

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Catholic Parish Toukley/Lake Munmorah

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To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community

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Fifth Sunday of Lent Year C

3rd April 2022



Today's readings remind us that we should not be self-righteous and condemn the lives of others when God is calling them tenderly to conversion. In the Gospel today we have the real-life story of a woman caught in the act of adultery. Some people brought this unfortunate woman to Jesus. Practically everyone present at the scene wanted her to be condemned and stoned to death according to the Mosaic law. But Jesus showed mercy and forgiveness to her and gave her a new life. Forgiveness was granted to her by Jesus not because what she did was not against the commandment of God but because He loved her in spite of her sinful life. She was forgiven and was told by Jesus to go in peace and from now on she should not be enslaved by sin. Hence Jesus dispenses the generosity of God's forgiveness.

The woman's sin which the law condemned and others wanted to kill her is totally and dramatically forgiven by Jesus. Today Jesus tells not only to the sinful woman but to each one of us to go in peace and not to sin again. Jesus shows us that the greatest law is the law of love and every other law should be complementary to it. During this Lent let us too respond to the forgiving love of God positively and decisively. Let us learn to acknowledge our sins, ask God's forgiveness every day and extend the same forgiveness to our erring brothers and sisters. We need to learn to hate the sin but love the sinners, showing them Jesus' compassion and working with the Holy Spirit to make our own lives exemplary so that we can help lead them to Jesus' ways. My dear friends, let us approach upcoming Holy Week with a desire to nourish our lives so that we may rise above our sins to meet the risen Christ. Let the power of God's mercy and forgiveness make us a people of faith and friendship.

"In the end only two persons remained representing misery and mercy and mercy won that day." - St. Augustine.

Fr Tomy



Welcome to our Parish. Today we celebrate the **Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year C**. We are pleased to see you in our Church.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church Toukley

Saturday: Vigil 6:00pm Fr Tomy
 Sunday: 7:30am Fr Tomy
 9:00am Fr Tomy
 6:00pm Fr Baby

St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

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

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

First Wednesday of Month Anointing of Sick

9:00am

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 (from 3rd April)

St Brendan's: Saturdays 5pm (most weeks from 30 Apr)

Welcome Children & Families

This Sunday we welcome St Mary's Year 1 students and their families to lead us at 9am Mass. It is wonderful to have you here.

Children's Liturgy

We are pleased to announce that Children's Liturgy will resume at St Mary's this weekend Sun 3rd April 9am Mass, and at St Brendan's on Sat 30th April at 5pm Mass. All children aged 4-12 welcome!

We still need some helpers so please contact the Parish Office if you can help.

Parish Morning Tea

Our monthly 'Parish Morning Tea' on the first Sunday of each month after 9am Mass at St Mary's and 8am Mass at St Brendan's are happening again! If you have been involved in organising these morning teas in the past, or you would like to help in the future, please contact the Parish Office so that we can coordinate the roster.

Ordinariate Mass—Thurs 14th April

Only the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper is allowed on this day so we shall replace our 9 am Mass with the Ordinariate's form for Morning Prayer.

Holy Week Program

Palm Sunday 10th Apr - Procession from St Mary's Grotto before 6pm Vigil & 9am Sunday, St Brendan's before 5pm Vigil & 8am Sunday. Please bring your own palms if possible.

Holy Thursday 14th Apr - No morning Masses. St Brendan's 5pm Mass, St Mary's 6pm Mass. Washing of the feet.

Good Friday 15th Apr - Children's Stations of the Cross 9am at St Mary's. Traditional Stations of the Cross 9am St Brendan's, and 10am at St Mary's. Passion 3pm at both Churches.

Easter Vigil 16th Apr - Blessing of the New Fire, St Brendan's 5pm, St Mary's 6pm.

Easter Sunday 17th Apr - St Brendan's 8am, St Mary's 7.30am, 9am. No evening Mass on Easter Sunday.

Palm Sunday 9/10 April - please bring your own palms to Mass where they will be blessed.

Good Friday Holy Land Collection

On Good Friday 15th April we will be having the Good Friday Holy Land Collection. Envelopes will be available in both churches.

Ukraine Appeal

Please consider donating to the Caritas Australia Ukraine Appeal

www.caritas.org.au/ukraine

Vinnies Flood Appeals

The St Vincent de Paul Society has launched an appeal to assist those affected. Donate at <https://www.vinnies.org.au/nswfloodappeal>

Catechist Corner

We're looking for at least 2 more catechists to help in the public schools we teach scripture at. Full training & support is provided. Please call the Parish Office for more information. We'd love to hear from you!



