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Catholic Parish Toukley/Lake Munmorah

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To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A

7th December, 2025



Gospel Reflection

Call to Repentance

In the first reading Prophet Isaiah describes the person of Messiah when He comes. He will be an ideal king who will bring two great gifts into the world: Two gifts the world is in great need of- justice and peace. The signs of His kingdom are seen in the nature too; the wolf dwelling with the lamb; the leopard lies down with the kid; the calf and the lion live together. Advent is the ideal time to prepare for the coming of the Messiah: The king of peace and justice.

In the Second Reading St. Paul speaks about the importance of hope. He says that Jesus Christ is the hope of all humans. In Him we find hope, harmony and peace.

Today's Gospel explains John the Baptist's invitation to repentance in the wilderness. John invites everyone to repent, for the kingdom of God is close at hand. John's appearance in the wilderness is rather eccentric. He wears a garment of camel's hair with a leather belt. He eats locusts and honey. John calls the people from all walks of life to repentance and to be baptized. Hence John's invitation for everyone is to have a change of heart. He speaks of the promised Messiah who would be more than he and who would exercise His authority and judgement. Thus, the call to repentance that we hear in the season of Advent is addressed to all of us. We need to look into the areas in which we need to change. Hence, we need to be transformed and to be touched by the forgiving love of God. Unless we accept our sins and failures and correct them, we cannot truly prepare for the coming of the Lord.

"Repentance means change and it takes a humble person to change." - E.T. Benson. "Of all acts of man, repentance is the most divine." - Thomas Carlyle. "How else but through a broken heart may the Lord Jesus Christ enter in." - Oscar Wild

Fr Tomy

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 Church 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 9:00am
Thursday 9:00am

Friday 9:15am (Except 1st Friday of Month)

First Friday of Month Anointing of Sick
11:00am

Saturday 9:00 am

St Brendan's Church Lake Munmorah

Wednesday 9:00am

First Wednesday of Month Anointing of Sick

Thursday 9:00am

EXPOSITION BLESSED SACRAMENT

St Mary's Church Toukley

Every Saturday – after Morning Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Mary's Toukley

Saturday 9.30am – 10am (by appointment 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 Thursday & Saturday
8:45 am Friday

First Friday Night Vigil

Exposition after 7pm Mass until 12.30am

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

1st & 3rd Sundays 9am at St Mary's
1st Saturday 5pm at St Brendan's
EXCEPT IN SCHOOL HOLIDAYS



Welcome to our Parish. Today we celebrate **The Second Sunday of Advent, Year A.** We welcome you to our Church and are very pleased to see you here.

Parish Calendar of Upcoming events - Save the Date:

Mon 8th Dec: St Brendan's & Year 6 Graduation Mass 5pm

Thurs 11th Dec: St Brendan's Year 5 Parish Mass 9am

Thurs 11th Dec: St Mary's Year 6 Graduation Mass 5pm

Fri 12th Dec: Volunteer Mass & BBQ 5pm at St Mary's

Sat 13th Dec: 24 hours Adoration for the Lord St Mary's

Wed 17th Dec: St Mary's Annual Christmas Carols 5.30pm

Wed 24th Dec: Children's Christmas Mass 6pm St Mary's/5pm St Brendan's

Thurs 25th Dec: Christmas Day

Anointing Mass is on Wed 10th Dec at St Brendan's.



Parish Christmas Carols & Prayer Evening St Mary's Wed

17th Dec 5.30pm - All are invited to St Mary's on Wed 17th Dec from 5.30pm for a beautiful night of carols and prayers. Please spread the word and invite family & friends.

Renewal of Religious Vows: On **Sun 7th Dec**, Fr Tomy, Fr Baby & Fr Joshi will renew their religious vows on the 7th Dec during 9am Mass at St Mary's. We congratulate them for their service & friendship in our Parish. Morning tea shall follow to mark the special day.



Christmas Mass Times

ST MARY'S TOUKLEY

Christmas Eve 6pm including Children's Nativity

Carols 11.30pm & Midnight Mass

Christmas Day 7.30am & 9am

NO evening Mass

ST BRENDAN'S LAKE MUNMORAH

Christmas Eve 5pm Vigil and Children's Nativity

Christmas Day 8am

NO evening Mass



PARISH VOLUNTEERS & FAMILY MASS & THANK

YOU BBQ Fr Tomy, Fr Baby, Parish Pastoral Council & Parish Finance Committee are inviting all our amazing Parish Volunteers from both churches to a Mass & BBQ on **Fri 12th Dec at 5pm.** Phone the Parish office to **RSVP for catering purposes.** Please wear your name badge.



