

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah Isaiah 58:7-10

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,
and shelter the homeless poor,
clothe the man you see to be naked
and turn not from your own kin.
Then will your light shine like the dawn
and your wound be quickly healed over.
Your integrity will go before you
and the glory of the Lord behind you.
Cry, and the Lord will answer;
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'
If you do away with the yoke,
the clenched fist, the wicked word,
if you give your bread to the hungry,
and relief to the oppressed,
your light will rise in the darkness,
and your shadows become like noon.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 111:4-9

R. A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

He is a light in the darkness for the upright:
he is generous, merciful and just.
The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour. **R.**

The just man will never waver:
he will be remembered for ever.
He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **R.**

With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His head will be raised in glory. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
1 Cor 2:1-5

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show
of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God
had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only
knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only
about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any
power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and
trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I

gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to
philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the
Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend
on human philosophy but on the power of God.
The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation John 8:12

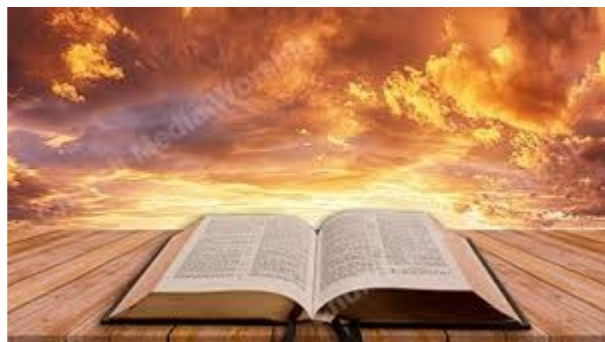
Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
the man who follows me
will have the light of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Mat 5:13-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth.
But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty
again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out
to be trampled underfoot by men.'

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top can-
not be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub;
they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone
in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the
sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may
give the praise to your Father in heaven.'
The Gospel of the Lord.



Next Weeks Readings: 6th Sunday Ordinary Time

First Reading Sir 15:15-20
Second Reading 1Cor 2:6-10
Gospel Mt 5:17-37

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
9th February 2020

"DISCIPLESHIP = Being Salt of the Earth and Light of the World"



" Let Your Light Shine"

In today's Gospel, Jesus instructs His disciples what they are expected
to do in the world: that is, to be salt of the earth and light of the world.
After His discourse on who are the blessed in the Kingdom of God, Je-
sus explains to them how these blessed ones should live in this world.

Jesus used two familiar metaphors to explain discipleship. Salt must
give saltiness to the earth and give taste to the food. So also, a disciple
should show that he/she is truly a disciple by his/her day to day actions
of love and concern for the people around.

Secondly, that they are the light of the world. Light is not a private ener-
gy. It is not for hiding or hoarding. The light should be put where it
shines for everyone. So also, being a disciple of Jesus is something
which is worth showing and sharing.

As, disciples of Jesus, when we act as salt of the earth, giving the world
taste and preserves the world, then our discipleship becomes meaning-
ful. So also, when we give hope and consolation to the world around us
through our good works, we truly become light of the world, no matter
what the darkness around us is.

Malcom Muggeridge said the following about St. Mother Teresa of
Calcutta in the context of being light of the world.

"She showed me love in action. She showed me how the love of one
person can start a tidal wave that can spread across the world'.

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 St Scholastica

Tuesday 7:45am

Wednesday 7:45am

Thursday 7:45am (Ordinariate of Our Lady
of the Southern Cross)

Friday 9:15am Saints Cyril & Methodius
(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

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. 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.

Not sure what to do for God's Planet?

Join friends and hear Anne Langyan speak on 'Caring For Our Planet' next Thursday **13th February** at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Terrigal Church at 1:30pm. Guidance about how Catholics can care for the Planet. Get a car together; learn and share.

Terrigal Social Justice Committee

Catechists



Our parish is in need of Special Religious Educators (Catechists) for the start of the new school year, to "Pass on the Faith" to the many Catholic children in our State schools. If you are able to give of your time, please contact Di Healey, Catechist Co-ordinator on 0401 162 287

Clavinova or Keyboard Wanted for St Brendan's



The Clavinova at St Brendan's is "past its use by date" and needs to be replaced. If any parishioner may have a Clavinova or keyboard, still in good condition, that they no longer use, and may wish to donate to the parish, or if someone is able to donate towards the cost of purchasing a new Clavinova, please contact the parish office.

Thank you.

Fr Tomy

Thinking about the Priesthood or know someone who is!

A Seminary Open Day will be held at on **Sunday 23rd February 2020** at the Good Shepherd Seminary, 52-58 Abbotsford Road, Homebush starting with morning Prayer at 9.00am and a public Mass at 10:00am. The day will include prayer, conversations with seminarians and priests, talks about the formation required of men training for the priesthood and a guided tour around the Seminary. Brunch will be provided.

