

## First Reading

A reading from the book of Wisdom 11:22 - 12:2

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground. Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things and overlook men's sins so that they can repent. Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence, for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it. And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist, how be conserved, if not called forth by you? You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life, you whose imperishable spirit is in all. Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend, you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned, so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord. The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14

**R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

I will give you glory, O God my King,  
I will bless your name for ever.  
I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever. **R.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures **R.**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
and declare your might, O God. **R.**

The Lord is faithful in all his words  
and loving in all his deeds.  
The Lord supports all who fall  
and raises all who are bowed down. **R.**

## Second Reading

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 2 Thess 1:11 - 2:2

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived. The word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation John 3:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

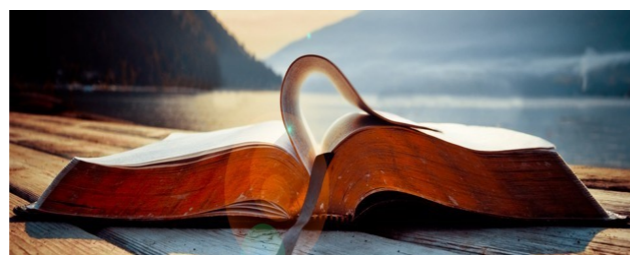
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Alleluia!

## Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke Lk 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor' and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



## Next Weeks Readings:

First Reading Macc 7:1-2,9-14

Second Reading 2Thess 2:16-3:5

Gospel Lk 20:27-38

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*To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community*

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## Thirty First Sunday Ordinary Time Yr C 3rd November 2019

"Jesus and Zacchaeus, the Tax Collector"



In today's Gospel, we have a graphic description of Jesus' encounter with Zacchaeus the chief tax collector of Jericho and the wonderful way Zacchaeus responded to the invitation of Jesus. That day in Jericho, there were large crowds. On inquiry, Zacchaeus found that Jesus the miracle worker was passing by. He desired to see Jesus just once. Since he was a short man, he climbed a sycamore tree on the roadside and sat on one of its branches. Jesus along with his disciples came that way.

Then the most unexpected and amazing thing happened in the life of this little rich man. Jesus looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, come down, for I must stay at your house today". Zacchaeus was certainly thrilled and confused. So, he came down from the tree and took Jesus to his house. Till that day, Zacchaeus wanted only money and more of it. But that chance encounter with the Lord, changed everything in his life. He knew very well that, riches he amassed were done dishonestly. So, he gave half of what he owned to the poor and declared that he would repay in four-fold anyone he cheated. Jesus' presence totally and irrevocably changed this man. No wonder Jesus said " today, salvation has come to this house" Today, Jesus is passing by and inviting each one of us also to come down from the tree of our selfishness and unfaithfulness. Let nothing stand between us and Jesus. "The first step in a person's salvation is knowledge of his sin" - L.A. Seneca.

Fr Tomy

## 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 St Charles Borromeo

Tuesday 7:45am

Wednesday 7:45am

Thursday 7:45am

(Ordinarite 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 7:45am Dedication of the Lateran  
Basilica

#### St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

Wednesday 9:00am

**First Wednesday of Month** Anointing of Sick

9:00am

Thursday 9:00am

Friday 9:00am

### 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.

**Next Anointing Mass - 11am Next Friday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. The policy we have in the parish is one person, one position.

**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

#### Bishop Anthony Randazzo's Liturgical Reception and Solemn Mass

Bishop Anthony Randazzo will be installed as the fourth Bishop of Broken Bay on Monday 4 November 2019 at 6.45pm at The Light of Christ Centre, Waitara, at a special Liturgical Reception and Solemn Mass.

**The Parish Bus will now be leaving St Mary's Toukley at 4:45pm**

#### Communion to the Sick

A number of spare Pyx have been borrowed from the Sacristy, at St Mary's, to take Holy Communion to the Sick. Unfortunately they have not been returned and now there's none left. If you have borrowed a pyx, please return it to the sacristy as a matter of urgency. Also, if you borrow one, please put your details in the notebook in the cupboard and fill out the sheets, in the sacristy, of the person to whom you are taking Communion. We are bound to keep these records to comply with Diocesan Safeguarding Policies.

## Upcoming Parish Events

### Charitable Works Collection



Envelopes for our Charitable Works Collection are on the pews this weekend. It would be appreciated if you can support this collection to the best of your ability.

If you have not come prepared, please take an envelope home as we will also be collecting next weekend. Thank you for your support of the Charitable Activities of the Diocese.

### Monthly Morning Teas

St Brendan's Morning Tea after the 8.00am Mass on Sunday will be hosted by the Macquarie Group. Morning Tea after the 9am Mass at St Mary's will be hosted by the Catechists, in the parish centre.

### St Mary's Ministries Rosters

The roster, and accompanying notice regarding Christmas and January, are available at the church entry. New participants are always welcome and should advise via the list of 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

### Christ the King Sunday

**The Central Coast Pilgrim Walk to witness Jesus is our King**, will take place in at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Terrigal on Sunday 24th November. Please see the notice in the notice board at the front of St Mary's Church and notice board at St Brendan's Mass Centre.

### 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.

**We need assistance of some men at 6:00pm on Friday 29th November in setting up the hall.**

### 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.

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

November, Month of the Holy Souls, is dedicated to pray in a special way for all the faithful departed.

November Mass Offering envelopes are available in the gathering area of the church and will be placed on the altar. Please print the name on the envelope in capital letters.

### Please Pray for the Sick

Vicki Buttel, 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.

### Thank you for your prayers

The family of "Ethan aged 4" would like to say thank you for all the prayers and love as Ethan recovers from his open heart surgery. He is now home, but of course has a long way to go. This family is an amazing inspiration of faith and unconditional love.

### Safeguarding

Children and young people will be kept safe by adults who treat them with care, respect and compassion. Safeguarding is the responsibility of all of us and we are seeking one parishioner from St Mary's, and one from St Brendan's, to be a contact persons for the parish. Please speak to any of the clergy if you are able to assist with this important matter.

### Prayer for Rain

Dear Heavenly Father, source of love & mercy. We thank you for all the gifts you have given us. We pray most earnestly for your precious rain, to fall on the parched earth of our country. We pray especially for those who work the land, and are suffering severely at this time. Please help the people of Australia to have the courage to become good stewards of the gifts you give us. Please give us generous hearts, so that we can share our bounty with all others in need. Amen

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