

# Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Catholic Parish Toukley/Lake Munmorah

St Mary's Church 458 Main Rd Noraville

St Brendan's Mass Centre 29 Carters Rd Lake Munmorah



## Vision

*To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community*

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A

14th December, 2025



### Gospel Reflection

The spirit of the Advent season is filled with images of some of the most powerful examples of hope and trust. Two of the most important are the prophet Isaiah and John the Baptist. Isaiah speaks of the nearness of God. He proclaims the truth about a God who takes an active part in the daily lives of his people - a God who comes to save. He opens the eyes of the blind, he clears the ears of the deaf, makes the lame walk and the mute speak.

John the Baptist sent his followers to Jesus to find out and to ask what can be expected from him.

Jesus proclaimed a vision of God's truth as it applies to human activity and relationships, proclaiming this truth publicly and courageously and in the face of constant threat and opposition. His mission was one of service to the poor and the desolate and of comforting His people. It was a proclamation that their slavery to sin and death had come to an end. It was a call to rejoice, for like a shepherd feeding his flock, the glory of the Lord was truly revealed.

He sends John's disciples back to report about what they saw. Isaiah's prophecy was fulfilled when people met Christ, "Here is your God... who comes to save you." And like them, we too are called to go and tell what we have seen, heard and experienced in Christ.

People will never believe us until they can see our lives as authentic sign of Jesus' on-going presence in the world, until they see us guiding the footsteps of the blind, carrying the crippled to places where they can receive help, and finding ways to help the voices of the poor be heard.

*Fr. Baby*

## **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 Church Lake Munmorah**

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

## **WEEKDAY MASS TIMES**

### **St Mary's Church Toukley**

Monday 9:00 am  
Tuesday 9:00 am  
Wednesday 9:00am  
Thursday 9:00am  
Friday 9:15am (Except 1st Friday of Month)

**First Friday of Month** Anointing of Sick  
11:00am

Saturday 9:00 am

### **St Brendan's Church Lake Munmorah**

Wednesday 9:00am  
**First Wednesday of Month** Anointing of Sick  
Thursday 9:00am

## **EXPOSITION BLESSED SACRAMENT**

### **St Mary's Church Toukley**

Every Saturday – after Morning Mass

## **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

### **St Mary's Toukley**

Saturday 9.30am – 10am (by appointment 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 Thursday & Saturday  
8:45 am Friday

### **First Friday Night Vigil**

Exposition after 7pm Mass until 12.30am

## **Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)**

1st & 3rd Sundays 9am at St Mary's  
1st Saturday 5pm at St Brendan's  
EXCEPT IN SCHOOL HOLIDAYS



Welcome to our Parish. Today we celebrate **The Third Sunday of Advent, Year A.** We welcome you to our Church and are very pleased to see you here.

### **Parish Calendar of Upcoming events - Save the Date:**

**Wed 17th Dec:** St Mary's Annual Christmas Carols 5.30pm

**Wed 24th Dec:** Children's Christmas Mass 6pm St Mary's/5pm St Brendan's

**Thurs 25th Dec:** Christmas Day



### **Parish Christmas Carols & Prayer Evening St Mary's Wed**

**17th Dec 5.30pm -** All are invited to St Mary's on Wed 17th Dec from 5.30pm for a beautiful night of carols and prayers. Please spread the word and invite family & friends.



**Annual Christmas Crib Event -** will be prepared this year at St Mary's. Jake & Antoinette Elias & family & Judy Kay are sponsoring the Crib this year. The theme for this year's Crib is Jesus the light of the world.

