

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Catholic Parish Toukley/Lake Munmorah

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Vision

To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community

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Second Sunday of Advent, Year A

4th December 2022



The message that runs all through the season of Advent is one of being prepared - of staying awake - of keeping our eyes and hearts open to the coming of the Lord. For the unprepared, the proud, the indifferent and the evil-doers, the news is not good and catches them completely off guard. But for the long suffering and the hope-filled, the news seems too good to be true. God has noticed them after all and is coming to save them. There will be rest for the weary and safety for the vulnerable in the hands of God.

As we prepare to be touched again by the mystery of Christmas, we should try to be more fully aware of the many ways that God continues to visit us, to touch us, to announce good news to us. But He comes in unexpected disguises, in strange circumstances, using unusual people and places. We should learn again to recognize the presence of God in the ordinary people and things around us.

We need to prepare our hearts to recognize His presence with the eyes of faith. We need to understand that our God continues to come to us, to announce good news to us in unexpected ways. We want to be able to rejoice because we know that He is near us, within us. Finally, we need to trust that His promises to us will be fulfilled.

CONGREGATION OF THE SONS OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (CFIC) WAS FOUNDED IN ROME ON SEPT. 8TH, 1857 BY BLESSED LUIGI MARIA MONTI.



This religious family was founded with the scope of assisting the sick and educating those youth in need. Until his death in 1900 Luigi Monti spent his energy giving religious formation to his religious brothers so as to continue to serve the sick, needy and abandoned in the society. Today members of the Congregation include brothers, priests, doctors, pharmacists, teachers, lab technicians and nurses. Today CFIC is present over 20 countries all around the world.

The first religious community was opened at Nirmalagiri, Peroor, Kerala, India and was blessed on 25th May 1976 by Bishop Cornelious, under the leadership of late Rev. FR. Mathew Chemmarapally. Initial growth gave priority to vocation and formation, then the CFIC in India gradually flourished with its variety of charitable activities manifesting all aspects of the charism of its founder blessed Luigi Maria Monti. At present Indian CFIC has thirteen communities and is blessed with almost 100 active priests and more than 75 seminarians in various formation periods. CFIC has been serving in the Broken Bay Diocese since 2015. CFIC in India focuses on various Children Missions with the aim of providing free and quality education, food and accommodation. We spend around \$600 per year on each child. We highly appreciate if you could support fully or partially some of our children. Although the CFIC in India started in Kerala, it flourished and extended its branches to the nearby states of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Orissa. We are grateful to all your prayers, generosity and support. God bless you all.

Fr Baby

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church Toukley

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

St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

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

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 (Mass devoted to Mother Mary)

St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

Wednesday 9:00am (1st Wed of the month
Anointing of Sick)

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 (except 15th Oct)
(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 (excluding
School Holidays)

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



Welcome to our Parish. Today we celebrate the **Second Sunday in Advent, Year A**. Thank you for being here.

Advent Prayer (after Communion)

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks and praise for your unceasing love for us. Grant us the grace of true repentance for our sins. By the power of the Holy Spirit, transform and purify us so that our hearts may be worthy mangers to welcome the newborn Babe, your Son, Jesus Christ.



Christmas Mass times

St Mary's, Toukley

Christmas Eve: 6pm Vigil incl. Children's Nativity
Carols 11.30pm, Midnight Mass

Christmas Day: 7.30am and 9am (no evening Mass)

St Brendan's, Lake Munmorah

Christmas Eve: 5pm Vigil Children's Mass
(Carols at 4.30pm)

Christmas Day: 8am



Parish Morning Tea - Sun 4th Dec

We have morning tea at both churches this Sunday 4th Dec after 8am Mass at St Brendan's and after 9am Mass at St Mary's. All welcome. Thank you to those who host and prepare the morning tea.

Parish Christmas Carols - Tues 20th Dec at St Mary's

All are invited to come together at St Mary's on Tuesday 20th December at 6pm for Christmas Carols. Please spread the word and invite family and friends.



Feast of the Immaculate Conception - Renewal of Vows

This is the feast of the Religious order of the sons of the Immaculate Conception (CFIC) to which Frs Tomy and Baby belong. On the weekend of 10/11 Dec there will be a special collection to support the charitable activities of the CFIC. Fr Tomy and Fr Baby will renew their religious vows on 11th Dec during 9am Mass at St Mary's.

Gosford Parish - Mercy Night - 2nd Rite of Reconciliation

Friday 16 Dec from 7pm. Gosford Parish invites you to the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation, Adoration, veneration of JP II relics and Praise and Worship. Please join us and we encourage you to share this invitation with your family and friends! All welcome.

School News

St Mary's Catholic Primary School has farewelled **Kevin Williams** who is moving on from his role of Principal. In 2022, **Emma Sellars** has been Acting Principal, and Emma has now been appointed to this role in a permanent capacity. Thank you Kevin for your support of our Parish over the years and Congratulations Emma!

St Brendan's Catholic Primary School will this coming week farewell Principal **Craig McNee** who has resigned from his role. Thank you Craig for supporting the Parish, we wish you well for the future!


Catechist Corner

We'd love to hear from you if you've ever thought about becoming a Catechist! Now is the perfect time to enquire and sign up...ready for the new school year! Please contact the Parish Office for more information.





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Parish Volunteers BBQ

We ask that all Parish Volunteers put Friday 9th Dec in your diary for our annual Thank you BBQ. This will be held at St Mary's, beginning with a Thanksgiving Mass at 5pm, followed by the BBQ.

