Our Lady of Perpetual Succour



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Vision To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community



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All three of the Liturgical Readings for this week focus specifically on the notion of service and ministry. In our second reading, Peter calls each of us to look at ourselves: at the dignity of our call to service, and the dignity of the community to which we are called to serve.

Today's Gospel is a scene from the Last Supper. Scripture tells us that Jesus did two things that night which define the sacramental nature of "service": He commissioned his disciples to bring His healing power of forgiveness, allowing us to reconcile ourselves with one another and with God; and He showed, by example, what it means to be compassionate and to minister to one another.

Jesus says to those around that first table - and to all those who continue to gather around the table - that he is "the way" to God. Instead of all the legalistic observances that their religious leaders insisted upon in order for people to get right with God, believing in Jesus takes us into God's grace-filled presence.

He is "the truth" we can trust. He has taught us about God's nature and we trust what he has said about God's abundant mercy and forgiveness for us is true. We trust that Jesus Himself is the truth about God - and living Jesus' life will be how we live out God's will for us - the truth.

He is "the life" that we share. We are not just obliged to live according to Jesus' life on our own; not just asked to model our lives on his. Rather, he is "the life." When he tells his disciples, "I am going to the Father," he promises that he will come back to take them to himself.

Today's narrative ends with Philip, who speaks one famous sentence that is recorded for all time: "Lord, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." These words sum up the entire purpose and direction of the human journey. They articulate the basic longing of our hearts to see God, to know Him, to love Him and to serve Him. Philip speaks for all of us when he says to Jesus: "We really only need one thing - to see God; show us how to do that and that will be enough!"

Jesus answered with words that are equally critical for us: "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me?"

Fr Baby

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church Toukley

Saturday: Vigil	6:00pm	Fr Baby
Sunday:	7:30am	Fr Tomy
	9:00am	Fr Tomy
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Children's Liturgy 1st & 3rd Sunday (except school holidays) 6:00pm Fr Baby

St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

Saturday: Vigil	5:00pm	Fr Carmelo
Sunday:	8:00am	Fr Baby

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 9:00am Thursday

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

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

COVID-19 Restrictions – Places of Worship Diocese of Broken Bay

Latest Update: 29 March 2021

Capacity: Capacity at a place of public worship continues to be subject to the one person per 2 square metre rule. Children count towards the capacity limit. Our capacity: St Mary's: 235, St Brendan's: 320

Please do not enter the Church if you feel unwell.

Masks: mask wearing is not mandatory for places of worship. You are welcome to wear a mask if you would like to.

Record Keeping: Everyone entering the Church must sign in with their name and contact number, preferably using the QR code, or on the paper sheet provided. Please write clearly. The Parish office will hold the record for 28 days confidentially and securely.

Seating: please sit only where marked, to maintain physical distancing requirements. Members of the same household may sit together. Seating signs are staggered to allow for physical distancing, so please adhere to these signs.

Singing: Singing is now permitted in Places of Worship by the congregation.

Holy Communion: Parishioners are requested to receive Holy Communion in the hand and adhere to 1.5m physical distancing while processing to Communion.

No Gathering: Parishioners are asked to move away promptly from the Church after Mass has finished.

No Sharing Food: Please remember that any meetings we hold must not involve sharing of food. If food is served, it must be individual serves on separate plates/containers, or participants must bring their own food.

Offertory Procession: due to easing of COVID restrictions, we are now able to resume the Offertory Procession.

More details about COVID restrictions are available on the noticeboard.

COVID-19 Vaccine

Please see the Church noticeboards for information from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference regarding the COVID-19 Vaccine. If you would like a copy emailed to you, please call or email the Parish Office.

CWF May Appeal – 15/16 May 2021

Please give generously to the final Charitable Works Fund appeal of the Financial Year 2020/21. Donations are 100% tax de-

ductible and support five charities: -Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Programme, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, St Lucy's School, St Edmund's College, and Ephpheta Centre. All donations are gratefully received. You can donate in three ways:



Online at www.bbcatholic.org.au/give;

Or scan the QR code to the right.

Thank you for your contributions towards the pastoral works of the Church. God Bless.

First Friday of the Month—Fri 7th May

Join us for the Reparation vigil to the Sacred Heart and Immaculate Heart from 7pm Friday 7th May-1.30am Saturday. With suppliant hearts come and spend some time with our Lord.

St Brendan's Feast Day 15th May

The feast day of St Brendan will be celebrated on Saturday 15th May at 5pm Mass at St Brendan's. All are welcome to join this celebration.





