

First Reading

A reading from the book of Sirach
Sir 35:12-14, 16-19

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party. He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story.

The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds.

The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable, nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement. And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:2-3, 17-19, 23

R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The just call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress. **R.**

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

My life is already being poured away as a libation,
and the time has come for me to be gone. I have
fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to
the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come
now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me,
which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on
that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have
longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was
not a single witness to support me. Every one of them
deserted me - may they not be held accountable for it.
But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that
through me the whole message might be proclaimed
for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from
the lion's mouth.

The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and
bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory
for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

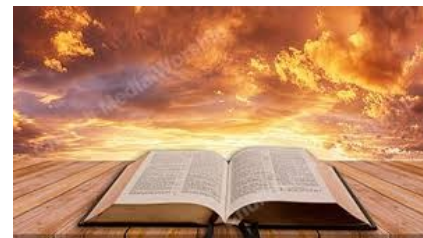
God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Lk 18:9-14

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who
prided themselves on being virtuous and despised every-
one else. 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one
a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood
there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God,
that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of
mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collec-
tor here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The
tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even
to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and
said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell
you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not.
For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the
man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



Next Weeks Readings:

First Reading Wis 11: 22 -12:2

Second Reading 2Thess 1:11-2-2

Gospel Lk 19:1-10

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Happy Birthday

The "young" Deacon Paul a birthday for last Friday.
We all wish him a happy birthday.

Fr Tomy



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Thirtieth Sunday Ordinary Time Yr C
27th October 2019

The Humble Shall be Exalted



Today's Gospel reading narrates the parable of the Pharisee and the Tax collector: both went to the temple to pray. The Pharisee who was conscious of his own righteousness went beyond the requirements of the law and thinks that he is better placed than all others. On the other hand, the Tax collector remains at a distance, casting his eyes down and beating his breast - acknowledging his own sinfulness and unworthiness. Jesus praised the Tax collector for his honesty and humility and said, this man went home justified. But the Pharisee was condemned, because of his self-righteousness and pride.

In the eyes of Jesus, values of the world are set upside down. The Tax collector's prayer 'pierced the clouds' whereas the Pharisee's prayer reached its destination - himself. Today Jesus is inviting us to look into own hearts and see whether our attitudes and our prayers are of self-righteousness like that of the Pharisee or like that of the Tax collector, acknowledging our failures and humble acceptance of our unworthiness. "Humility is the mother of all virtues" - St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

"Do you wish to rise ? Begin by descending. You plan a tower that will pierce the clouds? Lay first the foundations of humility" - St. Augustine.

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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 Sts Simon and Jude

Tuesday 7:45am

Wednesday 7:45am

Thursday 7:45am

(Ordinarite of Our Lady of the Southern Cross)

Friday 9:15am All Saints

(Except 1st Friday of Month)

Vigil 6:00pm All Souls

First Friday of Month Anointing of Sick

11:00am

Saturday 7:45am All Souls

St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

Wednesday 9:00am

First Wednesday of Month Anointing of Sick

9:00am

Thursday 9:00am

Friday 9am All Saints

6pm Vigil All Souls

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 Brendan's 9:00am St Mary's 9:15am

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

All Souls Day – Saturday 2nd November

Vigil Masses Friday 1 November

St Marys 6:00pm

St Brendan's 6:00pm

St Mary's 7:45am Saturday

Next Anointing Mass - 11am Friday 8th November

November: Time to remember the Dear Ones

We remember our departed brothers and sisters during the month of November. All of us have someone to remember and pray for. Death is the door that opens the way to paradise. I encourage families and friends to offer masses during this special month of remembrance. The parish office is happy to organise something special for this year. We shall have a special all souls day mass on 1st November at 6 pm in both churches. We also arrange a special decorated table of remembrance with photo or picture of the deceased. Those who would like to do so, please bring the photo at the end of this month, October. We conclude this event on 2nd December with 6 pm Mass in both Churches.

Formation of Mission Councils

As this year draws to a close we wish to form two new Mission Councils for the new year, one for Toukley and one for Lake Munmorah. The purpose of these Councils is to ensure representation, from across the parish, to assist the efficient functioning of the parish community. Each Mission Council will be formed of Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Secretary and two members.

Membership: Members of the Mission Council are to be representative of the life of the Parish community, not representing a particular group or ministry to which they may belong.

The members are expected to possess at least some of the following qualities: A commitment to the practice of the faith, the parish community and its mission. The ability to collaborate and consult with others for the mission of the church and active in the life of the parish, to plan strategies to implement Pastoral Plans. It would be most appreciated if you could assist in this mission. Please feel free to contact the Parish office or the clergy if you could help in this exercise of serving the Church.

Fr Tomy

Newly Baptised

This month we welcomed the Palermo, Holbrook & Pinkerton families into our parish community of faith for the Baptism of their beautiful children. We congratulate these families on presenting their children for Baptism and look forward to assisting them in their journey of faith.

Upcoming Parish Events

Catholic Women's League

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

Rosary Novena

Our Rosary Novena continues at **St Brendan's** 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, now **concluding** with a **special liturgy on Monday 28th October.**

St Mary's Ministries Rosters

The roster and accompanying notice regarding Christmas and January will be available at the church entry from November 1st. New participants are always welcome and should advise via the listed contact details. Ministry training will be provided.

Family Group Invitation—Tuesday 12th November

All welcome to hear Fr Ray Sanchez CP talk on "Today's Church and Passionist Family Groups" in OLR Parish Hall, 239-243 The Entrance Rd, The Entrance, following the 9:00am Mass. Please bring a plate to share for lunch


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. If you have not already, could you please advise the parish office if you wish to join us for 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, Thursday 5th December at 6pm for 6.30pm. Please advise the parish office no later than Thursday 21st November, if you wish to attend.

Communion to the Sick

There were a number of spare Pyx in the sacristy at St Mary's, which some ministers have borrowed to take Holy Communion to the Sick. Unfortunately, they have not been returned to the Sacristy recently, and as a result there are none left. Would any minister who has borrowed a pyx please return it to the cupboard in the sacristy as a matter of urgency. If you borrow a Pyx please put your details in the notebook in the cupboard.

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

Recently Deceased

Phyllis O'Leary, Valerie Auton, Alison Mortiss, Marie Stewart, Della Mary Kelly, Geoff Playdon, Mark Kovacic, Maxwell Lynch, Laurence Coote, Norma Stanwell.

Anniversaries

Tom Simmons, 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, Thomas & Ellen Sheerin, Tony Gavranic, Kevin Sykes

Remembrances

Maurie Cohen, Lynn & Raphael Cohen, Maureen Riley, Mary & Jack Webb, John Webb, Vic Hrichu, Fred Jeffries, Yook Chee Ng, Timothy Maher, 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 Hermigildo Giba, Pantaleon & Temotea Ambait, Bugeja & DeGabriel families, Stark, Moore, Langley families, Wade, Ross, Mitchell and Dennis families and the Holy Souls

Please Pray for the Sick


Vicki Buttell, Bill Morris, 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"



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