

First Reading

A reading from the book of Exodus Ex 7:8-13

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek.

I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm until sunset.

With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 120

R. Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

I lift up my eyes to the mountains: from where shall come my help? My help shall come from the Lord who made heaven and earth. **R.**

May he never allow you to stumble! Let him sleep not, your guard. No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, Israel's guard. **R.**

The Lord is your guard and your shade; at your right side he stands. By day the sun shall not smite you nor the moon in the night. **R.**

The Lord will guard you from evil, he will guard your soul. The Lord will guard your going and coming both now and for ever. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:2

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures - from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy.

This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work. Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience - but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching. The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Hebrews 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke Luke 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?' The Gospel of the Lord.



Next Weeks Readings:

First Reading Ex 17: 8-13

Second Reading 2Tim 3:14-4:2

Gospel Lk 18:1-8

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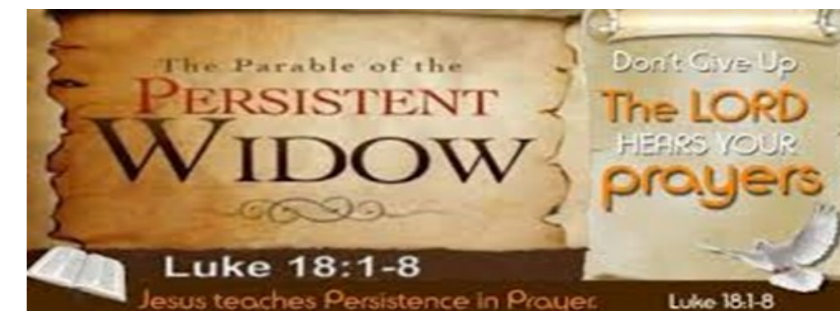
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Twenty Ninth Sunday Ordinary Time Yr C 20th October 2019



Persistence In Prayer

In both the first reading and the gospel today's Mass we have two dramatic examples of an endurance test.

In the first reading from the Book of Exodus, the Israelites are having a tough time in dealing with the wilderness and fighting off attacks from the nomadic tribesmen.

And so, Moses sends Joshua off to engage the enemy, while he goes to the top of the hill to pray. And as long as Moses keeps his arms raised the Israelites do well in battle, but when his arms fall, from aching and tiredness, his army seems to falter.

But Moses' companions prop him up to help in continue praying until the enemy is defeated. His perseverance in prayer spells the first military victory for Israel.

In the gospel the victory is less dramatic but the widow's perseverance wins out and she gets the justice she deserves.

According to the tradition of Israel a judge was expected to be impartial, except to three groups of people; the widow, the orphan, and the stranger. Because these people lived in the absence of familiar love and support, they were vulnerable in a society where influence and money talked. Both justice and compassion are absent in his dealings with the widow. She has no influential friends to bring pressure on the judge and she has no money to bribe him. All she has is the justice of her cause and her own persistence.

In telling this parable Jesus is not comparing God to the unjust judge and suggesting that he answers prayers only to avoid being bothered. Jesus contrasts God with the judge arguing if an unjust man can eventually come to justice, how much more will God answer his chosen ones. God has his own time and his delay in judgement can give us more time to repent.

Jesus encourages us to be persistent in our prayer and never lose heart.

Deacon Paul

PARISH LITURGIES

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church Toukley

Saturday: Vigil 6:00pm

Sunday: 7:30am

9:00am

Children's Liturgy 1st & 3rd Sunday
(except school holidays)

6:00pm

St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

Saturday: Vigil 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church Toukley

Monday 7:45am

Tuesday 7:45am

Wednesday 7:45am

Thursday 7:45am

(Ordinarite 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 7:45am

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 8:15am—9:00am

St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

Saturday 4:30—5:00pm

MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

St Mary's Toukley

7:25am Monday to Thursday & Saturday

8:45am Friday



We welcome all of our parishioners and visitors who have joined us for the celebration of Holy Eucharist this weekend. You are all most welcome here in our Parish Family.

Please feel free to make yourself known to us, and we look forward to speaking with you.

All Saints Day – Friday 1 November

St Mary's Mass 9:15am

There will be No Anointing Mass the First Friday in November.

All Souls Day – Saturday 2nd November

Vigil Mass Friday 1 November

St Marys 6:00pm and St Brendan's 6:00pm

St Mary's Mass 7:45am Saturday

Next Anointing Mass - 11am Friday 8th November

Home Visits

Fr Tomy and Fr Baby desire to know you more and to help grow in faith. They also encourage you to request a home mass for the celebration of major anniversaries. If you wish them to visit to bless your home or celebrate mass please speak to them or phone the parish.

Blessing of Graves

Fr Tomy and Fr Baby are offering to bless graves in the cemetery during the month of November. Please speak to either one of them, or contact the parish office. if you wish to have a family member's grave blessed.

Family Groups



Firstly, thank you to Peter & Rose Huby, who have offered to help coordinate the Family Group, previously known as the Brewer Family Group, since Ben & Barbara have recently moved to Sydney.

