecological sustainability guided by seven Laudato Si' Goals. It draws from Scripture, from the theological tradition, from Catholic Social Teaching, and from the wisdom of the world, including the insights of the First Nations. The Statement provides theological foundations to ground and inspire our efforts to care for creation while responding to the needs of the disadvantaged and excluded. More information: <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2021/06/24/social-justice-statement-2021-22/>

PPC Diocesan Gatherings

The current Covid situation has led to unique challenges for our parishes. At the same time, innovative ideas and new ways of connecting are being offered. Questions are being asked about how we can plan for better outcomes, and how we can better evangelise and reach out. To better support parish leaders at this time, two gatherings have been organised in coming months for all PPC members. These Zoom meetings are planned for Wed 15th Sept and Tues 9th Nov, both at 7pm. For specific details, please email the Parish office toukleyparish@bbcatholic.org.au

Safeguarding Month

This week the Parish has been sent communication from Bishop Anthony providing detail about Safeguarding Month 2021. This coming Wednesday, 1 September is the beginning of Safeguarding Month in the Diocese of Broken Bay. Bishop Anthony has requested that all community members are made aware of the initiatives being held throughout the Month. The Parish therefore, attaches to this bulletin an invitation to participate. Feel free to print the invitation and tick the initiatives in which you would like to engage with. This year's theme is Participation of Children and Young People in Catholic Communities.



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Today we celebrate the **Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**. 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: 26th Aug 2021. Due to current COVID restrictions, **our churches and all Parish buildings are currently closed**. This remains in place until 10th September.

Parish Office—currently closed due to COVID restrictions

Please do not visit the office but you are welcome to email us at toukleyparish@bbcatholic.org.au or call 4396 4455. If you need to drop something off, please use the small slot next to the Parish office door. Alicia is currently working from home some days so please be patient with responses to phone messages. Email is preferred. In an emergency, please call one of the priests on their mobile (see front page of this Bulletin).

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—please consider depositing your Planned Giving contribution directly into our bank account. Acc Name: Toukley Catholic Parish, BSB 062 784, Acc # 100001614, Ref # Your surname (and envelope number if you have one). Thank you in advance for your support.

Would you like to receive this Bulletin by email?

Email us at toukleyparish@bbcatholic.org.au and provide the email address that the Bulletin should be sent to.



Save the Date: Divine Renovation Australasia Conference 19-21 Nov 2021

Titled 'Called to Discipleship', it will be held in-person at the Campbelltown Catholic Club (Covid restrictions permitting). This bi-annual conference gathers people from parishes and dioceses around Australia who are enthusiastic about parish renewal. Please save the date and spread the word to others who may be interested. If anyone is considering attending and would be able to assist with some of the organisational aspects, please contact Pina Bernard on pina.bernard@bbcatholic.org.au or 0432 682 239.

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



Recently Deceased

Michael Rivett, Malia Veatupu, Shirley Chapman

Anniversaries

Daniela Gala, Jack and Myra Hanlen, Elizabeth Sue Coles

Remembrances

Gail Beer, Eileen Thorpe, Moore & Langley families, Greg Irvine, Valmai Joseph Stark Family

Please Pray for the Sick

Nenita Turner, Yohanes Christanto Perdana, Jehzekiel Lambaran, Brian Lane, Joe Micallef, Anne Lacrosse, Eleanor Matthews, Dave Rodney, Maila Reyes, Mary Smith, Therese Chetcuti, Graham Moir, Julie Kozak, Sr Tincy Thomas

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for August

The Church

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.



August Birthdays

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)
Lorrie O'Brien (13th Aug)
Lance Scrivener (17th Aug)
Peter Turner (20th Aug)
Miriam Spiteri (23rd Aug)



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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PO Box 89 Ourimbah NSW 2258.
Phone: (02) 4362 2733 Fax: (02) 4362 2899



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

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you - keep the commands of the Lord.

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 14:2-5

R. The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart. **R.**

He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. **R.**

He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. **R.**

Second Reading

James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

Be doers of the word.

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

James 1:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruit of his creation.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition.

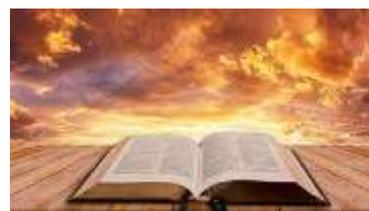
The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture: This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me.

The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these things come from within and make a man unclean.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Next Sunday - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading - Isaiah 35:4-7

Second Reading - James 2:1-5

Gospel - Mark 7:31-37

Our Confirmation Candidates 2021
Please pray for us



Grace Aila Finn
Eva Ellie Evie Rylee Ruby R Rose
Solingo Ryan Mia Addison Levi Liam G
Sosefo Nikkita Haiden John Byron
Harry Eli Joshua Jay
Ayla Beau Clive
Matthew Abel Emily
Thomas L Emeri Summer
Cynthia Piper Cochella
Arlie Harlow Emmanuelle
Harry Rhani Hunter
Lillian Haven Charlie Kai
Madison Blair Ruby W Charlotte
Ava Amelia Jaykob Amira
Scarlett Mariah James Marcus
Liam H Chelsea Cameron Zachary
Nathan Valli Archer Daniel
Lilly Monique Harrison Cohen
Lucas Millie