

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 in Advent Year B

6th December 2020



In the first reading Prophet Isaiah speaks about the great blessings God is going to bring in the lives of the people of Israel when they return from Babylonian captivity. They are urged to prepare the Way of the Lord and make straight a highway for the Lord by leveling the mountains and hills and all uneven grounds. This theme of how to prepare the way of the Lord is explained and expanded in today's Gospel.

Today's Gospel introduces us to John the Baptist and his mission. John the Baptist introduces Jesus in the Gospel. He is the only religious leader whom Jesus sought and spoke with affection and admiration. He is described as a voice crying in the wilderness. John introduces Jesus as someone who is more powerful than he. John understands that his importance is precisely because of the greatness of Jesus.

John is challenging all of us during this advent to prepare the way of the Lord and to foster greatness in others without feeling threatened about our own importance. John was a voice crying in the wilderness, a lonely voice that many chose to ignore. Today also there are many lonely voices in this world that go unheeded.

“Mark the Season of Advent by loving and serving others with God's own love and concern” - St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

“When you journey through Advent to Christmas, you begin to see Jesus more fully. You recognize that His incarnation was the beginning of the redemption” - Glenn. P

WEEKEND MASS TIMES (100 People)

St Mary's Church Toukley (100)

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 (100)

Saturday: Vigil 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church Toukley

Monday 9:00 am

Tuesday 9:00 am

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

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

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

Parish Facebook Page

Send a Friend Request to our new
Toukley-Lake Munmorah Parish Facebook page.



Understanding COVID-19 Restrictions – Places of Worship Diocese of Broken Bay

Religious Services: (apart from weddings and funerals) maximum capacity is 300 people or one person per 4 square metres of space, whichever is less. For our Churches, this number is 100. Con-current services, meetings or events on the one property in separate areas or buildings, must have different start and finish times, to avoid over-crowding and mingling outside.

Weddings: up to 150 people, or one guest per 4 square metres, whichever is the lesser, may attend a wedding service in a place of public worship. For our Churches, this number is 100.

Funerals: 100 people, or one guest per 4 square metres, whichever is the lesser, may attend a funeral or memorial service in a place of public worship. For our Churches, this number is 100.

Note: These numbers exclude staff/essential ministers. Children count towards the capacity limit in places of public worship.

Musicians: A small group of up to 5 people may sing together in a large well-ventilated (preferably outdoor) area if: all singers face forwards and not towards each other have physical distancing of 1.5 metres between each other and any other performers, and 5 metres from all other people including the audience and conductor. No singing is allowed in the congregation. Ensembles and other musical groups should rehearse and perform outdoors or in large, well-ventilated indoor spaces.

Hospitality after Masses or other Church events in a meeting room or hall: a maximum of 30 people are allowed to gather outside, or a maximum of 20 inside. No buffet food is allowable. People can bring their own food.

Record Keeping: Parishes must keep a record of the name and contact number or email of those attending Church premises and hold the record for 28 days in a confidential and secure manner.

Parishioners are requested to receive Holy Communion in the hand & are encouraged to wear a mask during Mass. More details are available on the notice board.

Mental Health First Aid Training—EOI— Weekday Course

Expressions of Interest invited for a weekday course in Mental Health First Aid during December or early next year. \$30 per participant (covers textbook and all materials). The learning aims to build skills and confidence to support friends, colleagues and clients during struggles with their mental health. Please phone **Robyn Rosina** on 0402 968 388 to register your interest.

Parish Pastoral Council Seminar will take place on Tues 8th Dec from 5pm-7pm. Pina Bernard will lead the follow up seminar.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

It is the feast of the Religious order of the sons of the Immaculate Conception (CFIC) to which Frs Tomy and Baby belong. Fr Tomy and Fr Baby will renew their religious vows on 6th December during 9am Mass at St Mary's. Please keep us in your prayers.



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Advent Talk with Fr David Ranson - Wed 9th Dec 6.30pm

We are honoured to have Fr David Ranson, the Vicar General of Broken Bay Diocese, visit our Parish to lead us in a Spiritual Preparation for Advent. All welcome.

Volunteers Thanksgiving Mass 11th Dec 6pm at St Mary's

We will be having a Thanksgiving Mass to celebrate the contribution of our Parish Volunteers. We invite all those who have generously given their time across our many ministries throughout this year. Please advise the Parish Office if you are able to attend.