Rose would like to invite everyone to hear Fr Ray Sanchez CP talk on Today's Church and Passionist

Family Groups, on Tuesday 12th November, following the 9am Mass at OLR Parish Hall, 239-243 The Entrance Rd, The Entrance.

The Passionist Family Group Movement (PFGM) is a great way to be with fellow parishioners, and get to know them in relaxed and informal ways. Come along, listen to Fr Ray and bring a plate to share for lunch after the talk. Everyone is most welcome.

Bishop Anthony Randazzo's Liturgical Reception and Solemn Mass 4 November 2019

Bishop Anthony Randazzo will be installed as the fourth Bishop of Broken Bay on Monday 4 November 2019 at 6.45pm at The Light of Christ Centre, Waitara at a special Liturgical Reception and Solemn Mass.

Please contact the parish office if you would like to go on the bus.

Upcoming Parish Events

October—Month of the Holy Rosary



Our 10 day Rosary Novena commenced last weekend, at St Brendan's and will continue, 30 minutes prior to each weekend and weekday Mass until Sunday 27th October.

And at St Mary's—at the Grotto at 5.30pm each day commenced on Friday 18th October and will continue until Sunday 27th October.

Catholic Mission Appeal this weekend. Please support this appeal for the Missions in Ghana, for programs to help the people to have a brighter future.

Parish Safeguarding Presentation

All Parish Staff, Volunteers and those interested in learning more about Safeguarding are invited to attend this presentation on: - Wednesday 23rd October 11am to 1pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Hall, 241 The Entrance Rd, The Entrance. Please register via email safeguarding@bbcatholic.org.au or phone Anita 02 83791605

Catholic Women's League

Next meeting Monday 28th October at 10am. New members most welcome.

Churches Together

On Wednesday 27th November at 7 pm, our Parish will host the next ecumenical gathering of Churches Together at St Mary's. The Parish Council hopes that parishioners will make a special effort to support this important ecumenical prayer gathering.

Golden Jubilee—St Mary's Church Toukley 1969 – 2019 Invitation

Fr Tomy and the Pastoral Team, wish to invite all parishioners to celebrate this wonderful milestone, on Saturday 30th November 2019, with Mass at 11:00am followed by lunch in the Fr Fitzgerald Parish Hall. We look forward to a wonderful celebration of this occasion in our Parish.

We would be grateful if you could please assist with catering by bringing a plate to share for lunch. Please advise the parish office no later than 14th November, if you wish to join us in this celebration.

Volunteers' Thank You Dinner

All volunteers, who are involved in any parish ministry, are invited to attend a thank you dinner at Toukley Golf Club on Thursday 5th December at 6pm for 6.30pm. Please advise the parish office no later than Thursday 21st November, if you wish to attend.



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

Recently Deceased

Jim Smith, Phyllis O'Leary, Valerie Auton, Alison Mortiss, Marie Stewart, Della Mary Kelly

Anniversaries

Thomas Eugene hemera, Albino Bergado, Fred & Ann Stephens, Lisa Marie Grenot, Don Metcalf, Sally Rosemary Mulvany, Virginia DeSouza, Neil Voight, John Glennen, Raymond Creighton, Kathleen Reid, Swee Gim Khoo, John Sullivan, Eileen Ryan, Bruce Ross,

Remembrances

Teodora Bergado, Pelecitas & Lily Wood, Maurie Cohen, Lynn & Raphael Cohen, Maureen Riley, Mary & Jack Webb, John Webb, Vic Hrichu, Timothy Maher, Fred Jeffries, Marija Petkovic, Mara Peric, Anton Peric, Marija Gavranic & Anton Gavranic, Carol Brown, Fr Ian Abbott, Irene Martin, Valmai Joseph, Bob Higgins, Anselmo, Paulita, Enrico, Pio Edwin Ambait, Elma Capacite, Romualda and Her-migildo Giba, Pantaleon & Temotea Ambait, Bugeja & DeGabriel families, Stark, Moore, Langley families, and the Holy Souls

Please Pray for the Sick

Pam Williams, 4 year old Ethan, Brendon Andrews, Brett Harkins, Ron McDonough, Brian Torrington, John Daniel, Teresa Wegrzyn, Maureen Baxter, Shanon Bradler, Luc Bouquet, Margaret Downing, Daisy Realo, Donatus Morrison, John and Helen Loader, Maria Loisa Etello, Kevin and Therese Harvey, Brenda Durley, Jeff Henshaw, Len O'Shea, Lea Slucher, Ray Slucher, Michael Wiggin, Vanessa Miller, Alexis Hagen, Francis Lim, Koby Bourke, Tony Hodges, Eleanor Matthews, Wendy Lott, Fred Butterfield, Lina Phillips, Betty Carroll, Leanne Knight, Mary Mahony, Arnold Fletcher, Stephen Knight, Adrienne Gibson, Arne Jensen, Heather Niblett, Kathleen Strong, Evan Shepherd, Rosa M Santos, Betty Tattersall.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for October

A Missionary "Spring" in the Church
That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary "spring" in the Church.



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