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THE GARAGE SERVICE CENTRE at 🔘 BP Lake Munmorah 58 1302

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Planned Giving Envelopes

Uncollected envelopes are now in the Parish Office, please drop in Mon-Fri 9am-2pm or call 4396 4455 to organise collection.

Parish Census —1st/2nd May

A reminder that we are doing a Parish Census at Masses this weekend. We ask you to complete a Registration form

located at the Church doors (only if you didn't complete one at Christmas time). <u>Please use your</u> <u>own pen if you have one</u>. There will also be a Diocesan Mass Count throughout May.



CWL Lamington Drive

Thankyou to everyone who supported the CWL Lamington drive. If you pre-ordered, please see the ladies this weekend to collect your order. This fundraising helps the CWL in their support of yr 11 and yr 12 students in our Catholic Schools on the Central Coast.





Mothers Day—next Sunday

Next Sunday 9th May is Mother's Day. All Mum's will receive a special blessing at Masses next weekend, so bring your Mum and celebrate these amazing women!

Sacramental Program—First Eucharist

Parent Information Sessions were held this week. If you (or someone you know) missed attending one of these sessions, please contact the Parish Office asap to organise enrolment before the Preparation sessions begin early May. Children must be in year 4 (or older) and have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Reconciliation already. (Please contact the Parish Office if you would like one of our pre-loved Communion Dresses).

Rosters for St Brendan's from June - August

Rosters are being prepared for the period June through to August. We welcome parishioners who are wishing to assist with the various ministries during the Mass. Training will be provided for all positions.

Parish Administrative Assistant, Woy Woy Catholic Parish

Part-time, 12 hours per week, Wed & Fri. For further info please see the full advertisement at: <u>www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions-</u> vacant Applications close Friday, 7 May 2021

PRAISEFEST—Postponed

Last week we advertised that Praisefest would soon be returning however we have since been advised that due to venue issues, Praisefest will need to be rescheduled. Stay tuned for more info.

National Catholic Men's Gathering-31st July

Please go to the website <u>www.catholicmensgathering.com.au</u> for more information and to register.

Attention young singers & musicians!

Can you sing or play a musical instrument? Join our Youth Band and help us achieve our parish vision of being a vibrant eucharistic community! Starting this Sun 2nd May at 6pm Mass at St Mary's. See Sr Josie for more details. Stay for pizza after 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

Pam Williams, Laurence McGil-

lan, Barry Croft, Sam Spiteri, Vicky Mifsud, Jim Robertson, Colleen Taylor, Faye Lund, Greg Irvine

Anniversaries

Laurie Mifsud, Emanule Camilleri, Johanna Jackson, Bill Dries, Anthony Psaila, Matthew Johnston, **Frederick Stephens, Peter O'Malley**

Remembrances

Moore & Langley families, Vicky Debono, Salvina & Angelo Caruana, Saviour, Censa & Renu & Joe Debono, William Henry Baker, Wade, Mitchell, Dennis, Ross families, Valmai Joseph Stark Family, Carol Brown

Please Pray for the Sick

Chris Jones, Marie Cohen, John McCann, Michael Wiggin, Vanessa Miller, Maureen Johnston, Peter Dormer, Arlene Chatterjee, Ivy Teo, Diane Booth, Sr Tincy Thomas

Please remember, notices in this section appear as follows:

Recently Deceased—3 weeks, Anniversaries—3 weeks, Remembrances—3 weeks, Sick—6 weeks. Please contact the Parish Office to have your notice appear for a longer period of time.



April/May Birthdays

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HEADOR STREET, TOUKLEY

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Pam Moir (7th Apr) Rawson Blackwood (10th Apr) Angel Gaoiran (17th Apr) Kate Drake (19th Apr) Shirley Campbell (23rd Apr) Alicia Klein (25th Apr) Eileen Reid (15th May)



Call the office to have your birthday included!



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 9:26-31

He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 21:26-28, 30-32

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

My vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill. They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him. May their hearts live for ever and ever! R.

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him. They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. R.

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: 'These things the Lord has done.' R.

Second Reading

1 John 3:18-24

His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.

My children,

our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him. we shall receive. because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another

as he told us to.

Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

Gospel

John 15:1-8

All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away - he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

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

Next Sunday - Sixth Sunday of Easter First Reading - Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 Second Reading - 1 John 4:7-10 Gospel - John 15:9-17

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for May

The World of Finance

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.



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