Christmas Masses - Bookings

Due to increased demand at Christmas time, we will be taking bookings for Christmas Masses. Please call or email the Parish Office to make a booking. Christmas Mass times will be:

St Mary's

Christmas Eve - 6pm Children's Pageant, 6.30pm Vigil Mass
11:30pm Carols, Midnight Mass

Christmas Day - 7.30am, 9am

St Brendan's

Christmas Eve - 5pm Vigil Children's Mass
Christmas Day - 8am

Special Crib

Dear Parishioners, like last year, we will set up a special crib in St Mary's Church this year. This will be an annual event of the Parish. We invite any family who would like to sponsor our Special Crib for this year to contact the Parish office for more details. Your family name will be displayed as the sponsor and your donation will help cover the cost of materials used in the display. Your generosity is much appreciated.



Position Vacant - St Agatha's Parish, Pennant Hills

Youth Minister – Pastoral Support Worker, St Agatha's Catholic Parish, Pennant Hills - 10 hours per week

Do you have a passion for working with youth and young people? Are you dynamic and enthusiastic about the Catholic faith? Are you willing to help our youth and young people engage with their faith in a fun, caring and supportive environment? Visit bbcatholic.org.au/jobs for the full advertisement.



December Birthdays

Melba Voigt (10th Dec)
Christopher Crocker (12th Dec)

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



Recently Deceased

Brian Lefoe, Vicky Debono, Joseph Hughes, Thomas Bow, Brian Butterfield, Alan Macleod, Wayne Puckeridge, Camille Hill, George Gauci, Sylvia Wells

Anniversaries

Denis Newey, Doreen Goonan, Alfred Mitchell

Remembrances

Dennis, Ross, Wade, Mitchell Families, Valmai Joseph & Stark Family, Mary & Jack Webb, Jack & Rita Webb & Wynn Family, Scott Kay, Danny Kay, Moore & Langley Families, Bernard Yap, V DeSouza, V Baraez, Fred & Ann Stephens, Rosemary Jennifer Mulvany, Gerard De Zilva, Stephen Cappa

Please Pray for the Sick

Diane Booth, Tincy Thomas, Deacon Paul Simmons, Bill Martin, Ray Crocker, Lorraine Dunn, Cheryl Kennedy, Zerafa family, George Gavranic, Ann Buckman, Josephine Poynting, Eloise Bell, Wendy Peterson, Adrian, Ken Chubb, Fiona Haslam, Teresa Wegrzyn, Ann Durnford, Steve Durnford, Maureen Mulheron, Koby Bourke, Monica Mason, Ariane Hampton, Fr Bill Aliprandi, Linda Read, Eleanor Matthews, Andrew Kelly, Paul Covington, Fiona Gill, Evan Shepherd, Kathleen Strong, Brian Davies, Michael Wiggin & Vanessa Miller, Sister Carmela Debbie Gibba, Mary Powell & Miklos Beothy, Mr Baldovan, Hannah Tierney, Faye Lund, Julie Newey, Kathy Outlaw, Finn McConnon, Anne & Steve Durnford, Vaughn Haynes, Pam Moir (family), Lurlene Dehn, Adrian Collins.

Funerals

Vicky Debono, Mon 7th Dec 10.30am, St Mary's
Brian Lefoe, Tues 8th Dec 10.30am, St Brendan's

Changes to Collects (opening prayers) in the Roman Missal

As directed by the Vatican, from this Sunday 29th Nov, the word "one" before God will be removed from the Collects. For example:

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

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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 40:1-5, 9-11

Prepare the way for the Lord

'Console my people, console them'
says your God.
'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem
and call to her
that her time of service is ended,
that her sin is atoned for,
that she has received from the hand of the Lord
double punishment for all her crimes.'

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness
a way for the Lord.
Make a straight highway for our God
across the desert.
Let every valley be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
let every cliff become a plain,
and the ridges a valley;
then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed
and all mankind shall see it;
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Go up on a high mountain,
joyful messenger to Zion.
Shout with a loud voice,
joyful messenger to Jerusalem.
Shout without fear,
say to the towns of Judah,
'Here is your God.'
Here is the Lord coming with power,
his arm subduing all things to him.
The prize of his victory is with him,
his trophies all go before him.
He is like a shepherd feeding his flock,
gathering lambs in his arms,
holding them against his breast
and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 84:9-14

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace,
peace for his people.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **R.**

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**

Second Reading

2 Peter 3:8-14

We wait for new heavens and a new earth.

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget:

that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

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

Mark 1:1-8

Make straight the paths of the Lord.

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way.
A voice cries in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight,

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

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

Next Sunday - Third Sunday of Advent
First Reading - Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11
Second Reading - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
Gospel - John 1:6-8, 19-28

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for December

For a Life of Prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.



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