#### First Reading

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus Sirach 15:15-20

#### He never commanded anyone to be godless.

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a men likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

#### R. Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law! They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts. R.

You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care. May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes. R.

Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word. Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of you law. R

Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end. Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart. R.

#### Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1 Cor 2:6-10

#### God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.

a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predes- if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil tined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom one.' that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scrip- The Gospel of the Lord. ture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation cf Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

#### Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 5:17-37

#### Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.

'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell. 'It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear



Next Weeks Readings:7th Sunday Ordinary Time Lev 19:1-2,17-18 First Reading 1Cor 3:16-23 Second Reading 5:38-48

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# **Our Lady of Perpetual Succour**



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To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community

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## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 12th February 2023



In today's Gospel passage Jesus reinterprets the ten commandments given by the Lord God to Moses on Mount Sinai. The new Moses, Jesus reinterprets and gives us a new vision and a new understanding of the commandments.

Jesus confirms and condemns any law that affects the dignity of human being, even words out of anger. But Jesus goes deeper in condemning the motivation that leads to someone to sin or anything that breaks relationship between God and human being. He teaches us that reconciliation is also important as well as offering sacrifices. Jesus confirms the law that adultery is a sin. But He goes much further by teaching us that a person who looks lustfully at another person has already sinned in his/her heart. A person's sinful intentions and attitudes are equally sinful as the sin itself.

Jesus gives us a clear teaching on divorce too. The law of Moses allowed a husband to divorce his wife on grounds of unfaithfulness. But Jesus teaches us that divorce is unacceptable in the eyes of God. Expectations of Jesus from His followers are certainly very demanding. On our own we cannot measure up to His standards. Be sure that with God's grace we can certainly measure up to the standards set by Jesus. We need to forgive, forget, and move toward reconciliation. Jesus explains that the fifth commandment means respecting life in all its stages by honouring others in words and deeds.

Fr Tomy

#### **PARISH LITURGIES**

#### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

#### St Mary's Church Toukley

Saturday: Vigil 6:00pm Fr. Roni 7:30am Fr. Tomy Sunday:

> 9:00am Fr. Tomy 6:00pm Fr. Baby

Children's Liturgy 1st & 3rd Sunday at 9:00am Mass (except school holidays)

#### St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

Saturday: Vigil 5:00pm Fr. Tomy Sunday: 8:00am Fr. Baby

#### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

#### St Mary's Church Toukley

Monday 9:00am Tuesday 9:00am Wednesday 9:00am

9:00am Thursday (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 9:00am

#### 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 9:30 -10:00am

#### St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

Saturday 4:30—5:00pm

#### MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

#### St Mary's Toukley

8:25am Monday to Thursday & Saturday

8:45am Friday



We welcome all of our parishioners, especially any new parishioners to the area and those of you who have been away on holidays. We also welcome any visitors who have joined us 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. Today we celebrate the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A.

#### Will you put your hand up to minister?

oining one of our many Ministries, to serve our sisters and brothers in this Neighbourhood of Grace.

Maybe your children have gone off to school, and you have a few hours to give - to the sick in their homes, reading, distribution of Holy Communion or help those less fortunate than you. Please collect a brochure from the foyer of the



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 Sr Josie, Catechist Co-ordinator or

#### **Church carpet**

The church has been recarpeted!! It looks amazing! Thank you to everyone who donated towards the cost of the carpet. Donations raised an amount of **\$6617**.

#### A farewell message form Robyn Rosina

Dear Parishioners,

Robyn Rosina here with just a little note to say 'so long' but not good bye. We suddenly sold our house just on Christmas and had a short settlement as the buyers needed to move-in quickly.

I just wanted to thank our beautiful parish and parishioners for an amazing 20 years of wonderful Parish life.

No big 'Church' or parish church is perfect but wow ours is almost St Mary's School Mass 11.30am. there. I have had fantastic opportunities in ministries and beautiful IISt Brendan's Mass 9:00am including school Mass. Please bring blessed palm friendship experiences and so much spiritual growth. I feel very grateful of last year to prepare Ash for the day. and blessed to have been a part of you all. Now for the next Chapter of our lives. I will be back like a 'bad penny' as they say to visit friends and still experience our beautiful church and catch up with everyone. We welcome any visitors please feel free to call me 0402 968 388. Love and blessings always, Robyn Rosina

#### LENT 2023 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY BRUCE DOWNES

Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our heart for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed! For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up here: https://BruceDownes.org/Lent23

Go to BruceDownes.org for more info

The Art of Mystery & Mission Liturgical Celebration 28—30th Septem ber 2023 Brisbane. We invite you to explore the full program of key notes and workshops on the Conference Website at https://mysteryandmission.com.au

#### Upcoming Parish Events

St Mary's & St Brendan's Rosters

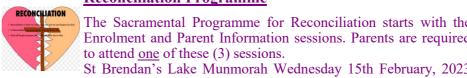
St Mary's new Rosters are now available in the foyer of the church.





