

# Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Catholic Parish Toukley/Lake Munmorah

St Mary's Church 458 Main Rd Norville

St Brendan's Mass Centre 29 Carters Rd Lake Munmorah



## Vision

*To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community*

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### The Ascension of the Lord

29th May 2022



The First reading today gives us a vivid description of Jesus' final instructions to His disciples followed by His glorious Ascension to heaven. Jesus promised them power from above by the coming of the Holy Spirit and commanded them to be witnesses to Him in Jerusalem and throughout the whole world.

Today's Gospel passage gives us a message of the Risen Lord on the day of His Ascension. He summed up for the disciples the meaning of His death and His resurrection. Jesus then commissioned them to preach the good news to all nations. Before they began their mission journeys, they were asked to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit who will teach them all things and guide them. Jesus then blessed them and departed to heaven as they were watching. When Apostles realized what had happened to Jesus they were filled with joy because not only Jesus is risen from the dead but that he is now in heavenly glory seated at the right hand of God the Father.

Although Jesus has ascended into heaven, we must not look upon Him as being far away from us. He wants every one of us to be witnesses to His presence in the world. With His Ascension Jesus withdrew His physical presence from His disciples and from the world. But physical absence does not always mean absence of presence. People can be very close to one another even though they are separated by thousands of miles. So also, although Jesus has ascended into heaven, He is still present among us.

"When Christ returned to heaven, he withdrew his physical presence from our sight. He didn't stop being with disciples but by the ascension fulfilled his promise to be with us to the end of the world. Let us pray, God our Father, make us joyful in the Ascension of your son Jesus Christ. May we follow Him into the new creation for His Ascension is our glory and our hope.

*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

### 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

St Mary's: 1st & 3rd Sundays 9am

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



Welcome to our Parish. Today we celebrate the **Ascension of the Lord**. We are pleased to see you here.

### Pastoral Works Broken Bay (formerly CWF)

Thank you to those who have given so generously already. This is the last weekend to return envelopes. Donations can also be made at [www.bbcatholic.org.au/donate/pastoral-works-broken-bay](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/donate/pastoral-works-broken-bay). Donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Thank you for your support.



### Pentecost - 4th & 5th June - special Prayers of the Faithful

Volunteers are invited to read the "Prayers of the Faithful" in their own language at Masses (St Mary's and St Brendan's) on Pentecost Sunday, next weekend 4th & 5th June. Please contact the office.

### Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy is being held at St Brendan's 5pm this Saturday. Thank you to our leaders and to the children and parents for coming along. Please note, in June, Children's Liturgy will be held on the first Sunday of the month only, due to First Communion being held on the 3rd Sunday. All children aged 4-12 welcome!



### First Eucharist Sacramental Program

Preparation classes for First Eucharist are almost complete. Our candidates are looking forward to receiving their First Communion on the weekend of 18th & 19th June. Please keep our candidates and their families in your prayers.

### Happy Birthday Fr Tomy

Fr Tomy celebrated his birthday during the week. Please join us in wishing Fr Tomy and very Happy Birthday and many blessings for the year ahead.



### Ukraine Appeal

Please consider donating to the Caritas Australia Ukraine Appeal [www.caritas.org.au/ukraine](http://www.caritas.org.au/ukraine)

### Children's Worksheets

Worksheets and pencils are available at the church doors.



### St Mary's Rosters

The roster for June-July is available in the church foyer.

### Church Library at St Mary's is Open!

Browse our Church Library in the Parents Room at the back of the church. Childrens books are also available.

### Ordinariate Mass


9am Mass on Thursdays at St Mary's is celebrated by Fr Ken Hagan for Ordinariate of Our Lady of the Southern Cross. Morning prayer begins at 8:40am, Rosary after Mass.

### Catechist Corner

We give thanks for our amazing catechists who not only teach their own classes each week but also help out when other catechists are unavailable. We truly value you! If you would like to join this amazing team, please contact the Parish Office for more information. Full training and support provided.



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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**. This includes meetings/gatherings.
- 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

**Upcoming events - Save the Dates:**

Sat 4th & Sun 5th June - Vinnies Winter Appeal  
Sat 4th June - Family Mass at St Brendan's  
Sun 5th June - Parish Morning Teas  
Sat 18th/Sun 19th June - Sacrament of First Eucharist  
Sun 19th June - St Mary's Yr 4 lead the 9am Mass  
Sun 26th June - Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Feast Day Mass



**St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal**

The annual Vinnies Winter Appeal will be held next weekend 4th/5th June. Envelopes will be available at both churches. Please give generously to help Vinnies support those who are disadvantaged in our community.



