

First Reading

A reading from the book of Exodus Exodus 17:3-7

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 94:1-2, 6-9

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation cf John 4:42, 15

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
Jn 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to

her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' - Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering
and who it is that is saying to you:
Give me a drink,
you would have been the one to ask,
and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again;
but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give
will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give
will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

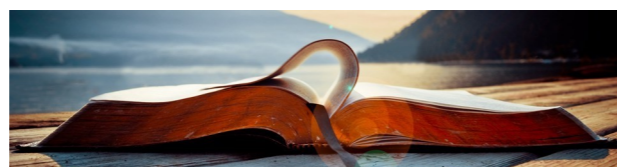
'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come - in fact it is here already - when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah - that is, Christ - is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



Next Week's Readings: 4th Sunday of Lent Year A

First Reading 1Sam 16:1,6-7,10-13
Second Reading Eph 5:8-14
Gospel Jn 9:1-41

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Third Sunday of Lent Time Year A
15th March 2020



In today's Gospel, the dialogue between Jesus and a woman from Samaria is among the most lengthy and most theological found in Scripture. The high point of the conversation is when Jesus reveals himself to her as the Messiah. After the conversation, the Samaritan woman becomes a disciple. Even though she is an outcast and not a Jew, she returns to her town to lead others to Jesus and to wonder whether she has found the Messiah. The Samaritan townspeople return with her to meet Jesus for themselves, and many are said to come to believe in him.

The significance of the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman has many levels. The first is personal: The woman is herself converted to belief in Jesus as Messiah because he knows her sin but speaks with her just the same. The second is social: Having come to know Jesus as the Messiah, the Samaritan woman becomes an evangelist to her own people.

The third level of the story is educational: Jesus uses his encounter with the Samaritan woman to teach his disciples that God's mercy is without limit. Similarly, Jesus comes into our lives like a weary, thirsty traveler asking for some water. Jesus makes inroads into our lives as the one who is helpless and who stands in need of us. What He wants from us is more than water. He thirsts for our hearts. Like the Samaritan woman, who brought many people to Jesus, let us too go out to surroundings and bring many to the presence of the Lord.

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

Tuesday 7:45am

St Patrick

Wednesday 7:45am

Thursday 7:45am

St Joseph, Spouse of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
(Ordinarate 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

St Joseph, Spouse of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

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, especially any new parishioners to the area and those of you who have been away on holidays. We also welcome any 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.

Palms for Palm Sunday



With Palm Sunday approaching on Sunday April 5th, donations of palms would be greatly appreciated.

Please leave palms at the Parish Office.

Mental Health First Aid

Robyn Rosina, a parishioner and an accredited mental health first aid trainer, will be running a group for our parishioners on Mental Health First Aid. The aim of the learning, is to share an understanding of a range of mental illness and how the average person can help, not diagnose or treat, just chat in a helpful way. Very similar to physical health first aid but, just chatting in a helpful safe way instead.

Please talk to each other about the importance of discussing Mental Health issues. The training is over two sessions, likely on Saturdays, but can be during the week. We are hopeful to have the first group after Easter. The cost will be \$30 per participant. This covers the textbook and all materials.

What you can expect from mental health first aid training.

KNOWLEDGE - Improves knowledge of mental illnesses, treatments and first aid actions.

CONFIDENCE - Increases confidence in providing first aid.

DE-STIGMATISING - Decreases stigmatising attitudes.

SUPPORT - Increases the support provided to others.

If you are interested in training to be a mental health first aider as an individual or in your workplace/team, please call Robyn Rosina 0402 968 388.

Divine Retreat Centre

Please see the Notice Boards for the March Programme for the Divine Retreat Centre, Somersby.

Thank you

I would like to thank Lina Samaniego for listening to the Call of God, and offering to take up the position of Sacramental Coordinator. I look forward top working with her in the future.

Fr Tomy

Spirituality in the Pub

Each Second **Tuesday** of the month — the next one being on **7th April, 2020, 7.30pm - 9.00pm**

The Grange Hotel Function Room, Cnr: Renwick St & Pacific Hwy, Wyoming Bistro opens at 5-30pm. *Inquiries: 4365 9197 or 0498 588 261. Everyone most welcome*

Ministries



Serve the Lord with Gladness

As a result of our Baptism, we are all called to serve and so, we invite all our parishioners, especially our new parishioners, to consider joining one of our **many Ministries**, to serve our sisters and brothers in this Neighbourhood of Grace.

Consider being a Catechist or a Helper. Schools are back and our parish is in need of Catechists to "Pass on the Faith" to the many Catholic children in our State schools. **Reader or Altar Server** —St Brendan's are asking for names to go on their upcoming roster. God calls us and — doesn't ask if we are suitable, only if are we available.

Upcoming Parish Events

Paschal lambs

Chocolate paschal Lambs are being sold after Masses from this Sunday 15th March. The cost is \$8 each of which \$2 to go to the parish. Any enquiries, please Contact Carmen on 43909559.