For registration or more information visit vocationcentre.org.au or contact the Vocation Centre on 02 9307 8424 or email vocations@sydneycatholic.org

Must RSVP by Wednesday 19 February 2020. There is no cost.

The relics of St Therese and her parents



The relics of St Therese and her parents, Sts. Louis and Zelie, will be in OLOR Church, The Entrance on **Sunday 8th March** from 8 pm until **Monday 9th March** at 5 pm

Fr Bill Stevens invites groups from our Parish and schools to visit and pray in the presence of the relics during this time. He is very happy to talk to any group.

For people who are working, the night liturgies may be useful. The car park will remain open throughout the visit. Hospitality will be available throughout at the rear of the Church

Please see our church notice boards for the programme of liturgies

We cannot always go to Lisieux, but St Therese and Parents are coming to us. This is an exciting "One Off" occasion that may not be repeated in our lifetime. It is a time of great blessings for our Diocese.

Upcoming Parish Events

St Mary's Rosters

St Mary's new Rosters will be available after the weekend and Easter Roster to follow.

Reconciliation Programme

Facilitators for Sacramental Programme

Our parish **needs volunteers to facilitate parents**, to prepare their children worthily, to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If you are able to assist as a facilitator, please contact the parish office as soon as possible.

The Programme

The Sacramental Programme for Reconciliation starts with the Enrolment and Parent Information sessions. Parents are required to attend **one** of these (3) sessions.

St Brendan's Mass Centre Lake Munmorah

Wednesday 19th February 2020 3:30pm

St Mary's Parish Centre Toukley

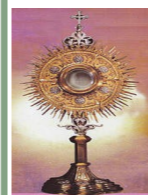
Thursday 20th February 2020 3:30pm OR 7:00pm

The Programme consists of four (4) preparation sessions, commencing week beginning **Monday 2nd March**.

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 2020**

Please keep these dates in your diaries.

Eucharistic Adoration — St Mary's Toukley Thursday 13th February



"Could you not stay awake with me one hour"? (Mt.26:40)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held in the parish every second Thursday of the month from 9:00pm until 8:45am on Friday. Please come and keep watch for an hour or two, or even half an hour, during this time. Our Lord will be waiting. Please add your name to the Adoration Roster in the foyer of St Mary's church.

World Day of Prayer

The next World Day of Prayer will commence with morning tea at 10.30am, followed promptly at 11am, by the service at Toukley Uniting Church, 7 Summerside Street, Toukley, on Friday **6th March 2020**. The theme for this World Day of Prayer is Zimbabwe Rise! Take your mat and walk!

A light lunch will be served at the conclusion of the service. All are welcome.

Mission Council Meetings

St.Brendan's Mission Council will meet on this Monday **10th Feb** at 4 pm at St Brendan's.

St.Mary's Mission Council will meet this Wednesday **12th Feb** at 6 pm in the Parish Centre.

Mission Council Seminar

There will be an important Mission Council seminar and Talk by Pina Bernard on **Sat 22nd February** from 3.30 pm to 5.30 pm. Mission Council members from St.Mary's and St.Brendan's are requested to be part of this this Formation Seminar.

Parish Repair and Maintenance Committee

We are happy to have John Van der Kroft, Bob Carroll and Charlie Debono as members of the committee. The group will look into the repair and maintenance of the churches and the surroundings.

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

Recently Deceased

Fr Denis Callahan, Frederick Jurd, Eileen O'Kane, Ellen Ash-ton, Marie Dyer, Jason Myers (Dublin), Bernard Hensley, Wesley Glabus, Veronica King.

Anniversaries

Colin McIntyre, Eddie Johnston, Eugenia Grimes, Jorge, Carol Brown, 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.

Please Pray for the Sick

Koby Thomas Bourke, Brian Davies, 4 year old Ethan, Tony Hodges, Michael Wiggin, Vanessa Miller & Faye Lund.

Remembrances

Hannah McCool, Lorraine Anderson

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.

We are all invited to embrace and contribute to a culture of safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

As Safeguarding is the responsibility of all of us, we thank Lorraine Dunn for offering to be our contact person for St Brendan's and Robyn Rosina for being the contact person at St Mary's. Please speak to either lady if you feel the need.

Everyone has a responsibility for the vitality of parish life.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February

Listen to the Migrants' Cries



We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

Lay Carmelite Spirituality Meeting



The next meeting of the Lay Carmelites will be held this Tuesday **11th February** at 2pm in the Parish Centre.

There will be a Reflection on Sunday's Gospel (Lectio Divina) + Topic "Prayer, a Social Justice Activity".

All parishioners are most welcome.

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