Congratulations & blessings welcome to **Romeo & the Salamone White family** on his Baptism at St Mary's on Sunday.



Annual Christmas Crib Event - will be prepared this year at St Mary's. Families or individuals who would like to sponsor the crib this year, please let the Priests or Parish office know. The theme for this year's Crib is Jesus the light of the world.

Mass for the Closing of the Jubilee Year of Hope:

Bishop Anthony extends a very warm invitation to join him for Mass and Closing of the Jubilee Year.

The Relics from our three Shrines of Hope will also journey to the Cathedral to be present for this Mass. **Date: Sun 28th Dec, at 9.30am Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara**



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PARISH WORKING BEE! All parishioners are invited to our Parish Working Bee on Sat 13th Dec at 10am in preparation for our Christmas celebrations. Your helping hands will make a big difference! Thank you for your generosity and spirit.

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD - 9am Sat 13th Dec to 9am Sun 14th Dec - ST MARY'S PARISH CENTRE.

As Advent calls us to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ, our parish will hold 24 Hours for the Lord. We invite every parishioner to make a concrete act of faith and love by committing to at least one hour with the Lord. Please register for a time slot on the sign-up sheets at the church doors or by contacting the Parish Office. Come, keep watch with the Lord. Even one hour can change your heart this Advent.



St Vincent De Paul Giving Tree - The Vinnies Christmas tree is now up in St Mary's Church. Please donate gift cards only, no toys. The Christmas Appeal is on **13/14th Dec**. Envelopes are available in the church. We thank you for your support.



PWBB Collection - Thank you to everyone who generously donated to the PWBB appeal. The total so far raised by the Parish towards our quota is **\$6185.00**. An updated total will be available next week.

Thankyou to the anonymous parishioner who generously donated \$1250 towards the printing of our Parish Bulletin. May God bless you and your family.

Thank you to all who donated to the Catholic Mission Appeal!

Your generosity raised **\$920.50** towards helping the church in Zambia providing health care and hope to vulnerable communities.

A reminder that the social media ban comes into place with the age restrictions law from the 10th Dec 2025.



Congratulations to the group who represented St BRIGID'S at the Australian Catholic Youth Festival this week. Thank you to Mr. Tomsett for supporting the pilgrims at the Commissioning Mass. Bishop Anthony blessed and commissioned

everyone from Broken Bay and off they went to ACYF with over 6,000 people from all around Australia. Please pray for all the pilgrims that this special event they took part in reflects in their hearts on the journey in life where God is leading them.

Dear Friends, all those who attended the Proclaimers of the Word of God (Readers) Seminar last week, will be commissioned and receive blessings in **all Masses during next weekend**.

Our Parish Mass count shows that we have significant increase in Mass attendance during weekend Masses. Every weekend Mass we have an average of 640 people attend Mass.



Pope Leo XIV's December Intention

"To pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope."



Please pray for the following:

Recently Deceased:

Valerie Unterrheiner, Christine Vydiniotis, Paul Mackay, Judy Johnston & Shirley Campbell

Anniversaries: Margie Hamer, Stephens Cappa,

Vickey Debono, Salvina Caruana, Rita Edge, Jim Guest, Lorna Simms, Janet Wood, Alfred Mitchell, Charles Radford, Wagner Javelona, Carolos Tahan & Luke Manassa

Remembrances: Gwen & Vince Griffin, Mary & Andrew McFallin, Margaret & John McDougall, Ivy & Jack Hong, John Hong, Frederick Jurd, Roddy Albert Cheong, Elaine Scrivener, Catherine Marks, Scrivener Family, Michael Saba & Mary Saba, Fred Camenzuli, Marie O'Keefe, Valami Joseph & Stark Family & Wendy Woodhouse