**Holy Shop Open!**

Our Holy Shop at St Mary's is open every weekend, before and after each Mass. We have lovely gifts for Sacraments and other occasions.

**PARISH YOUTH MASS - St Mary's**

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



**First Friday of the Month - Friday 3rd June**

Join us for the Reparation vigil to the Sacred Heart and Immaculate Heart from 7pm Friday 3rd June—1.30am Saturday. With suppliant hearts come and spend some time with our Lord. Friday morning Mass will be 11am (not 9.15am).

**Parish Morning Teas**

Next Sun 5th June we celebrate our monthly Parish Morning Tea at both churches and we will celebrate Fr Tomy's birthday. Come along after 9am Mass at St Mary's and after 8am Mass at St Brendan's. St Mary's morning tea is hosted by the "Gather Group". We looking forward to having a cuppa with you!



**Future Parish Morning Teas - St Mary's**

We are trying to finalise our roster for upcoming monthly Morning Teas at St Mary's. Could someone from each of the following groups on the previous roster please contact the Parish Office: Fatima Group, Martha's Group, Rosary Group, St Mary's Choir. Thank you

**Clergy Conference - 13th-17th June**

Both Fr Tomy and Fr Baby will be away for a Clergy Conference from Monday 13th – Friday 17th June. Arrangements will be made for communion-only services during this time. More details to come.

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



**Recently Deceased**

Tom Kelly, Seana Casey, Marjorie Curran, Dominique Feilla, Mark Young, Keith Murphy, Dun Mose Debono

**Anniversaries**

Leonard Smith, Danny Patrick Goonan, Eveleen Ross, Len Smith, Sr Fran Nolan, Sotera Buna, John Haslam, Vickie Mifsud

**Remembrances**

Dennis, Mitchell, Wade & Ross families, Stephen Cappa, Ken Johnston, Mario Azzopardi, Vince Debono, Vicky Debono, Carol Brown, Moore & Langley families, Valmai Joseph Stark Family

**Please Pray for the Sick**

Barbara Pik, Joy Rearden, Margaret Brett, Myra Langley, Ken Scales, Sr Tincy (Fr Baby's sister), Joyce Burns, Diane Booth, Rhondda Rey, 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

*Notices in this section appear as follows:*

Recently Deceased—3 weeks, Anniversaries—3 weeks, Remembrances—3 weeks, Sick—6+ weeks. Funerals & Baptisms—1 week. *Please contact the office to have your loved one's name included.*

**May Birthdays**

Ray Crocker (6th May)  
Judy Kay (8th May)  
Aileen Reed (15th May)  
John Knight (22nd May)  
Michelle Buhagiar (22nd May)  
Fr Tomy (25th May)  
Charlie Debono (26th May)  
Charlie Micallef (28th May)  
Peter Huby (31st May)



*Call the office to have your birthday included!*

**Reconciliation at St Mary's** will end by 10am on Saturdays. If Father is unable to hear your confession at that time, please see him for an appointment at another time.

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for May**  
**We pray for Faith-filled Young People**



That all young people, called to live life to the fullest, may discover in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage of faith, and dedication to service.

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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

Acts 1:1-11

*Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.*

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

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

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 46:2-3, 6-9

**R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:  
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

All peoples, clap your hands,  
cry to God with shouts of joy!  
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,  
great king over all the earth. **R.**

God goes up with shouts of joy;  
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.  
Sing praise for God, sing praise,  
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R.**

God is king of all the earth.  
Sing praise with all your skill.  
God is king over the nations;  
God reigns on his holy throne. **R.**



## Second Reading

Ephesians 1:17-23

*He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.*

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

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**Gospel Acclamation**                      *Matthew 28:19, 20*

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Go and teach all people my gospel.  
I am with you always, until the end of the world.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

Luke 24:46-53

*While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this. 'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

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

**Next Sunday** - Pentecost  
First Reading - Acts 2:1-11  
Second Reading - Romans 8:8-17  
Gospel - John 14:15-16, 23-26