### **Mass for the Closing of the Jubilee Year of Hope:**

Bishop Anthony extends a very warm invitation to join him for Mass and Closing of the Jubilee Year. The Relics from our three Shrines of Hope will also journey to the Cathedral to be present for this Mass. **Date: Sun 28th Dec, at 9.30am Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara**



### **Christmas Mass Times**

#### **ST MARY'S TOUKLEY**

**Christmas Eve 6pm including Children's Nativity Carols 11.30pm & Midnight Mass**  
**Christmas Day 7.30am & 9am**  
**NO evening Mass**

#### **ST BRENDAN'S LAKE MUNMORAH**

**Christmas Eve 5pm Vigil and Children's Nativity**  
**Christmas Day 8am**  
**NO evening Mass**

**Thank you - Renewal of Vows -** We thank everyone who came along to share our Renewal of Vows at Mass last Sunday & are grateful to all who supported our CFIC special collection earlier in the year. A total of **\$4,735.10** was raised. Thanks to all who organised morning tea on the day. Warm regards and thanks from Fr Tomy, Fr Baby & Fr Joshi.

**First Friday in January 2026 -** There will be **no anointing Mass** in January. Our usual Mass will be at 9.15am on the **2nd January**.



### **ST BRENDAN'S WORKING BEE IN PREPARATION for Christmas 19th Dec**

Inviting all volunteers to help with a working bee to prepare the Church and gardens for the holidays. Please bring tools and cleaning gear.

**Start time 9am Fri 19th Dec.** All welcome!

**Our Parish Mass count shows that we have significant increase in Mass attendance during weekend Masses. Every weekend Mass we have an average of 640 people attend Mass.**

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**Vinnies Appeal** - The Vinnies Christmas Appeal is this weekend. Please donate gift cards only, no toys. Envelopes are available in the church. We thank you for your support.

**PWBB Collection** - Thank you to everyone who generously donated to the PWBB appeal. The total raised by the Parish towards our quota is **\$6185.00**.

**Dear Friends**, all those who attended the Proclaimers of the Word of God (Readers) Seminar last week, will be commissioned and receive blessings in **all Masses during this weekend**.



### 2026 Appeal s I list for broken bay diocese

Please see the attached information regarding appeals for all parishes during 2026. thank you always for your continued and generous support.. All of these appeals help people in need within the Parish and all over the Broken Bay area and overseas.



Thank you! A big thank you to **Terry Tobitt** who has retired as one of our Parish bus drivers. Thank you so much Terry for all the years of picking up parishioners for Sunday Mass. May God bless you always.



**New TV's for St Mary's Church!** We have installed a new TV to replace the projector screen at St Mary's and require another one for the left side of the church. **If any individuals or a family would like to sponsor towards the cost** of installing the new TV's please contact the Parish Office. **Do not change the HDMI cable in the socket. It needs to stay in HDMI2.**



**New parish website I aunch!** We have officially launched our brand-new website this week, aiming to better connect our parishioners and the wider community! Everyone can find details about parish news and upcoming events, mass times, sacraments, parish groups and ministries, planned giving, and parish contact details.

Our hope is that the new website will make it easier for everyone to stay connected and informed about our parish.. To check out the new parish website, visit <https://www.toukleyakemunmorahparish.org/> or use the QR code on your mobile device.

**Ministry Formation Follow Up**- those who missed the previous formation or interested to join the ministry please contact the Coordinators to book a formation for you to be commissioned. Welcomers/Warden: St Mary's Connie Camilleri/St Brendan's- Peter Huby. Proclaimers/Readers: St Mary's- Christine Mickelsen/St Brendan's- Trish Humphreys. **Senior Altar Server Ministry Formation** for existing Servers/ those who are interested to join in serving the Altar 17+, there will be a formation on Sat 7th Feb 2026. Please contact the Parish Office.



### Pope Leo XIV's December Intention

"To pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope."



