

# Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Catholic Parish Toukley/Lake Munmorah

St Mary's Church 458 Main Rd Norville

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## Vision

*To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community*

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Second Sunday of Advent, Year C

5th December 2021



### "John the Baptist's call to repentance"

Today's Gospel gives us an account of John the Baptist's invitation to prepare the way of the Lord. In view of Christ's coming John urges us to prepare the way for Christ by giving our lives a new orientation, a complete turnabout. The repentance that is asked of us is not merely a turning away from sin but rather a change of heart. Hence to repent would mean that we recognize our brokenness and our need for redemption and turn to God. Humankind in general is broken, fragmented, damaged and wounded by sin.

Hence, we need to recognize our own brokenness to be saved from the situation. John proclaims Jesus to be one who will fulfill the prophecy of Isaiah that all humankind will see the salvation of God. To prepare for His coming John invites us to prepare the way of the Lord. That is by making His paths straight. All that prevents His smooth coming has to be done away with: valleys shall be filled, mountains and hills shall be levelled and crooked ways have to be made straight.

**We need to prepare the way for the Messiah in our hearts:** We have to fill in the "valleys" of our souls which have resulted from our shallow prayer life and a minimalist way of living out our Faith. We have to straighten whatever crooked paths we've been walking like habitual sins or anger. If we have been involved in some dishonest practices at work or at home, we are called to straighten them out and make restitution. If we have been harbouring grudges or hatred, or failing to be reconciled with others, now is the time to clear away all the debris. If we have been pushing God off to the side of our road, now is the time for us to get our priorities straight.

"The voice of the great prophet asks us to prepare the way for the coming Lord in the deserts of today, internal and external deserts, thirsting for the water of life which is Christ"- Pope Benedict XVI

Fr Tomy

## 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 9:00 am  
Tuesday 9:00 am  
Wednesday 9:00 am  
Thursday 9:00 am  
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 (except 27th Nov & 4th Dec)

### 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 (currently paused)**



Welcome to our Parish. Today we celebrate the **Second Sunday of Advent**. We are pleased to see you in our Church once again.

### Christmas Mass times (no bookings this year) 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)

Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Dec: 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 (no evening Mass)

Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Dec: 8am



### Benediction & Confession at St Mary's Sat 4th Dec

There will be no Benediction or Confession at St Mary's this Sat 4th Dec due to the Confirmation ceremony being held. See one of our priests to arrange Confession at another time.



### Confirmation Candidates

Congratulations to our Confirmation candidates! Our remaining candidates will receive the Sacrament this weekend. A big thank you to Families, Sacramental Leaders, Teachers and School Principals.

### New Planned Giving app— "Good Giving"

Visit <https://brokenbay.goodgiving.com.au/qr/parish/toukley> or on your mobile App store, search for "Parish Giving Broken Bay" or scan the QR code to the right: This allows you to set-up regular automated Planned Giving for Clergy, Parish and Pastoral collections.



### Catechists Urgently Needed

Do you enjoy working with children? We need some new Catechist volunteers in our Parish, to either lead a class or be a helper, teaching Catholic scripture in the local public schools. Full training & support provided. Call the Parish Office for more info.



### Feast of the Immaculate Conception - 8th Dec

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 11/12 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 12th Dec during 9am Mass at St Mary's. Please keep us in your prayers.

### Attn: Readers, Wardens, Servers at St Mary's

Christmas & Jan 2022 Rosters for St Mary's are being prepared. If you have not already done so, please use the form at the doors of the Church to indicate your availability for Christmas, late December and January rosters. Replies required by 5th Dec.

Mass of Inclusion 2021 for those living with disability and their families. Celebrated by Bishop Anthony on Sun 5th Dec 9.30am OLR Cathedral, Waitara. There are very limited places available for people to attend in person. To book your place, go to <https://form.jotform.com/213147605999063> The mass will also be livestreamed, and we encourage you to join at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNenwlf7i14XB9TsVBrLvQ>



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**COVID-19 Restrictions – Places of Worship Diocese of Broken Bay** Latest Update: from Monday 18th Oct 2021 our Churches are open for **MASSES** as per our usual schedule.

Capacity at St Mary's: 235. St Brendans: 320.

