

First Reading

A reading from the second book of Maccabees
2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the Law of our ancestors.'

With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.'

After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and boldly held out his hands, with these honourable words, 'It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering.

When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 16:1, 5-6, 8, 15

**R. Lord, when your glory appears,
my joy will be full.**

Lord, hear a cause that is just,
pay heed to my cry.

Turn your ear to my prayer:
no deceit is on my lips. **R.**

I kept my feet firmly in your paths;
there was no faltering in my steps.
I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God.
Turn your ear to me; hear my words. **R.**

Guard me as the apple of your eye.
Hide me in the shadow of your wings.
As for me, in my justice I shall see your face and
be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the
Thessalonians 2 Thess 2:16 - 3:5

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say. Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was

among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ. The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Revelation 1:5, 6

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;
glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.
Alleluia!

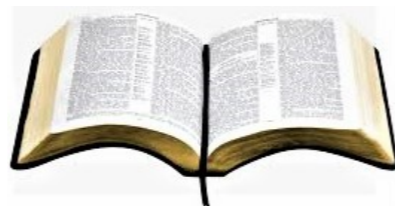
Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Lk 20:27-38

Some Sadducees, those who say that there is no resurrection approached Jesus and they put this question to him. 'Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man's married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well, then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And, the same with all seven, they died, leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife, since she had been married to all seven?'

Jesus replied, 'The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



Next Weeks Readings:

First Reading Mal 3:19-20

Second Reading 2Thess 3:7-12

Gospel Lk 21:5-19

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Thirty Second Sunday Ordinary Time Yr C 10th November 2019



Today's first reading assures us that faith in God dispels all fears in us. We become strong and courageous even to die for Him only to be raised to an everlasting life with Him. The readiness of the seven Jewish brothers to die rather than violate one of God's laws is a source of great inspiration for everyone who has faith in eternal life.

In today's Gospel, we have an interesting conversation between Sadducees and Jesus regarding the resurrection of the dead. They did not believe in resurrection because for them the consequences of life after death are ridiculous and meaningless. The Scripture speaks plainly about the resurrection of the dead.

It affirms frequently that there is life after death. Job knew about it. He said, "For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I will see God (19: 25-26)". Prophet Ezekiel foresaw it when he had the vision of the dry bones: and prophet Daniel plainly foretold it, "Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to everlasting contempt (12:2)". He told them about Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Moses, all of them are of great reverence and reputation. These men of God did not die for nothing. God is not a God of the dead but of the living.

During this November, we remember our departed brothers and sisters and pray for them, because we believe that there is life after death. "It is the same too with resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, but what is raised is imperishable" 1 Cor. 15:42.

The greatest proof Jesus gave for the life after death is His own Resurrection. All who believe in Jesus and confess His Name above every other name shall receive eternal life.

"Dawn and resurrection are synonymous. The reappearance of light is the same as the survival of the soul" - Victor Hugo.

Fr Baby

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 Martin of Tours
Tuesday 7:45am St Josaphat
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

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.

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.

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

Golden Jubilee Choir

Since our parish is celebrating its 50th anniversary, we are asking those of you, past and present choir members, to come along and join us in the singing at mass. It would be wonderful to see you all as part of this momentous half centennial celebration of our parish. Our three catholic schools have also been invited to be part in the choir. It will be an exciting event of our parish. If you are available and interested please ring the parish office. Rehearsal times will be posted in the bulletin in the coming weeks.

October Rosary Novena



I wish to thank all those who prayed the Rosary during our Rosary Novena at both St Brendan's and St Mary's, which concluded with a special liturgy on Monday 28th October at St Mary's. I am sure that we all received many graces during the Month of the Holy Rosary. Fr Tomy

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.

Upcoming Parish Events

Charitable Works Collection



Our Charitable Works Collection will be collected this weekend and it would be appreciated if you can support this collection to the best of your ability. Thank you

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, in all areas, 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.

Social Justice

Warnervale Social Justice Committee are holding a stall to make available free literature about Domestic Violence on Friday 15th November. Volunteers needed for one or two hours next Friday.

Domestic Violence is a big issue in our society. Christ wishes us to serve the needs of His people.

If you are able to assist please leave your name at the parish office.

Solemnity of Christ the King—Eucharistic Procession

To celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, on Sunday 24th November, there will be a Eucharistic Procession, around the grounds of St Mary's Church, following the 9:00am mass. Please join us in giving praise to our Lord and King.

The Central Coast Pilgrim Walk

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

Churches Together— Wednesday 27th November at 7pm

Our Parish will host the next gathering of Churches Together at St Mary's. We look forward to as many as possible attending this special ecumenical prayer gathering. It would be appreciated if you could please bring a plate to share for supper afterwards.

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

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, 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, Brenda Durley, Donatus Morrison, John and Helen Loader, Maria Loisa Etello, Kevin and Therese Harvey, Jeff Henshaw, Leanne Knight, Len O'Shea, Ray Slucher, Michael Wiggin, Koby Bourke, Vanessa Miller, Alexis Hagen, Francis Lim, Tony Hodges, Eleanor Matthews, Wendy Lott, Fred Butterfield, Lina Phillips, Betty Carroll, Mary Mahony, Arnold Fletcher, Stephen Knight, Adrienne Gibson, Arne Jensen, Heather Niblett, Kathleen Strong, Evan Shepherd, Rosa M Santos, Betty Tattersall.

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.

Deanery Mass – Sunday 17th November

Bishop Anthony will celebrate our Deanery Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary The Entrance at 9:30am on Sunday 17th November. Parishioners are invited to attend this Mass to represent our Parish of Toukley /Lake Munmorah. A morning tea will follow the Mass.

Car Damaged Whilst in Mass

Last Saturday 2nd November 2019 I parked my car for Mass about 5.45 pm. After leaving Mass I found my car damaged. I was parked legally and some 10 metres from nearest car. I think that the person who damaged car may not have realised the extent of the damage. I would be very grateful if the person who damaged my car would contact me as soon as possible, to let me know their insurance details or cover my excess. I understand we all have accidents, but we need to come forward in honesty and good faith. Even a text to my phone with your insurance details would be great. If anybody has seen anything that might help contact this person, that would be really be helpful to me. The car hit me in the rear, at some speed, was white in colour (paint over my bumper bar) and likely a small sedan or small SUV, parked directly behind my car, reversed in against the fence, on the creek side of the church. I was parked in the last parking spot in the central bank of parking spaces, directly outside the church. Confidentially guaranteed. My contact number is 0402 968 388. Many thanks. Robyn Rosina.

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