

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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Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B

5th September 2021

EPHPHATHA, BE OPENED



Our journey of faith is a never-ending one - one of constantly coming to know The Father through Jesus. The Gospel of Mark is often considered to be the earliest gospel to be written - maybe 60-70 AD. It is neither history nor biography - it is simply the imparting of the Good News. What's interesting about the Gospel of Mark is this: It does not concentrate so much on the teachings of Jesus, but on the mystery of Jesus as a person - and the gradual way in which people came to understand him, how they came to understand their own faith and finally how the impact of their encounters with him enabled them to share this faith with others. It is a story about Jesus, breaking into human life as good news.

The cure of the deaf-mute in today's Gospel passage points to a deeper reality - it is much more than just the healing of a person in need. Christ touches ears and opens them to hear the good news. This is a whole new way of hearing and acting. The deaf man, once cured, speaks "plainly"---and so should we speak and act plainly as witnesses to the gospel of life that we are learning. And we are clearly reminded that we cannot exist without the support and love of one another.

This is His "new commandment" - we are not only touched by Him and connected to Him, but to one another as well. He taught the truth, he spoke words of comfort, he healed the sick, he brought the gift of hearing to those who were deaf, he rebuked those who needed to be rebuked; he spent time in prayer and in communion with the Father and with ordinary people. Ultimately, he laid down his life for those ordinary people. And He invites and calls us to go and do likewise - to love not only in word or speech but in deed and in truth.

"I alone cannot do anything. Jesus alone will not do anything. Jesus and I do everything" - St. Teresa of Avila.

Fr Baby

BAY CONNECT—Online resources for everyone

The Diocese of Broken Bay has launched **BAY CONNECT**, an online program of regular activities commencing on 30 August, to converse, reflect and connect spiritually online with our communities. Access the Bay Connect page here: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/news/covid-19-updates/prayer-resources/bay-connect> We encourage you to join as many activities as you can.



Pastoral Works Broken Bay

Charitable Works Fund (CWF) has re-branded to Pastoral Works Broken Bay. We appreciate any support that can be given, no matter how big or small. Our ministries continue to operate and provide vital services. We encourage donations at www.bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks. All donations over \$2 are tax-deductible. Collection envelopes for Masses will be available when our churches re-open.



Lectio Divina—every Thursday 5pm via Zoom

Sr Josie and Sr Jennifer invite you to join them for their weekly Lectio Divina (Break open the Word) every Thursday at 5pm. If you would like to participate, please visit the Parish Facebook page or email the Parish Office at toukleyparish@bbcatholic.org.au for more information.

LIVE STREAM: Sunday Mass 9am

We will be live streaming our 9am Mass this Sunday 5th Sept. You will find the link at our Facebook page: Toukley-Lake Munmorah Parish or click this link <https://www.facebook.com/toukley.parish.3>

CatholicCare Foster Care Campaign

If you have space in your home and room in your heart, please reach out now. Call (02) 4320 7777 or visit www.fostering.org.au.



Confirmation Sacramental Program

We are so happy for the children and their families who have begun their Confirmation Sacramental journey. They have now completed week 3 of their online classes. We have included in this Bulletin a special page dedicated to our Candidates, featuring some photos of their Sacred Spaces at home and the saint they have chosen for their Confirmation name. We hope you enjoy sharing in their Confirmation journey. Please continue to pray for the candidates and their families. We invite our candidates, their families, sponsors and all Parishioners to join our live-stream Mass again this Sunday at 9am. <https://www.facebook.com/toukley.parish.3>

CatholicCare can help with Coles/Woolworths vouchers.

Call CatholicCare on (02) 9481 2600 or email them at info@catholiccareddb.org.au. They are here to help our parish families. Please note this support is able to be offered due to Government funding so they will require ID and some documentation to access assistance but they can walk you through the requirements.

St Vincent de Paul - help available

Vinnies Support Centres are still able to take calls and arrange food vouchers or food items to be delivered to those in need. Our closest Vinnies centre is Wyong. Ph 4353 5614. Open Mon-Fri 9.30am-4pm

PPC Diocesan Gatherings

A reminder that two gatherings have been organised in coming months for all PPC members. These Zoom meetings are planned for Wed 15th Sept and Tues 9th Nov, both at 7pm. For specific details, please email the Parish office toukleyparish@bbcatholic.org.au

Happy Fathers Day!

We wish all fathers and father-figures a very Happy Father's Day today. We hope you have the chance to connect with your loved ones and feel special and truly appreciated! Enjoy your day, Dads! We also remember the fathers who are no longer with us, we cherish our memories of them on Father's Day.



Prayer for all Father's on Father's Day

God, bless all the Father's in the world, we ask that You guide them to be good role models and loving to their children. We also ask that You help them to be a father like You are. Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way. Amen.

Safeguarding Month

This year the Safeguarding Offices of the Diocese of Broken Bay, Archdiocese of Sydney, Diocese of Parramatta and have collaborated on the development of a significant resource for all Catholic communities.

The resource is a publication which addresses Children and Young Peoples Participation in Catholic Communities: A guide to supporting & engaging, listening, and communicating with Children and Young People.

To show our support for National Children Protection Week our resource will be launched online **Wednesday 8 September**.

