

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Catholic Parish Toukley/Lake Munmorah

St Mary's Church 458 Main Rd Norville

St Brendan's Mass Centre 29 Carters Rd Lake Munmorah



Vision

To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

31st July 2022



The Rich Fool

The Scripture readings for this Sunday are rich in meaning. The Book of Ecclesiastes is a wise person's reflections on life, reminding us that nothing can survive death - no success, reputation, gain or profit will last beyond a person's lifetime. To believe otherwise is "vanity of vanities".

Likewise, the Gospel parable that Luke addresses to us this week is not a very peaceful one, but rather it is a message that makes us extremely uncomfortable - or at least it should. Only Luke has this parable of the rich fool - the man who does not seem to have heard the wisdom of Ecclesiastes about the transitory nature of the things on which we often place trust.

Jesus often uses this kind of intrigue in speaking about the "reign of God". He uses these parables to help us understand that we will only find true and lasting happiness when we divest ourselves of earthly treasures and invest in the kingdom of God.

The message of Jesus was always one of service to others. It was always one that put the welfare of the people around him above all else. He cured the sick, gave sight to the blind, hope to the hopeless. And he ministered to all people, saints and sinners alike. He felt comfortable with everyone he met and even forgave his enemies. He did not turn his back on anyone. Being his follower meant more than just praying for the good of one another. It meant working for the good of one another.

Where have we stored our treasure? Where have we committed our hearts during our journey through life? Have we sought riches and power and prestige among the very elite of our community? Or have we cast our lot with the poor, the homeless, the downtrodden and forgotten? Where is our treasure?

The answer may lie in the message of Paul in today's Second Reading "If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above - "take off the old self with its practices and put on the new self, which is being renewed, for knowledge, in the image of its creator."

This parable graphically warns everyone of us to take stock of things and possessions of our lives in the context of eternal life.

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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 Lake Munmorah

Saturday: Vigil 5:00pm Fr Tomy
Sunday: 8:00am Fr Tomy

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church Toukley

Monday - Wednesday 9:00 am
Thursday 9:00 am (Ordinariate 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 9:00 am

St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

Wednesday 9:00am (1st Wed of the month
Anointing of Sick)

Thursday 9:00am

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 (by appointment at
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 Saturday

First Friday Night Vigil

Exposition after 7pm Mass until 1.30am

Children's Liturgy

St Mary's: 1st & 3rd Sundays 9am

St Brendan's: Saturdays 5pm (most weeks)



Welcome to our Parish. Today we celebrate the **Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C**. Thank you for being here.

Current COVID-19 situation

Due to the recent increase in COVID-19 cases our Parish reminds parishioners and visitors to stay home if you are not feeling well, we encourage you to use hand-sanitizer, and to wear a mask if you wish.

Confirmation Sacramental Program

Enrolments for our Confirmation Sacramental Program will open next week. All Baptised children in Yr 3 (or above) are able to enrol in this program. Parent Information Sessions will be held on 10th & 11th Aug, and preparation classes begin 22nd Aug. The Confirmation ceremonies are to be held on Sat 15th October at both churches. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

National Vocations Awareness Week begins on August 7th and to help celebrate, we will be having a special Vocations Youth Mass. This Mass is open to all and will be celebrated by Fr Tomy PP, Fr Baby AP, Fr Paul Durkin Vocations Director and Fr Stephen Wayoyi Omwanda Assistant Director. There will be participation by our Central Coast Catholic Schools and the group from Connecting Catholic Coasties. We will have special testimonies from our very own Sr's Josie & Jennifer and also the Broken Bay seminarians later in the evening. After the Mass, we will be having a BBQ dinner. We hope that you can join us for this special event!

Social Justice Message

Support Homelessness Week 2022

1st-7th August.

We need a plan to :

- * make housing affordable for all
- * provide the support people need
- * end family violence.

From Margaret Hagan

“An authentic faith – which is never comfortable or completely personal – always involves a deep desire to change the world, to transmit values, to leave this earth somehow better than we found it.” (Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*)

We Need You! Request for Readers, Wardens & Servers

Our Parish needs more Readers, Wardens & Altar Servers to assist at Masses. Both Churches are in need. If you are able to help, please see one of the priests or contact the Parish Office, ph 43964455.

Parish Morning Teas - next Sun 7th August - All Welcome!

Morning tea will be held at both churches next Sunday 7th August. After 8am Mass at St Brendan's, and after 9am Mass at St Mary's.

St Mary's Rosters July-Sept

New rosters are now available for those on the roster, please collect your copy from the foyer.

First Friday/Saturday of the Month - 5th/6th August

Please join us in our reparation vigil. Begins with Holy Mass at 7pm Friday 5th August. In corde Jesu et Mariae.


Catechist Corner

Our catechists have resumed classes for term 3.

We are always on the look out for new catechists to join our team so if you would like to learn more about this rewarding ministry, teaching religious education to Catholic children in our local area, please contact the Parish Office for more information.