Catholic Women's League

CWL will hold their next monthly meeting on **Monday 23rd March 2020**, to be held in the Parish Centre commencing at 10am. Come and join us. New members are always welcome.



Welcome! Our doors are open and the light is on! Experience God's light and peace in your life this Lent.

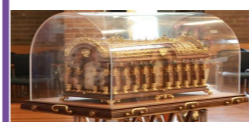
During Lent St Mary's Church, Toukley, will be open **every Friday 7.00pm to 7.30pm** for a **quiet time of adoration, prayer, reflection and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.** OLOR Church, The Entrance and St Cecilia's Church, Wyong will also be open from 7pm. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity.

Reconciliation Programme

The Sacramental Programme for Reconciliation is now underway and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held at St Brendan's on **30th March and 1st April** and at St Mary's on **31st March and 2nd April**

Please keep these families in your prayers.

Relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux and her parents



This past week we were blessed with the presence of three wonderful saints as we participated in the pilgrimage of the Relics of St Therese di Lisieux and her parents, Louis and Zelie.

If you would like to share your experience during the pilgrimage of the relics please send a short email to me at Nicholas.weir@bbccatholic.org.au describing what the experience meant to you. These will be forwarded to Catholic Mission and may be included on their website anonymously and sent to Lisieux.

Easter Cantata –

An afternoon of wonderful singing and music to enjoy by the Tuggerah Lakes Choral Society on **Sunday April 5th, 2.00 p.m.**, at the Presbyterian Church, 37 Victoria Ave Toukley, cnr Hargraves Street. Cost is \$8.00 p/p, which includes afternoon tea. Enquiries – 0444 556 645.

Australian Catholic Men's Gathering 2020

The Australian Catholic Men's Gathering is an initiative of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and its aim is to inspire and encourage men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish and the world.

When: Saturday 25 July 2020

Time: 9am - 7pm

Where: ACU Strathfield, NSW

Cost: \$80 (excl GST)

The bishops hope that after attending this gathering you will leave inspired to respond to the challenges facing our families, parishes and communities today.

Dates for Confirmation

Bishop Anthony has now finalised the dates for Confirmation in our Parish. The Parent Information & Enrolment times will be **St Brendan's Mass Centre on Wednesday 12th August at 3.30pm** and at **St Mary's Parish Centre on Thursday 13th August at 3.30pm and 7pm.**

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be Celebrated, **within Mass**, on **Saturday 26th September in St Mary's Church at 10am** and at **St Brendan's, Lake Munmorah at 1pm.**

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

Recently Deceased

Maureen Daniels, Clement Apiap, Frank Feliciotto, Vi Brodie, George Garvey, Felice Grasso, Fr John Barry OSA, Fr Denis Callahan, Ellen Ashton, Frederick Jurd, Eileen O'Kane, Marie Dyer, Jason Myers (Dublin), Bernard Hensley, Wesley Glabus, Veronica King.



Anniversaries

John Kennedy, Danny Kay, Ruby Prendergast, John Flanagan, Bill Tyson, Colin McIntyre, Eddie Johnston, Tony Wilson, Joseph & Stella Magri, Mary Stewart, Franceska Rose, Anselmo, Paulita, Enrico, Arturo & Pio Edwin Ambait, Pantaleon, Temotea Ambait, Elma Capacite, Romualda & Hermigilso Giba, Valmai Joseph, Dorothy Rush, Victoria Borg, Rose and Stark Families & Holy Souls.

Remembrances

Katy Ng, Olga Creighton, Colin McIntyre, Carol Brown, Scott Kay, Lisa Marie Grenot, John Thomas Matthews, Hannah McCool, Gilles Dedrouas, Lorraine Anderson



Please Pray for the Sick

Fiona Haslam, Vicky Debono, Teresa Wegrzyn, Ann Durnford Steve Durnford, Maureen Mulheron, Koby Bourke, Monica Mason, Kathleen Wiegold, Ariane Hampton, Fr Bill Aliprandi, John Andrews, Linda Read, Eleanor Matthews, Andrew Kelly, Paul Covington, Fiona Gill, Koby Thomas, Evan Shepherd, Kathleen Strong, Bourke, Brian Davies, Tony Hodges, 4 year old Ethan, Faye Lund, Michael Wiggan & Vanessa Miller.

Safeguarding

The Diocese of Broken Bay and, we the people of the Catholic Parish of Toukley/Lake Munmorah seek to ensure children and vulnerable people are provided with the fundamental right to be kept safe and respected. This right is held sacred in our Gospel, international and local laws and within our Church policy and practice.

As Safeguarding is the responsibility of all of us, we are all invited to embrace and contribute to a culture of safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

Please speak to Lorraine Dunn at St Brendan's and Robyn Rosina at St Mary's if you feel the need.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity

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