

# Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Catholic Parish Toukley/Lake Munmorah

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## Vision

*To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community*

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## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

30th January 2022

In the first reading Prophet Jeremiah is assured by the Lord God that He will protect him and care for him in his difficulties and challenges. He was told that even before he was formed in his mother's womb, the Lord God knew him and appointed him a prophet. In the latter part of the chapter the Lord God assures Jeremiah that those who are against him will not succeed in their sinister plans and evil designs because 'I am with you', says the Lord 'to deliver you'. This assurance of the Lord God is not only for Prophet Jeremiah but for everyone who is unjustly persecuted.



In second reading St. Paul makes a distinction between different gifts from God. He says the gift of prophecy, speaking in tongues, knowledge, faith and hope are all important in the life of a Christian. But the greatest gift of God is LOVE. Paul speaks eloquently in describing the excellence and permanence of love. According to him love is the answer to all problems of life. Where there is love, problems disappear but where there is no love problems multiply. Today's Gospel describes the events that led to the rejection of Jesus at His home town Nazareth. Jesus was certainly grieved and disturbed by the rejection of His own townsfolk. He knew that it was only the beginning of a series of rejections and denials. Their attempt to kill him was only an indication of what was yet to come. It was very hurtful and humiliating to be rejected by one's own townsfolk. But this painful incident did not stop Him from continuing His prophetic mission. Jesus invites all of us His followers to continue His prophetic mission in spite of discouragements and rejections from people who are dear to us and familiar to us.

Fr Tomy

### Special Notices:

#### Welcome to all parishioners and visitors.

#### Please remember in your prayers:

**Recently Deceased:** Frederick Radnidge, Fr Manoj Manuel, Mario Azzopardi, John Gilligan, Kerrie Van Tijn, Brian Lane, Nola Mansfield, Geraldine Jackson, Sr Margaret Keane

**Anniversaries:** Anthony Cefai, Eugenia Grimes, Daniel Goonan, Lorna Simms, May Bailey

**Remembrances:** Georgina Baker, Brown & Muller Family, James Grimes, Carol Brown, Stephen Cappa, Greg Irvine, Moore & Langley families, Valmai Joseph Stark Family

**Sick:** Ray Flucher, Eliamma (Fr Baby's mother), Ann Rigney, Margaret Jones, Margaret Moran, Maria Petesic, Patricia Parker, Faye Roberts, Lisa Hart, Elena Mabini, Lucas Campbell, Noel McCool, Nenita Turner

**Funeral:** Frederick Radnidge, Wed 2nd February 10am at St Mary's.

**COVID-19:** QR code sign-in and face masks are **mandatory**. Thank you.

#### **Change of Mass time - Mon 31st Jan**

Mass this Monday at St Mary's will be held at 8am instead of 9am.

#### **First Friday of the month - Fri 4th Feb**

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

**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.

#### **Pray for Tonga**

Tonga needs your support urgently. Visit [www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pacific](http://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pacific) or call 1800 024 413

**January Birthdays:** John Vander Kroft, Eduardo Sedicol, Rita Jeffries, Fr Baby.



## First Reading

*Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19*

*I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.*

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying,  
'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you;  
before you came to birth I consecrated you;  
I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.  
So now brace yourself for action.  
Stand up and tell them  
all I command you.  
Do not be dismayed at their presence,  
or in their presence I will make you dismayed.  
I, for my part, today will make you  
into a fortified city,  
a pillar of iron,  
and a wall of bronze  
to confront all this land:  
the kings of Judah, its princes,  
its priests and the country people.  
They will fight against you  
but shall not overcome you,  
for I am with you to deliver you—  
it is the Lord who speaks.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 70:1-6, 15, 17*

**R. I will sing of your salvation.**

In you, O Lord, I take refuge;  
let me never be put to shame.  
in your justice rescue me, free me:  
pay heed to me and save me. **R.**

Be a rock where I can take refuge,  
a mighty stronghold to save me;  
for you are my rock, my stronghold.  
Free me from the hand of the wicked. **R.**

It is you, O Lord, who are my hope,  
my trust, O Lord, since my youth.  
On you I have leaned from my birth,  
from my mother's womb you have been my help. **R.**

My lips will tell of your justice  
and day by day of your help.  
O God, you have taught me from my youth  
and I proclaim your wonders still. **R.**

## Second Reading

*1 Corinthians 12:31 - 13:13*

*There are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.*

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them.

If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever.

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is

never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge - for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known.

In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation *cf Luke 4:18*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

*Alleluia!*

## Gospel

*Luke 4:21-30*

*Jesus, like Elijah and Elisha, was not sent only to the Jews.*

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips.

They said, 'This is Joseph's son surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside."' And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.'

'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to the widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.'

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Next Sunday** - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

First Reading - Isaiah 6:1-8

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel - Luke 5:1-11