St Vincent de Paul - Wyong Vinnies Support Centre

Address 47 Howarth St, Wyong, Open Mon-Fri 9am-4pm. Call 4353 5614 for an appointment. Vinnies can help with food hampers, toiletries, PBS prescriptions, furniture, clothing, petrol vouchers and much more. See the noticeboard for more details.

Social Justice Message

Who Is Carrying The Burden Of Inflation?

Vinnies released a report, "A Fairer Tax and Welfare System." It proposes modest changes to Australia's tax and welfare system to support the most vulnerable. 'These simple and affordable changes could lift a million people out of poverty, with --- no impact on the nation's net budgetary position,' Ms Victory said, "These are choices that the Government make." (from Margaret Hagan)

Immaculate Conception of Our Lady - Thurs 8 Dec

The Ordinariate Mass at 9am on Thurs 8 Dec at St Mary's will be a celebration of this feast. The Mass will be followed by Morning Tea in the Parish Centre. Everyone is invited to the celebration.

Vinnies Christmas Appeal

The Vinnies Christmas Appeal will be held this weekend 3/4 Dec and again on 17/18 Dec. Please look out for the envelopes. The Vinnies Christmas Tree will be available next weekend 10/11 Dec for donations of non-perishable goods or gift cards. We thank you for your support.



Children's Worksheets & Free Christmas Books

Worksheets, pencils and Free Christmas books for children are available at the church doors.



Parish Youth Mass at St Mary's - this Sunday 4th Dec

1st Sunday of the month at 6pm Mass. An opportunity for our young people and their families to take part in the liturgy. All welcome. Stay for Pizza dinner after Mass.

Help needed!

We are looking for one of our St Mary's church groups to volunteer to host the February Parish morning tea (1st Sunday of Feb after 9am Mass). Any group who doesn't already host morning tea in another month, please consider this and call the Parish Office if you can help. The current roster is in the Sacristy.



Save the date – Toronto Men's Weekend

A menALIVE Men's Weekend will be held in St Joseph's Toronto Parish on the weekend of 25/26 March 2023. This weekend is suitable for all men from 18 years of age and provides an opportunity for men to explore what makes them feel fully alive. More information including how to register will be provided closer to the date.

Upcoming events - Save the Dates:

Lectio Divina - Thursdays 5pm

Fri 9th Dec - Parish Volunteers Mass 5pm & BBQ
Tues 20th Dec - Christmas Carols at St Mary's 6pm



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



Recently Deceased

Diane Smith, John 'Jack' Mahony

Anniversaries

Edna Bath, Colin McIntyre, Lorraine Anderson

Remembrances

Molly Krishnan, Lisa Grenot, Carol Brown, Moore & Langley families, Valmai Joseph Stark Family

Please Pray for the Sick

Sandra Curry, Mary Cefai, Donald Lewis, Kim Thomas, Mrs J Bowering, Margaret Brett, Allen Venneri, Gary Poppett, Jenna Stoffel, Jeff Moir, Joshua Booth, Miklos Beothy, Ken Scales, Pat Corby, Kevin & Helen Turner, Maureen Dries, Pat Glennen, Mary Smith, Sabu Kuruvelil, Yvonne Sutton, Liz Kelman, Lailane Bugaoisan, Teresa Jan, Michael Durken, Olive Haslam, Colin Fowler, Joy Rearden, Sr Tincy (Fr Baby's sister), Joyce Burns, Diane Booth, Rhondda Rey, Ann Buckman, David Vella, Ann Rigney, Margaret Jones, Margaret Moran, Faye Roberts, Noel McCool

Newly Baptised

We welcome April Curran and her family to our Parish Community.



November Birthdays

Melba Voigt (10th Dec)
Christopher Crocker (12th Dec)
Charlie Saliba (17th Dec)
Paul Moir (20th Dec)
Kye Sutherland (26th Dec)



Call the office to have your birthday or anniversary included!

BULLETIN Notices must be received by the office by 2pm Wednesday to be included for the coming weekend. Subject to space and approval. Thank you

Flooding at Forbes

The flooding at Forbes has caused disruption and loss for many people. Sr Kathleen is working there and has appealed for blankets because Forbes can be a cold place. Please consider donating clean blankets which can be left at the church and then sent on. Fr Ken (43993523) can provide more information.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for December

Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations



We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

Mackay Family Funerals

In Association with Mackay Family Crematorium
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PO Box 89 Ourimbah NSW 2258.

Phone: (02) 4362 2733 Fax: (02) 4362 2899



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 11:1-10

He judges the poor with justice.

The A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse,
a scion thrusts from his roots:
on him the spirit of the Lord rests,
a spirit of wisdom and insight,
a spirit of counsel and power,
a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.
(The fear of the Lord is his breath.)
He does not judge by appearances,
he gives no verdict on hearsay,
but judges the wretched with integrity,
and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land.
His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless;
his sentences bring death to the wicked.
Integrity is the loincloth round his waist,
faithfulness the belt about his hips.
The wolf lives with the lamb,
the panther lies down with the kid,
calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them.
The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down
together.
The lion eats straw like the ox.
The infant plays over the cobra's hole;
into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand.
They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain,
for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters swell the sea.
That day, the root of Jesse
shall stand as a signal to the peoples.
It will be sought out by the nations
and its home will be glorious.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

**R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and full-
ness of peace for ever.**

O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement. **R.**

In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails:
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R.**

For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. **R.**

May his name be blessed for ever
and endure like the sun.
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,
all nations bless his name. **R.**

Second Reading

Romans 15:4-9

Christ, the hope of all people.

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *Luke 3:4, 6*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Next Sunday - Third Sunday of Advent Yr A

First Reading - Isaiah 35:1-6, 10

Second Reading - James 5:7-10

Gospel - Matthew 11:2-11