

First Reading

A reading from the first book of Samuel Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians Eph 5:8-14

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said: Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you. The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 8:12

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

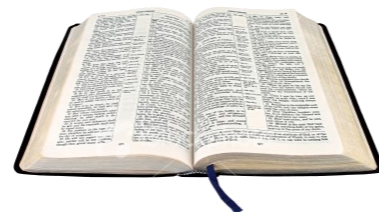
His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet', replied the man.

'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him'. Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

The Gospel of the Lord.



Next Weeks Readings: 5th Sunday of Lent Year A

First Reading Ezek 37:12-14
Second Reading Rom 8:8-11
Gospel Jn 11:1-45

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Fourth Sunday of Lent Time Year A 22nd March 2020



Today's Gospel explains, healing of the man born blind. This man suffered from blindness and approached for a cure from many doctors and healers of that time, but none could heal him. Finally, he approached Jesus to be healed of his blindness. When Jesus healed the blind man, he received physical vision which was followed by a deeper vision of Jesus as the story unfolds. For the blind man, he undergoes different stages of spiritual transformation in his life through the healing.

The man born blind resisted all pressures by the Pharisees and he grew in faith to accept Jesus as Lord. This transformation took place based on his own experience of being a blind man to a man with total vision.

The man born blind had a transformation whereas the Pharisees although had physical vision became more and more blinded and lost their vision. The story of the blind man has a deep significance for each of us. Lent is the time for us to have a deeper vision of Jesus and to get in touch with the divine. When people look at appearances, God looks at the heart of a person and makes His choice.

Fr Tomy

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 The Annunciation of the Lord

Thursday 7:45am (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 7:45am

St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

Wednesday 9:00am The Annunciation of the Lord

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 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



Welcome to 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 this weekend. A directive from Bishop Anthony cancels all public celebration of the Holy Eucharist, until further notice. You are all most welcome here in our

Parish. Please feel free to use our church for private prayer.

Cancellation of Masses



It is very sad that we are unable to celebrate Mass with you for the time being. Please be mindful there are other ways we can practise our faith through, personal/family prayer and devotion, scripture reading, reciting the Rosary and watching Mass on TV on Sunday morning

at 6am on Channel 10, or online (<http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>).

Please take the time to read and reflect on the letter from Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD, JCL March 2020. Bishop of Broken Bay, which is printed and on display in the Notice board window.

St Mary's Church will remain open each day from 8am to 4pm. Please feel free to come in and pray.

The parish office will remain open.

Mental Health First Aid Training

In light of the bishop's message to suspend masses, it is best to postpone the first mental health course until this situation resolves.

Palm Sunday

Unfortunately, due to the health circumstances, and cancellation of all Masses, at the moment, we will not require donations of palms this year.

Plenary Council 2020

The final report for Phase 1: Listening and Dialogue for Broken Bay has now been released. The findings in this report are a summary of the submissions that were received from our dioceses and highlights prominent themes that were discussed by participants.

The full report can be found towards the bottom on the opening page of the Plenary Council website under Diocesan Reports – Broken Bay. Website: <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au> The report itself is lengthy but the Contents on page 3 provide the information of all that is included.

Financial Sustainability of our Parish

Financial sustainability is vital for our capacity, as a parish, to continue our Mission, during these difficult and trying times. We encourage our parishioners to donate to both the first and second collection, as well as the Charitable Works Fund Appeal, due in May, by direct debit to the parish. We thank you for your past generosity and look forward to your continued financial support of our parish. Please contact the Parish Office to update your details. Fr Tomy

Upcoming Parish Events

Paschal Lambs

Chocolate paschal Lambs will now be available from the Warden's Room at St Mary's church. The cost is \$8 each of which \$2 to go to the parish. Any enquiries, please Contact Carmen on 4390 9559.

Catholic Women's League

CWL will hold **not hold monthly meeting** on this **Monday 23rd March 2020**, due to the current health situation.

Benediction



Benediction will place every Saturday morning at 8.30am, followed by the Rosary. This is a wonderful opportunity to pray in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, for those people suffering from the effects of the Coronavirus, both physically and financially.

Stations of the Cross



Stations of the Cross are being held at St Mary's Church at **8:30am each Friday during Lent**, followed by the Rosary.



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

During Lent St Mary's Church, Toukley, is 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 is also open from 7pm. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity.

Sacramental Programmes

Reconciliation Programme

As of 17th March, all reconciliation classes and the practice were cancelled, as a precautionary health measure.

First Eucharist and Confirmation

Also, preparation for the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation are on hold and subject to review.

Please watch for further announcements

Churches Together.

Unfortunately, the Churches Together service on 25th March is cancelled/postponed. It is suggested that at 7pm on 25th, we all pray in unity from our various locations, that a cure be found quickly for this virus. Also, that people do not feel fear and act out irresponsibly, but be filled with a sense of God's loving presence. We look forward to coming together at a new date.

Holy Week and Easter Liturgies

Bishop Anthony is currently considering how best to celebrate these liturgies and we will be advised in the coming weeks.

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, John Andrews, Kathleen Wiegold, Ariane Hampton, Fr Bill Aliprandi, 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 Wiggin & Vanessa Miller.



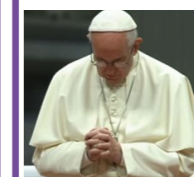
Safeguarding

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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