We invite all our parishioners, especially our new parishioners, to consider We welcome Fr Joshy Naduppura CFIC to our Parish Community! He will stay with us for some time and let us make him feel welcome.

### **Reconciliation Programme**



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

at 3.30pm

St Mary's Toukley Thursday 16th February, 2023 at 3.30pm or 7.00pm

#### Celebration of Sacrament

St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

Tuesday 28th March, 2023 at 3.00pm

St Mary's Toukley

Wednesday 29th & Thursday 30th March, 2023 at 3.30pm

Parents and children need to attend all preparations sessions, week commencing Monday 20th February, 2023, and complete the workbook following each session, in order for your child to be adequately prepared to receive this Sacrament. You are actively encouraged to attend Mass during the prepa ration programme.

Please keep these dates in your diaries.

#### Ash Wednesday

Dear friends, we begin the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday on 22nd February, 2023. Mass times at St Mary's 9:00am & 6:00 pm.

Catholic healthcare are running an over 65's mind+move Leisure and Wellness Club at Warnervale on 23rd February, 23. For further details please go to https://www.catholichealthcare.com.au/campaigns/mind-and-move/

Catholic Women's League will resume their meetings for 2023 on the fourth Monday of the month beginning Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February in the Parish Centre. New members are warmly welcome to join us. Members please remember subs are due at this time. Meeting will commence with Morning Tea at 10am.

Central Coast Secular Franciscans are holding their first meeting for 2023 on SUNDAY 19th February. Meeting will begin at 10:30 am after the 9:30 Mass at The Entrance Catholic Church in the Reynolds room. A warm invitation is extended to everyone to attend this monthly meeting. Secretary: Gerard Price ofs

Mob. 0439 519 018. Additional information ,please see the website: of saustralia.org.au

Social Justice—Confronting Domestic Violence Involves Us All. The bishops' annual Social Justice Statement for 2022-23, titled Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse, was published in August. It points out that the roots of domestic and family violence "lie in the abuse of power to control and dominate others." Margaret Hagan

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

#### **Recently Deceased**

William (Bill) Martin, Allan Valiente, Alex Chauez Balancio, Freddie Cheong & Shirley McNee.

The Funeral Service for William (Bill) Martin will be held at St Mary's Church on Monday 13th February, 2023 at 10am.

#### **Anniversaries**

Alice Suico, Wendy Woodhouse, Anthony Cefai, Dorothy Rush, Allen Rush, Dan Goonan, Stephens Cappa & Ingrid Hamer, Eugenia Grimes

#### Remembrances

Kenneth George Durley, Valmai Joseph Stark Family, Brown and Miller Family, Carol Brown, Mario Azzopardii, Anselmo, Paulita, Enrico Arturo, Zenaida :io Edwin Carmelita, Elma, Juan Anselmo, Hermigildo, Romualda Pantaleon Temotea

#### Please Pray for the Sick

Kerrie Lennard, Florian Stoffell, Carmel & Ken Hancock, Margaret Brett, Robbie Depares, Heather-Bell Baker, Alicia Regglo, Marcos, Bill & families, Cecelia McClusky, Vaughn Haynes, Sandra Curry, Mary Cefai, Donald Lewis, Kim Thomas, Mrs J Bowering, Margaret Brett, Allen Venneri, Gary Poppett, Jenna Stoffel, Jeff Moir, Joshua Booth, Miklos Beothy, Ken Scales, Pat Corby, Kevin Turner, Maureen Dries, Pat Glennen, Mary Smith, Sabu Kuruvelil, Yvonne Sutton, Liz Kelman, Lailanee Bugaoisan, Teresa Jan, Michael Durken, Olive Haslam, Colin Fowler, Joy Rearden, Sr Tincy, Joyce Burns, Diane Booth, Rhondda Rey, Ann Buckman, David Vella, Ann Rigney, Margaret Jones, Margaret Moran, Faye Roberts, Noel McCool, Beth Andrews

#### **February Birthdays**

Carolyn Metcalf (4th Feb) Alison Newell (15th Feb) Anthony Newell (26th Feb)

#### **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. As Safeguarding is the responsibility of all of us, we are all invited to embrace and contribute to culture of safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.





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