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COVID-19 Restrictions – Places of Worship Diocese of Broken Bay Latest Update: 25th February 2022

- Please **do not enter** the church or other parish buildings if you are **unwell**. This includes meetings/gatherings.
- Check in using the QR code/paper sign in is **not required**
- Wearing a **mask is OPTIONAL, but ENCOURAGED**
- No density limits apply in Places of Worship but please allow space between people where possible.
- Please continue to hand sanitise.
- Singing by the congregation is permitted

Offerings for our Priests & Church

Please don't forget that the collection plates are now located on tables at the rear of our churches, and we have 'Tap N Go' machines for those who prefer to pay by card. \$10 per tap. Thank you for your support and generosity.



New Superior General for CFIC

Frs Baby and Tomy are happy to inform you of the election of a new Superior General of the Congregation of the Sons of Immaculate Conception, Fr Benny Mekhatt. We wish him God's blessings in his new role. We thank you for all your support and love.



Training of Altar Servers

We have formed a new team for training of altar servers in the parish. The St Brendan's team is Peter Huby, Jacqui Fletcher and Alli Foskett. The St Mary's team is Sr Josie & Sr Jennifer (and others to be advised in near future). These teams will be officially in charge of training altar servers. No other person is permitted to train altar servers. If there are any concerns, please see the Parish Office.

Alpha is coming!

Come and See what Alpha is all about on Saturday 13 August, 10:30am-1pm at St Mary's Parish Centre. There is still time to register, please call the Parish Office on 4396 4455 to reserve your place. Places are limited so call on Monday! Want to know more? See the Parish Facebook Page.



<https://www.facebook.com/toukley.parish.3>

Homelessness Appeal - 6/7 August

CatholicCare Broken Bay will be running a new appeal in August to support the homeless in our community. Envelopes are available this weekend but the appeal will be officially held next weekend, 6/7 August. More info to come. Please give generously, as you always do.

Feast of Santa Maria - Sun 14th Aug at Warnervale Parish

The Central Coast Santa Maria Committee invites you to the celebration of the Feast of Santa Maria on Sunday 14th August at Mackillop Parish, Warnervale. Mass at 3pm, followed by a procession and benediction. Fireworks display at 6pm. See noticeboard for more details.

Upcoming events - Save the Dates:

Lectio Divina - has resumed, every Thurs 5pm.

Mon 1st Aug - Confirmation program enrolments open

Sun 7th Aug - Parish Morning Tea, both churches

Sun 7th Aug 6pm - National Vocations Awareness Week Opening Mass & BBQ St Mary's



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



Recently Deceased

Terese Chan, Barbara Pik, Phil Murphy, Joseph Cassar, Bill Volman

Anniversaries

Teresa Vella, John Zerafa, Lydia Cure, Bruce Everingham, Herbert & Anne Bilovits, Patricia Phillips, Louis Despoges, John, Eileen Sykes, John Dormer, Sr Mary Rita, Paul & Josephine Cortis

Remembrances

Kathleen McRae, Teofilo & Romel, Carol Brown, Moore & Langley families, Valmai Joseph Stark Family

Please Pray for the Sick

Mary Smith, Sabu Kuruvelil, Charles Tabone, Yvonne Sutton, Liz Kelman, Helen Crossley, Lailane Bugaoisan, Teresa Jan, Michael Durken, Olive Haslam, Colin Fowler, Bob Hayes, Tony Culligan, Joy Rearden, Margaret Brett, Myra Langley, **Ken Scales, Sr Tincy (Fr Baby's sister), Joyce Burns, Diane Booth, Rhondda Rey, Nestor Regalo, Ann Buckman, David Vella, Ray Sleucher, Ann Rigney, Margaret Jones, Margaret Moran, Faye Roberts, Noel McCool**

July/August Birthdays

Jan Vydiniotis (27th July)
John Frame (1st Aug)
Pat Bulgin (5th Aug)
Sr Jennifer Canillas (6th Aug)
Jake Elias (6th Aug)
Ellen Sheerin (7th Aug)
Bill Martin (9th Aug)
Toutai Ketoni (9th Aug)
Heather Baker (10th Aug)
Lorrie O'Brien (13th Aug)
Lance Scrivener (17th Aug)
Peter Turner (20th Aug)
Miriam Spiteri (23rd Aug)



Call the office to have your birthday included!

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for July

The Elderly



We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

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Volunteer Angels

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

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

What do people gain by all their work?

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn men back into dust
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night. **R.**

You sweep men away like a dream,
like grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades. **R.**

Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants. **R.**

In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. **R.**

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Seek the things that are above where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with

your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and, in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

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Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 12:13-21

To whom will all this wealth of yours go?

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say, to my soul: 'My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time.'" But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Next Sunday - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr C

First Reading - Wisdom 18:6-9

Second Reading - Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12 (shorter form)

Gospel - Luke 12:32-40 (shorter form)

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