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Catholic Parish Toukley/Lake Munmorah

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To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community

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First Sunday of Lent Year C

6th March 2022

Pope's Message for Lent-2022

“LET US NOT GROW TIRED OF DOING GOOD”

Lent is a favourable time for personal and community renewal, as it leads us to the paschal mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Lent invites us to conversion, to a change in mindset, so that life's truth and beauty may be found not so much in possessing as in giving, not so much in accumulating as in sowing and sharing goodness.

During Lent we are called to respond to God's gift by accepting His word, which is “living and active” (Heb. 4:12). Regular listening to the word of God makes us open and docile to his working (Jas. 1:21) and bears fruit in our lives. A first fruit of the goodness we sow appears in ourselves and our daily lives, even in our little acts of kindness. In God, no act of love, no matter how small, and no “generous effort” will ever be lost. Just as we recognize a tree by its fruits (Mt. 7:16, 20), so a life full of good deeds radiates light (Mt. 5:14-16) and carries the fragrance of Christ to the world (2 Cor. 2:15). Serving God in freedom from sin brings forth fruits of sanctification for the salvation of all (Rom. 6:22).

Let us not grow tired of praying. Jesus taught us to “pray always without becoming weary” (Lk. 18:1). We need to pray because we need God. Faith does not spare us life's burdens and tribulations, but it does allow us to face them in union with God in Christ. Let us not grow tired of uprooting evil from our lives. May the corporal fasting to which Lent calls us fortify our spirit for the battle against sin. Let us not grow tired of asking for forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, knowing that God never tires of forgiving.

Let us not grow tired of doing good in active charity towards our neighbours. During this Lent, may we practice almsgiving by giving joyfully. Let us take special advantage of this Lenten season to care for those close to us and to reach out to our brothers and sisters who lie wounded along the path of life (Lk. 10:25-37). Lent is a favourable time to seek out – and not to avoid – those in need; to reach out – and not to ignore – those who need a sympathetic ear and a good word; to visit – and not to abandon – those who are lonely. Let us put into practice our call to do good to all, and take time to love the poor and needy, those abandoned and rejected, those discriminated against and marginalized (FT, 193).

Let us ask God to give us the patient perseverance of the farmer (Jas. 5:7), and to persevere in doing good, one step at a time. If we fall, let us stretch out our hand to the Father, who always lifts us up. If we are lost, if we are misled by the enticements of the evil one, let us not hesitate to return to God, who “is generous in forgiving” (Is. 55:7). In this season of conversion, sustained by God's grace and by the communion of the Church, let us not grow tired of doing good. The soil is prepared by fasting, watered by prayer and enriched by charity.

May the Virgin Mary, who bore the Saviour in her womb and “pondered all these things in her heart” (Lk. 2:19), obtain for us the gift of patience. May she accompany us with her maternal presence, so that this season of conversion may bring forth fruits of eternal salvation.

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 (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 (by appointment at other times)

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 **First Sunday of Lent, Year C**. We are pleased to see you in our Church.

Welcome Children & Families

This weekend we welcome our Reconciliation Sacramental Candidates and their families. We will celebrate your sacramental journey with a special blessing at Masses this weekend at both churches. We also welcome St Mary's Year 6 and Kinder students and their families who are leading us at 9am Mass on Sunday.

Final Reminder: Keys

Please see the Parish office if you have keys to any St Mary's Parish buildings as the locks have recently been changed.

Project Compassion

Envelopes and boxes for Project Compassion are now available at the doors of our churches. Please take one or both. Your donations will help Caritas Australia with their work in various places, such as Solomon Islands, India and Mozambique. Thank you for your support.

Caritas Ambassador Needed!

If you are interested in being the Caritas Ambassador for our Parish, please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Pray for Ukraine

As the situation escalates in Ukraine, Pope Francis has issued an urgent plea to all people of goodwill to pray for peace. "Please, no more war!" Pope Francis addressed these words to all political leaders on the Catholic Church's day of prayer for peace (26 Jan 2022) and asked the world to pray that "this land may see fraternity flourish and overcome wounds, fears, and divisions."

Collection Drive for Tonga

Our Tongan Catholic Community would like to thank our parishioners for their generous donations so far. The closing date for donations has been extended to the end of March. Most needed now is tinned food, packaged food such as rice, long-life milk, bottled water. These can be left in the boxes at both churches or at the Parish Office. Also accepting cash donations to help with shipping costs (please put in a marked envelope in the collection bowls). We are grateful for all contributions.

Catechist Corner


Thank you to those who helped us celebrate Catechist Sunday last weekend and to our Catechists who presented at Masses. We are excited to have heard from some parishioners who are interested in this ministry. Why don't you consider joining the team too?! Another 2 catechists would be ideal to cover all classes in the 6 public schools we teach at. To get started, Catechists need to be fully-vaccinated (Dept of Education requirement), obtain a WWCC (free for volunteers) and complete some training, which the Parish Office can help to organise.

The Public schools where we teach are: Lake Munmorah (Wed), Northlakes (Tues), Man-nering Park (Wed), Blue Haven (Tues), Gorokan (Thurs), and Gwandalan (Fri).