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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**.
- Check in using the QR code/paper sign in is **not required**
- Wearing a **mask is OPTIONAL**
- 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

Fr Tomy on leave Apr-May

Fr Tomy will be taking a well deserved break after Easter. Fr Carmelo will celebrate weekend Masses at St Brendan's during this time. From 20th April until end of May, Wednesdays at St Brendan's will be a communion-only service.

Planned Giving Envelopes 2022

New planned giving envelopes commence from this weekend. Because some numbers have changed, please **DO NOT** use old envelopes (pre-Apr 2022). Call the office for any enquiries.

CWL Lamington Drive

The CWL will be selling lamingtons before and after each Mass at both churches on the weekend of 7th/8th May. There will be plain or cream available at a cost of \$10 for ½ doz. and \$18 per doz. Please help the CWL in their support of year 11 and year 12 students in our Catholic Schools on the Central Coast. To assist in our ordering, please call the parish office as soon as possible, on 4396 4455, to place your order. Thank you



Chrism Mass - Tues 12th April 7.30pm at Waitara

Please contact the Parish Office asap if you would like to book a seat on the Parish Bus - 2 spots left. RSVP to the Parish Office by 4th April even if you intend travelling by private car.

Rosters—St Mary's

New rosters, including the Holy Week/Easter roster are available from the table in the foyer of the church.

Easter Roster lists—St Brendan's

Easter Roster lists are in the foyer at St Brendan's from this weekend.

2nd Rite of Reconciliation

You are invited to the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation at Warnervale Parish on Wed 6th April at 6.30pm, and at The Entrance Parish on Fri 8th April at 6.30pm

Fridays in Lent

Stations of the Cross—St Mary's 8:30am (before 9:15 Mass), 10:30am (before 11am Healing Mass 1st Fri)

The Light Is On—St Mary's, Adoration & Reconciliation 7-7.30pm.

Upcoming events - Save the Dates:

Every Thursday 5pm - Lectio Divina via Zoom
Wed 6th April - First Reconciliation at St Brendan's
11-17 April - Holy Week - see other page for dates and times
Mid-April 2022 - First Eucharist Sacramental Program begins
Sun 19th June - St Mary's Yr 4 lead the 9am Mass

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



Recently Deceased

Michael Mason, Irene Sutherland, Gloria Morath

Anniversaries

Mavis Dormer, Vicky Mifsud, Christopher Dormer, Sam Spiteri, Tony Petkovic, Marija Petkovic, George Gavranic, Tony Gavranic

Remembrances

John Matthews, Sr Mary Rita, Josephine Cortis, Paul Cortis, Michael & Cecilia Toole, Vicky Debono, Carol Brown, Moore & Langley families, Valmai Joseph Stark Family

Please Pray for the Sick

Joyce Burns, Diane Booth, Rhondda Rey, Joe Johannas, Judy Kay, Nestor Regalo, Ann Buckman, David Vella, Ray Sleucher, Ann Rigney, Margaret Jones, Margaret Moran, Faye Roberts, Lisa Hart, Lucas Campbell, Noel McCool, Nenita Turner

Newly Baptised

We welcome Tynan Bedford, Molly Hoffman, Reef Davis, Chloe Fleming, Zachary Fittler, Isla Fleming and their families to our Parish Community.



Please call or email the office to have your loved one's name included above. All names appear for 3 weeks, except the Sick list which appears for 6 weeks. Please call to extend.

April Birthdays

Pam Moir (7th Apr)
Rawson Blackwood (10th Apr)
Angel Gaoiran (17th Apr)
Kate Drake (19th Apr)
Shirley Campbell (23rd Apr)
Alicia Klein (25th Apr)



Call or email the office to have your birthday included!

Holy Shop Open!

Our Holy Shop at St Mary's is open every weekend, before and after each Mass. Lovely gifts for Sacraments and Easter.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.



Mackay Family Funerals

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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

Isaiah 43:16-21

I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.

Thus says the Lord,
who made a way through the sea,
a path in the great waters;
who put chariots and horse in the field
and a powerful army,
which lay there never to rise again,
snuffed out, put out like a wick:
No need to recall the past,
no need to think about what was done before.
See, I am doing a new deed,
even now it comes to light; can you not see it?
Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness,
paths in the wilds.
The wild beasts will honour me,
jackals and ostriches,
because I am putting water in the wilderness
(rivers in the wild)
to give my chosen people drink.
The people I have formed for myself
will sing my praises.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 125

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. **R.**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. **R.**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. **R.**

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. **R.**

Second Reading

Philippians 3:8-14

Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in order to gain him.

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on

everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *Joel 2:12-13*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
With all your heart turn to me,
for I am tender and compassionate.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

John 8:1-11

Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Next Sunday - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

First Reading - Isaiah 50:4-7

Second Reading - Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel - Luke 22:14 - 23:56