Those entering the church MUST:

- **CHECK-IN in using the QR code—MANDATORY**
- Wear a mask
- Hand sanitise
- Physically distance inside the Church (2 sqm rule).
- No singing by the congregation

**IMPORTANT:** signing-in on paper is only a back-up option if you cannot check-in with a QR code. If you have a smartphone, please download the Service NSW app, create a log-in and then use your smartphone to scan the QR code and sign-in at the church doors. It's very easy and you can use this method everywhere you go.

**Friday Morning Mass rescheduled - Fri 10th Dec**

Due to St Mary's Yr 6 Graduation Mass being celebrated in the Church on Fri 10th Dec at 9.15am, our Friday Parish Mass on that date will be held at 5pm instead. This will be followed by the Volunteers BBQ.

**Parish Volunteers 'Thank You' BBQ—Fri 10th Dec 6pm**

All Parish Volunteers are invited to a BBQ at St Mary's to acknowledge and celebrate your contribution to our Parish this year. Invitations are being sent by email & phone, please RSVP by 6th Dec. If you are a volunteer and you have not heard from us, please contact the Parish Office.



**Holy Shop Open!**

Our Holy Shop at St Mary's is open every weekend, before and after each Mass. We have some copies of the 2022 Daily Mass Book, plus many other beautiful items. Come and shop for Christmas gifts!

**Vinnies Christmas Appeal—this weekend**

We will be holding our annual Vinnies Christmas Appeal this weekend 4th and 5th December. Please give generously to support the important work of Vinnies in our local area. Our Vinnies Christmas Tree will be available later in December for your gift card donations.



**Children's Worksheets**

Worksheets and pencils are available at the church doors.



**Stamps for Missions**

If you have any used postage stamps that you would like to donate, please drop them off in the box in St Mary's Church foyer, or at the Parish Office. Thank you

**Thank you**

We thank all parishioners and friends for joining the conclusion of November Masses on 30th Nov in both churches.

**Parish Office**

The Parish office will open at 11.30am on Tues 7th Dec (instead of the usual 9am). Holiday Office Hours: The office will be closed from 2pm Christmas Eve and will re-open on Mon 10th Jan. The office will be open on Mondays & Fridays for the remainder of January.

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



Recently Deceased

Patricia Hensley, Antonio Di Napoli, Isabel Ridge-well, John Gazzana

Anniversaries

Ron Turner, Irma Turner, Lorraine Anderson, Denis Newey

Remembrances

Stephen Cappa, Ronald Thomas, Petronela Adelaide, Arturo Canillas & Rosalinda, Carol Brown, Greg Irvine, Moore & Langley families, Valmai Joseph Stark Family

Please Pray for the Sick

**Elena Mabini (Sr Josie's mother), Lisa Hart, Lucas Campbell, Noel McCool, Anna Cole, Val Unterrheiner, Ben Kozak, Karl Henry, Norma Dipple, Errol Jurd, Kathleen Cassidy, Adel Firth-Mason, Nenita Turner, Yohanes Christanto Perdana, Jehzekiel Lambaran, Brian Lane, Joe Micallef, Eleanor Matthews, Dave Rodney, Maila Reyes, Mary Smith, Therese Chetcuti, Graham Moir, Sr Tincy Thomas**

**December Birthdays**

Melba Voigt (10th Dec)  
Christopher Crocker (12th Dec)  
Charlie Saliba (17th Dec)



*Call the office to have your birthday included!*

**Lectio Divina—every Thursday 5pm via Zoom**

To participate, please visit the Parish Facebook page

**Annual Crib**

This year's Christmas crib is sponsored by Lawrence & Teresa Benjamin & family. We appreciate their generosity & support.

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for December**

**For Catechists**

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.



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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

*Baruch 5:1-9*

*Jerusalem - God will show you splendour.*

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'.

Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them.

Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

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 1:3-6, 8-11*

*Show yourself sinless and without blame in the day of Christ.*

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

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**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

*Luke 3:1-6*

*All people shall see the salvation of God.*

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness:

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

Every valley will be filled in,  
every mountain and hill be laid low,  
winding ways will be straightened  
and rough roads made smooth.

And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**Next Sunday** - Third Sunday of Advent, Year C

First Reading - Zephaniah 3:14-18

Second Reading - Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel - Luke 3:10-18