

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Malachi Mal 3:19-20

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays. The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 97:5-9

R. The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music. With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord. **R.**

Let the sea and all within it, thunder; the world, and all its peoples. Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord. **R.**

For the Lord comes, he comes to rule the earth. He will rule the world with justice and the people with fairness. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 2 Thess 3:7-12

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you; not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat. The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 21:38

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lift up your heads and see;
your redemption is near at hand.
Alleluia!

Gospel

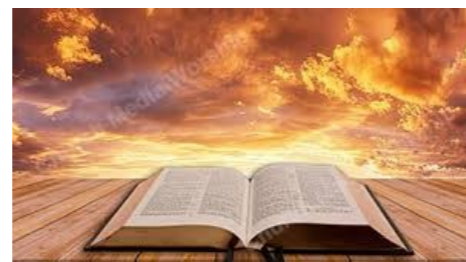
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke Lk 21:5-19

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now - the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not so soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name - and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



Next Weeks Readings:

First Reading 2Sam 5:1-3

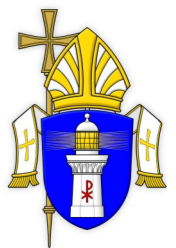
Second Reading Col 1:12-20

Gospel Lk 23:35-43

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Thirty Third Sunday Ordinary Time Yr C 17th November 2019



In Luke's Gospel today, we seem to get the impression that Jesus' teaching in Jerusalem, is coming to an end, just before the events that will lead to his crucifixion. His warnings and predictions give the impression that something bad is going to happen, but, of course, they can be read in many different ways.

For those who first heard Luke's Gospel, his words may have been encouragement. The destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem by the Romans (70A.D.) was history. Catholic Biblical Scholars, suggest Luke's Gospel was written somewhere between 80 and 90 A.D. And so, his listeners were probably Gentile Christians. Luke is trying to interpret the fall of Jerusalem for them and to locate it in God's plans for humankind. At the same time, he's suggesting to them that there will be a considerable time to wait before Jesus' final coming. Those who have been listening to Luke have probably seen a lot of upheaval in their lifetime and are anxious to know if these are the signs of Jesus' coming, but Luke is urging greater patience.

In the second part of today's Gospel, Jesus warns that his followers will face persecution for their beliefs. Luke presents persecution as an opportunity for the followers of Jesus for "It will lead to you giving testimony" (Luke 21:13). In persecution, God's wisdom and power will be shown in the example of Jesus' followers but their perseverance, in the face of persecution, will lead to their salvation.

Jesus is assuring all of his followers, including each and everyone of us, who are striving to live out our discipleship, to the best of our ability, that God is present to us, even in times of trouble. And, Jesus will ultimately witness to this with his own death.

As disciples of Jesus, we try to follow his example, trusting in God's unconditional love, mercy and protection, even as we face our own difficulties in life.

Deacon Paul

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
Tuesday 7:45am
Wednesday 7:45am
Thursday 7:45am Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary

(Ordinarite of Our Lady of the Southern Cross)
Friday 9:15am St Cecilia
(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

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9:00am

Thursday 9:00am Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary

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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.

World Day of the Poor



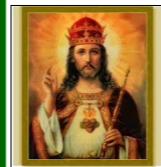
This Sunday, Pope Francis calls us to commemorate the third World Day of the Poor. This year, the theme is "the hope of the poor shall not perish for ever" (Ps 9:19), the Church in Australia is recognising volunteers who work to bring hope to those in need. Pope Francis reminds us that "Before all else, the poor need God and his love, made visible by "the saints next door", people who by the simplicity of their lives express clearly the power of Christian love. God uses any number of ways and countless means to reach people's hearts. Certainly, the poor come to us also because we give them food, but what they really need is more than our offer of a warm meal or a sandwich. The poor need our hands, to be lifted up; our hearts, to feel the warmth of affection; our presence, to overcome loneliness. In a word, they need love."

Upcoming Parish Events

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—"Advent – Hope in Christ our Light".

On Wednesday 27th November at 7.00pm, local denominations from Warnervale to Noraville and Wadalba to Doyalson, will gather in prayer and celebration at St Mary's Church. Our community is made up of many different congregations and denominations, and it's always a wonderful time when we come together in prayer, especially as Christmas nears, and also enjoy a social time with supper. Our Parish is hosting this gathering, and we look forward to as many as possible joining us for this special ecumenical prayer time. 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

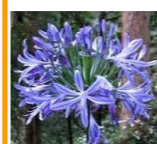
Invitation

We look forward to a wonderful celebration of this occasion in our Parish, on Saturday 30th November, with Mass at 11:00am followed by lunch in the Fr Fitzgerald Parish Hall.

If you have not already, could you **please advise** the parish office if you wish to join us for this celebration, and we would be grateful if you could please assist with catering by **bringing a plate to share** for lunch.

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

Flowers for Jubilee



If any parishioner is able to supply blue Agapanthus, or Hydrangea, for the church, for the Golden Jubilee, we would be most grateful if you could **bring them to the office on Thurs 27th November.**

Mass of Inclusion

You are invited to the Annual Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay Mass of Inclusion, previously known as Mass for Special Needs, on Sunday 1st December, at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara, celebrated by Bishop Anthony Randazzo, commencing at 9.30am. This Mass focuses on inclusivity and welcome to all. **Contact** Colleen Smith on 8379 1642 or email colleen.smith@bbcatholic.org.au

Volunteers' Thank You Dinner

All volunteers, 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 by 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

Eileen O'Kane, 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, Donatus Morrison, John and Helen Loader, Maria Loisa Etello, Kevin and Therese Harvey, Brenda Durley, Jeff Henshaw, 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, Leanne Knight, 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.

Congratulations to our Catechists



Taking the Gospel to the World

Mary deBono and Carmen Chetcuti were honoured at the CCD Annual Diocesan Mass last Saturday, at the Cathedral, Waitara. Mary received a 10 Year Award and Carmen a 45 Year Award

for religious education of children in State Schools.. These awards will be presented next weekend, at Masses in the parish, on the Feast of Christ the King.

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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