To access the guide go to the www.bbcatholic.org.au/safeguarding-month-2021
For more information contact safeguarding@bbcatholic.org.au or P 8379 1651

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Today we celebrate the **Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B. It is also Father's Day!**



Please keep each other in your prayers, and remember to stay home and stay safe. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Prayer for People Affected by Covid-19

Jesus, during Your ministry on Earth You showed Your power and caring by healing people of all ages and stations of life from physical, mental, and spiritual ailments. Be present now to people who need Your loving touch because of COVID-19. May they feel Your power of healing through the care of doctors and nurses. Take away the fear, anxiety, and feelings of isolation from people receiving treatment or under quarantine. Give them a sense of purpose in pursuing health and protecting others from exposure to the disease. Protect their families and friends and bring peace to all who love them.

COVID-19 Restrictions – Places of Worship Diocese of Broken Bay Latest Update: 26th Aug 2021. Due to current COVID restrictions, **our churches and all Parish buildings are currently closed.** This remains in place until 10th September.

Parish Office—currently closed due to COVID restrictions

Please do not visit the office but you are welcome to email us at toukleyparish@bbcatholic.org.au or call 4396 4455. If you need to drop something off, please use the small slot next to the Parish office door. Alicia is currently working from home some days so please be patient with responses to phone messages. Email is preferred. In an emergency, please call one of the priests on their mobile (see front page of this Bulletin).

Planned Giving during Lockdown

Option 1: Switch to credit card—The invitation to switch/begin regular credit card giving remains available. The form is available on the Parish website. Please print & complete the form, then return it to the office by email toukleyparish@bbcatholic.org.au.

Option 2: Donate directly to the Parish Bank Account—please consider depositing your Planned Giving contribution directly into our bank account. Acc Name: Toukley Catholic Parish, BSB 062 784, Acc # 100001614, Ref # Your surname (and envelope number if you have one). Thank you in advance for your support.

First Plenary Council Assembly Moving Fully Online

At long last, starting 3 Oct 2021, the Catholic Church in Australia will gather for the first Assembly of the Plenary Council. You can keep abreast of all the latest news, access the Instrumentum Laboris and sign up to the Plenary Council Newsletter by heading to the National website: <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>

Would you like to receive this Bulletin by email?

Email us at toukleyparish@bbcatholic.org.au and provide the email address that the Bulletin should be sent to.



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



Recently Deceased

Michael Rivett, Malia Veatupu, Shirley Chapman

Anniversaries

Daniela Gala, Jack and Myra Hanlen, Elizabeth Sue Coles

Remembrances

Gail Beer, Eileen Thorpe, Moore & Langley families, Greg Irvine, Valmai Joseph Stark Family

Please Pray for the Sick

Murray Evans, Noel McCool, Nenita Turner, Yohanes Christanto Perdana, Jehezkiel Lambaran, Brian Lane, Joe Micallef, Anne Lacrosse, Eleanor Matthews, Dave Rodney, Maila Reyes, Mary Smith, Therese Chetcuti, Graham Moir, Julie Kozak, Sr Tincy Thomas

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September

An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle



We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

September Birthdays

Big birthday wishes to parishioners celebrating a birthday this month. Please email us if you are having a birthday in September, we'd love to put your name here!



Call the office to have your birthday included!

Bulletin notices—Wednesday deadline

Please ensure that any requests for Bulletin notices are supplied to the Parish Office by mid-day Wednesday. This is to allow time for the Bulletin to be prepared and printed. Thank you.

Mackay Family Funerals

In Association with Mackay Family Crematorium
A.B.N. 79 085 423 589

Head Office: 249 Pacific Highway West, Ourimbah 2258

PO Box 89 Ourimbah NSW 2258.

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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

Isaiah 35:4-7

Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak.

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 water gushes in the desert,
streams in the wasteland,
the scorched earth becomes a lake,
the parched land springs of water.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:7-10

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

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 loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R.**

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

Second Reading

James 2:1-5

Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats;' then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my

foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 7:31-37

He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Next Sunday - Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
First Reading - Isaiah 50:5-9
Second Reading - James 2:14-18
Gospel - Mark 8:27-35

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Look Confirmation Candidates! Your Sacred Spaces and Saint Names are amazing!



Clive's Sacred Space

Clive has chosen St Francis of Assisi as his Saint, because he likes animals and St Francis is the patron saint of animals. Also, Clive's grandfather's name is Francis!

Aila has chosen St Faith as her Saint, because St Faith was very brave, loyal and stood up for what she believed in.



Abel's Sacred Space

Beau has chosen St George as his Saint, because "St George protected people and he was brave, he was ready to die to follow Jesus. St George was so brave he made other people

want to follow Jesus. I think he was a Knight and killed a dragon. It doesn't matter if he did or not, just that he was a protector and very brave for Jesus".



Beau's Sacred Space



Emilee's Sacred Space

Emilee has chosen St Ava as her Saint, because she likes the name, it sounds lovely with her Baptism names and she likes the story of St Ava.

Piper has chosen St Abigail as her Saint, because "St Abigail is the keeper of bees, and I love bees."



Piper's Sacred Space



John's Sacred Space



Blair & Ruby's Sacred Space



Cochella's Sacred Space

Join us for our Live-stream Mass at 9am this Sunday

[Click this link](#) to join us for our live-stream Mass via Facebook this Sunday 5th September at 9am, where we will again give our Confirmation Candidates a special blessing. We look forward to sharing our Mass with you.

Our Confirmation Candidates 2021
Please pray for us



Grace Aila Finn
Eva Ellie Evie Rylee Ruby R Rose
Solingo Ryan Mia Addison Levi Liam G
Sosefo Nikkita Haiden John Byron
Harry Eli Joshua Jay
Ayla Beau Clive
Matthew Abel Emily
Thomas L Emeri Summer
Cynthia Piper Cochella
Arlie Harlow Emmanuelle
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