Please Pray for the Sick: Theresa & Tony Sciberras, Peter McAuley, Charles Cassar, Anne Westbury, Nora McCool, Susan Coulton, Sonya, Bernice Judge, Ross Horsburgh, Jim Ralston, George Tohme, Faye Germann, Glen Brown, Lea Gray, Mary Swift, Doris Micallef, Branko Babic, Irma L Baez, Maria McEwen, Amelia Harrison-Ford, Ron Hughes, Claudette Radford, Alexander Wade, Louise Bugden, Edward Boyle, Bobby Raymond, Andrew Teo, Geraild Correia, Leane Dadd, John Knight, Anne Govers, Eva Cusick, Zara Cusick, Willem, Max Jurd, Claire Ray Doris, Clare Johnston, Chris Wilson, Miklos Beothy, Novita Elizabeth Taha Lamharan, Joy Stokes, Dale Bentick, Avis Sullivan, Ken Jenkins, Lawrie & Libby Boshell, Ruben Fernandez Velasco, Ivy Teo, Brian Brame, Irene Tognito, John Muir, John Hamilton Jnr, Kel Outlaw, Kevin Roy, Kathy Casey, Elaine Horton, Jane, Allen, Helen Sewell, Lacey, Chelsea Brame, Nicholas Sheehy, Hunter, Peter De Lacy Peek, Patrick Hobson, Jessica & Lee Abbott, Baby Nora, Lucky Bowen, Sergio, Maxwell, Nacua Sedicol, Sue Reardon, Sandra Turl, Mia & Johanna Harries, Ana das Gracias, Zona Kable, Jose Adelino, Barry Egan, Suzanne Webb, Patricia, Warren Pope, John Stuart, Stefano & Paolo Macchi, Stephen Jeffrie, Paul Mizzi, George, Sylvia Hudson, Bill O'Keefe, Michele Maroon, Mick G & Robbie Depares

Funeral Notice: The funeral for the Late Valerie Unterrheiner will be held at St Mary's Church Fri 12th Dec at 10.30am.

December Birthdays

Isabel Fiedler (6th Dec)
Melba Voigt (10th Dec)
Noel O'Shea (11th Dec)
Christopher Crocker (12th Dec)
Ben Rosen (14th Dec)
Charlie Saliba (17th Dec)
Paul Moir (20th Dec)
Yvonne Griffin (23rd Dec)



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First Reading Isaiah 11:1-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

He judges the poor with justice.

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse,
a scion thrusts from his roots:

on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless; his sentences bring death to the wicked.

Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips. The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea. That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people
in justice and your poor in right judgement. **R.**

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon
fails: He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River
to earth's bounds. **R.**

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy
who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. **R.**

May his name be blessed for ever and endure like the sun.
Every tribe shall be blessed in him, all nations bless his
name. **R.**

Second Reading Romans 15:4-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Christ, the hope of all people.

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was
meant to teach us something about hope from the exam-
ples scripture gives of how people who did not give up
were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we
refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each oth-
er, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in
mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each
other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The
reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews
was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the
promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the
pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture
says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the
pagans and sing your name.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Luke 3:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 3:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in
the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message:
'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This
was the man the prophet spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the
Lord, make his paths straight. This man John wore a gar-
ment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his
waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then
Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district
made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him
in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he
saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for
baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned
you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you
are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not
presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our
father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for
Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to
the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to pro-
duce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I
baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who fol-
lows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to
carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit
and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear
his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but
the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Next Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent Year A

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6, 10

Second Reading: James 5:7-10

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

24 Hours

FOR THE LORD

9AM SAT 13 DEC - 9AM SUN 14 DEC

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ST MARY'S PARISH CENTRE



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CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

ALL WELCOME!

Please join us for Mass and
Children's Nativity at either St
Brendan's Lake Munmorah or St
Mary's, Toukley.

Wednesday 24th December,
2025.

There are lots of roles for
the children to take part

in, including:

Children's Nativity

Liturgical Dance

Reading

Altar Service

Choir

Register here to
be involved at
St Brendan's
5pm Mass



Register here to
be involved at
St Mary's
6pm Mass



"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28



December 2025

5th Dec (1st Friday)

Healing Prayer Service, 6:30pm-8:30pm
at Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church, **Chatswood**

ADVENT RETREAT, 12th-14th Dec

Guided by Fr Sam Samuel VC & Fr Juby Varghese VC

Starts on Friday 5.30pm & ends on Sunday 4.00pm

For bookings: 02 4372 1598 or email: drcretreatrego@gmail.com

15th Dec (3rd Monday)

Healing Prayer Service, 7:00pm-9:00pm
at St Patrick's Church, 11 Macquarie street, **WALLSEND**

19th Dec (3rd Friday)

Holy Mass & Adoration, 6:00pm-9:00pm
at Our Lady Help of Christians, Church, 31 Oxford St, **EPHING**

31st Dec, 8:30pm onwards

NEW YEAR'S EVE

- 8.30 pm Silent Adoration, Rosary & Confession
- 9.30 pm Thanksgiving Adoration • 10.30 pm Holy Mass

ALL ARE WELCOME, NO BOOKING REQUIRED



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