Wouldn't it be great to help Catholic students in these schools learn more about Jesus? Classes run for 30 minutes, once a week. Full training & support is provided. Please call the Parish Office for more information. We'd love to hear from you!



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COVID-19 Restrictions – Places of Worship Diocese of Broken Bay Latest Update: 25th February 2022

- Please do not enter the church or other parish buildings if you are unwell.
- Check in using the QR code/paper sign in is not required
- Wearing a **mask is OPTIONAL**
- No density limits apply in Places of Worship but please allow space between people where possible.
- Please continue to hand sanitise.
- Singing by the congregation is permitted

Pastoral Discernment Central Coast Project

Please give your feedback to this Project - feedback forms are available at doors of both churches. Return your completed form to the feedback box or contact Robyn Rosina on robynrosina@iinet.net.au or 0402 968 388. We appreciate your feedback. Thank you to Robyn Rosina for coordinating this and being our Parish Representative.

Papal Blessing

At St Mary's 6pm Mass this Sat 5th March, we will present Gloria & Herbert Smith with a Papal Blessing for their 60th Wedding Anniversary (October 2021). Congratulations Gloria & Herbert!

Holy Week Availability—St Mary's

Could Wardens, Servers, Readers at St Mary's please indicate your availability for Holy Week by using the form at the doors of the church. Rosters will be available from 1st April.

Congratulations CWL

Our Parish Community would like to congratulate Pauline O'Malley (National Treasurer), Carolyn Metcalfe (State International Secretary) and Jacqueline Kemp (National Co-Vice President) on their recently appointed roles for Catholic Womens League (CWL).

Upcoming events—Fridays in Lent:

Stations of the Cross—St Mary's 8:30am (before 9:15 Mass), 10:30am (before 11am Healing Mass 1st Fri)

The Light Is On—St Mary's, Adoration & Reconciliation 7.00-7.30pm. Commencing Fri 4th March.

Upcoming events - Save the Dates:

Sat 12th March 2pm - St Mary's, Tongan Mass

Sat 19th March 5pm - St Brendan's - Yr 7 & Kinder School/Parish Mass

Every Thursday 5pm - Lectio Divina via Zoom

Newly Baptised

We welcome Baylen Dawes, Aaliyah March, Beau Hannan, Sadie Hannan, Sebastian Southern and Charlotte Southern, and their families, to our Parish Community.



Ordinariate Mass

9am Mass on Thursdays at St Mary's is celebrated by Fr Ken Hagan for Ordinariate of Our Lady of the Southern Cross. Morning prayer begins at 8:40am, Rosary after Mass.

Bishop Anthony's Lenten Penance 2022 message - available on the noticeboards or call the Parish office for a copy.

Children's Worksheets

Worksheets and pencils are available at the church doors.



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



Recently Deceased

John Mickelsen, Timothy James Younie, Nancy Sprohar, Marie Cohen, Patricia Parker

Anniversaries

Joe Parker, John Kennedy, Conchita Nacua Roberts, Olga Creighton, KJ Buckman

Remembrances

Margie Hamer, Stephen Cappa, Arturo Canillas, Jean Jurd, Anselmo, Paulita, Enrico, Arturo, Pio Edwin, Elma, Juan Anselmo, Pantaleon, Temotea, Hermigildo, Romualda, Thyra King, Ken Johnston, Heather Jones, Georgina Baker, Patricia McGivern, Frank Costa, Mary Rose Buttigieg, Vicente, Gliceria, Loronzo, Arsenio, Rafael, Jenny Lee, Martin Johnston, Carol Brown, Greg Irvine, Moore & Langley families, Valmai Joseph Stark Family

Please Pray for the Sick

Gloria Morath, Ann Buckman, David Vella, Ray Sleucher, Ann Rigney, Margaret Jones, Margaret Moran, Faye Roberts, Lisa Hart, Lucas Campbell, Noel McCool, Nenita Turner

Please call or email the office to have your loved one's name included above. All names appear for 3 weeks, except the Sick list which appears for 6 weeks. Please call to extend.

Happy 55th Wedding Anniversary to Dan & Christine Buckman on 3rd March.



March Birthdays

Brianna Teresa Fry (6th March)

Frances Johnson (8th March)

Terry Reid (14th March)

Ampie Madden (15th March)

Sr Josie (19th March)

Dan Buckman (21st March)

Rose Huby (24th March)

Call or email the office to have your birthday included!



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.



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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

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

The confession of faith of the elect.

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 90:1-2, 10-15

R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' **R.**

Upon you no evil shall fall,
no plague approach where you dwell.
For you has he commanded his angels,
to keep you in all your ways. **R.**

They shall bear you upon their hands
lest you strike your foot against a stone.
On the lion and the viper you will tread
and trample the young lion and the dragon. **R.**

His love he set on me, so I will rescue him;
protect him for he knows my name.
When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.'
I will save him in distress and give him glory. **R.**

Second Reading

Romans 10:8-13

The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him

will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *Matthew 4:4*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,
and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said to him, 'throw yourself down from here, for Scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you
to guard you,
and again:

They will hold you up on their hands
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him to return at the appointed time.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Next Sunday - Second Sunday of Lent, Year C

First Reading - Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Second Reading - Philippians 3:17 - 4:1

Gospel - Luke 9:28-36