**Please pray for the following:**

### Recently Deceased:

Michael Smith, John Lohan, Valerie Unterrheiner, Christine Vydiniotis & Paul Mackay

**Anniversaries:** Alberta Sedicol, Glen O'Connor, Margie Hamer, Stephens Cappa, Vicky Debono, Salvina Caruana, Rita Edge, Jim Guest, Lorna Simms, Janet Wood, Alfred Mitchell, Charles Radford & Wagner Javelona

**Remembrances:** Gwen & Vince Griffin, Mary & Andrew McFallin, Margaret & John McDougall, Ivy & Jack Hong, John Hong, Frederick Jurd, Roddy Albert Cheong, Elaine Scrivener, Catherine Marks, Scrivener Family, Michael Saba & Mary Saba, Fred Camenzuli, Marie O'Keefe, Valami Joseph & Stark Family & Wendy Woodhouse

**Please Pray for the Sick:** Gary Sutherland, Theresa & Tony Sciberras, Peter McAuley, Charles Cassar, Anne Westbury, Nora McCool, Susan Coulton, Sonya, Bernice Judge, Ross Horsburgh, Jim Ralston, George Tohme, Faye Germann, Glen Brown, Lea Gray, Mary Swift, Doris Micallef, Branko Babic, Irma L Baez, Maria McEwen, Amelia Harrison-Ford, Ron Hughes, Claudette Radford, Alexander Wade, Louise Bugden, Edward Boyle, Bobby Raymond, Andrew Teo, Gerald Correia, Leane Dadd, John Knight, Anne Govers, Eva Cusick, Zara Cusick, Willem, Max Jurd, Claire Ray Doris, Clare Johnstone, Chris Wilson, Miklos Beothy, Novita Elizabeth Taha Lamharan, Joy Stokes, Dale Bentick, Avis Sullivan, Ken Jenkins, Lawrie & Libby Boshell, Ruben Fernandez Velasco, Ivy Teo, Brian Brame, Irene Tognito, John Muir, John Hamilton Jnr, Kel Outlaw, Kevin Roy, Kathy Casey, Elaine Horton, Jane, Allen, Helen Sewell, Lacey, Chelsea Brame, Nicholas Sheehy, Hunter, Peter De Lacy Peek, Patrick Hobson, Jessica & Lee Abott, Baby Nora, Lucky Bowen, Sergio, Maxwell, Nacua Sedicol, Sue Reardon, Sandra Turl, Mia & Johanna Harries, Ana das Gracas, Zona Kable, Jose Adelino, Barry Egan, Suzanne Webb, Patricia, Warren Pope, John Stuart, Stefano & Paolo Macchi, Stephen Jeffrie, Paul Mizzi, George, Sylvia Hudson, Bill O'Keefe, Michele Maroon, Mick G & Robbie Depares

### December Birthdays

Isabel Fiedler (6th Dec)  
Melba Voigt (10th Dec)  
Noel O'Shea (11th Dec)  
Christopher Crocker (12th Dec)  
Richard Firth (12th Dec)  
Ben Rosen (14th Dec)  
Charlie Saliba (17th Dec)  
Ray Webster (20th Dec)  
Yvonne Griffin (23rd Dec)  
Kye Sutherland (26th Dec)  
Emily Bridgett (27th Dec)



## Mackay Family Funerals

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PO Box 89 Ourimbah NSW 2258.

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**Aged Care Volunteer Visitors**

Do you have a caring heart and time to become a friend to a lonely person in an Aged Care Facility?  
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to find out more

## **First Reading** Isaiah 35:1-6, 10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*God himself will come and save us.*

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult,  
let the wasteland rejoice and bloom,  
let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil,  
let it rejoice and sing for joy.  
The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it,  
the splendour of Carmel and Sharon;  
they shall see the glory of the Lord,  
the splendour of our God.  
Strengthen all weary hands,  
steady all trembling knees  
and say to all faint hearts,  
'Courage! Do not be afraid.  
'Look your God is coming,  
vengeance is coming,  
the retribution of God;  
he is coming to save you.'  
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
the ears of the deaf unsealed,  
then the lame shall leap like a deer  
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy,  
for those the Lord has ransomed shall return.  
They will come to Zion shouting for joy,  
everlasting joy on their faces;  
joy and gladness will go with them  
and sorrow and lament be ended.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## **Responsorial Psalm** Ps 145:6-10

**R. Lord, come and save us.**

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger  
and upholds the widow and orphan. **R.**

It is the Lord who loves the just  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

## **Second Reading** James 5:7-10

A reading from the letter of St James

*You also must be patient; do not lose heart, the Lord's coming will be soon.*

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon.

Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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## **Gospel Acclamation** Isaiah 61:1 (Luke 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.  
Alleluia!

## **Gospel** Matthew 11:2-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Are you the one who is to come, or must we wait for someone else?*

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**



## **Next Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent Year A**

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24





# Christmas Mass Schedule:

## **St. Mary's Church, Toukley**

24 Dec, Wed- Vigil Mass

6:00PM Children's Nativity Mass

11:30PM Carols & Midnight Mass

25 Dec, Thu- Christmas Day

7:30AM | 9:00AM

**\*\* No Evening Mass \*\***

## **St. Brendan's Church, Lake Munmorah**

24 Dec, Wed @ 5:00PM

Children's Nativity Mass  
(Vigil Mass)

25 Dec, Thu @ 8:00AM  
Christmas Day



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# CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

**ALL WELCOME!**

Please join us for Mass and  
Children's Nativity at either St  
Brendan's Lake Munmorah or St  
Mary's, Toukley.

Wednesday 24th December,  
2025.

There are lots of roles for  
the children to take part

in, including:

Children's Nativity

Liturgical Dance

Reading

Altar Service

Choir

Register here to  
be involved at  
St Brendan's  
5pm Mass



Register here to  
be involved at  
St Mary's  
6pm Mass





# Local Parish Launches New Website to Connect Community



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We invite all parishioners to visit the website and explore its many features. The site is still being improved and extended, and the team continues to work on enhancing the site based on parishioners' needs and suggestions, so we are asking for your feedback. Please send your suggestions to [toukleyparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:toukleyparish@bbcatholic.org.au).



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Toukley- Lake Munmorah

## Sacramental Programme 2025- 2026

*in Preparation for the*

### *Sacrament of Reconciliation & Holy Communion*

The candidate must be in Year 4 and above have already received the Sacrament of Baptism & Confirmation.

#### **PARENT INFORMATION**

Tue, 10<sup>th</sup> Feb

3:30-4:30PM

St Mary's Church

Thu, 12<sup>th</sup> Feb

2:45- 3:45PM

St Brendan's

7-8PM On Zoom

**\*\*Please register before 10th Feb 2026.\*\***

<https://forms.office.com/r/wq5DdUSS6j>



Note: It is essential that at least one parent/ guardian comes to this session as a pre- requisite for enrolment. Children do not need to attend to this session.



*For queries please contact the Parish Office  
#4396 4455 or send us email  
toukleyparish@bbcatholic.org.au*





"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28



**December 2025**

**5th Dec (1st Friday)**

**Healing Prayer Service, 6:30pm-8:30pm**  
at Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church, **Chatswood**

**ADVENT RETREAT, 12th-14th Dec**

Guided by Fr Sam Samuel VC & Fr Juby Varghese VC

Starts on Friday 5.30pm & ends on Sunday 4.00pm

For bookings: 02 4372 1598 or email: [drcretreatrego@gmail.com](mailto:drcretreatrego@gmail.com)

**15th Dec (3rd Monday)**

**Healing Prayer Service, 7:00pm-9:00pm**  
at St Patrick's Church, 11 Macquarie street, **WALLSEND**

**19th Dec (3rd Friday)**

**Holy Mass & Adoration, 6:00pm-9:00pm**  
at Our Lady Help of Christians, Church, 31 Oxford St, **EPHING**

**31st Dec, 8:30pm onwards**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE**

- 8.30 pm Silent Adoration, Rosary & Confession
- 9.30 pm Thanksgiving Adoration • 10.30 pm Holy Mass

**ALL ARE WELCOME, NO BOOKING REQUIRED**



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