

First Reading

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

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 man 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.

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

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity:
not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters
of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom
of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that
God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is
a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever
known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we
teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and
no ear has heard, 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.

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 5:20-22, 27-28, 33-34,37

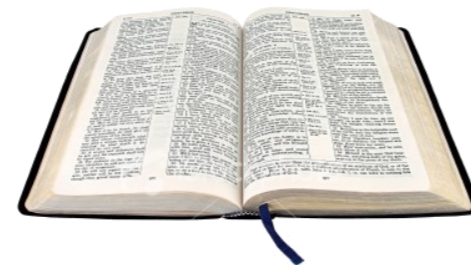
Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your virtue goes no
deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will
never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'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.

'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.

'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. All you
need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no;
anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



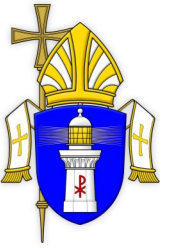
Next Weeks Readings: 7th Sunday Ordinary Time

First Reading	Lev	19:1-2,17-18
Second Reading	1Cor	3:16-23
Gospel	Mt	5:38-48

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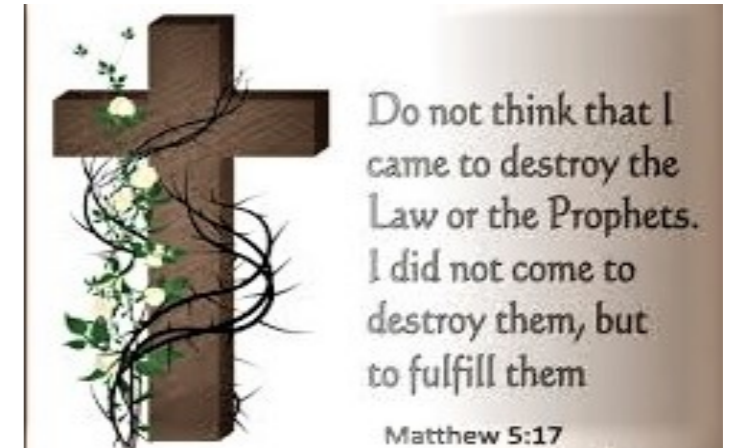
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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
16th February 2020

Continuity and Discontinuity



Matthew is writing, about the year 80, at the time when the Christian
community is facing heavy criticism from the Jewish leaders. Around
the year 85 one of the prayers in the synagogues is a formal curse on
everyone, especially Jewish Christians. And so, instigated by the Phar-
isees, Jewish Christians are now expelled from the synagogues, and
this expulsion increases the hostility of Christians towards them.

Matthew, in writing his Gospel, is anxious to show that Jesus didn't
come to abolish the Law and the Prophets, rather he is their comple-
tion. Matthew shows the continuity with ancient tradition. But he also
shows discontinuity when Jesus says; "You have heard how it was
said...but I say this to you" Here Jesus completes the Law but he also
goes beyond it, because Jesus is who he is, he is the authority to put
before people a new vision.

Jesus' authority is greater than the authority of Moses and his demands
are more radical, his vision is sharper and his expectations are greater.
Moses made concessions because of peoples hardness of heart, but
Jesus has hope that people's hearts have softened and their attitudes
have improved.

When we look at our own record of doing good against the demands
of the gospel, we can often feel helpless because our efforts can look
poor against the clear and unambiguous demands of the Gospel.

But Matthew isn't writing his gospel to put us down, or make us feel
helpless. He's calling the community of believers, and so calling each
of us, to face the vision of Jesus with an open willing heart and spirit.

Of course, we can't do this on our own, we need to be gathered in
community to pray to God for the grace to live out his vision, in this
neighbourhood of grace, and draw others to him.

Deacon Paul

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

Tuesday 7:45am

Wednesday 7:45am

Thursday 7:45am (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 7:45am The Chair of St Peter

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 to the area and those of you who have been away on holidays. 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.

The relics of St Therese and her parents



The relics of St Therese and her parents, Sts. Louis and Zélie, 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.

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

Will you put your hand up to minister?



We invite all our parishioners, especially our new parishioners, to consider joining 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 churches.

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

Mental Health First Aid

Robyn Rosina, an accredited mental health first aid trainer will be running a group for our parishioners on Mental Health First Aid soon. The aim of the learning, is share an understanding of a range of mental illness and how the average person can help, not diagnose or treat just chat in a helpful way. Very similar to physical health first aid but just chatting in a helpful safe way instead. Please talk to each other about the importance of discussing Mental Health issues.

More information on a date will be in the Bulletin shortly.

Upcoming Parish Events

St Mary's Rosters

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

Reconciliation Programme

Facilitators for Sacramental Programme

Our parish **still 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 this week** with the Enrolment and Parent Information sessions. Parents are required to attend **one** of these (3) sessions.

St Brendan's Mass Centre Lake Munmorah **Wed 19th Feb at 3:30pm**

St Mary's Parish Centre Toukley **Thurs 20th Feb 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**

Please keep these dates in your diaries.

Farewell Deacon Paul

Deacon Paul's three year appointment to Toukley/Lake Munmorah came to an end earlier this month. Last week Bishop Anthony appointed him to the parish of The Entrance. He will take up his new appointment on Monday 24th February. We thank him for his ministry with us and wish him well in his ministry at The Entrance. Deacon Paul will return for the 9am Mass on Sunday **March 1st**, after which we will have a morning tea, when you will be able to say your goodbyes. 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 19th February 2020. There is no cost.

World Day of Prayer– Toukley Uniting Church



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 Members

St.Mary's: Bob Steele (Chair Person), Dan Buckman (Deputy Chairperson), Ellen Sheerin (Secretary), Di Healey and Liz Venneri

St.Brendan's: Jacqueline Fletcher (Chair Person), Jacqui Kemp (Deputy Chair Person), Tricia Humphreys (Secretary), Lorraine Dunn and Peter Huby

We wish the Mission Councils a wonderfully fruitful year, whilst listening to the Holy Spirit during their discussions.

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

Recently Deceased

Fr John Barry OSA, Fr Denis Callahan, Frederick Jurd, Eileen O'Kane, Ellen Ashton, Marie Dyer, Jason Myers (Dublin), Bernard Hensley, Wesley Glabus, Veronica King.



Anniversaries

Bill Tyson, Colin McIntyre, Eddie Johnston, Carol Brown, Tony Wilson, Joseph & Stella Magri, Mary Stewart, Francesca 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.

Remembrances

John Thomas Matthews, Gilles Dedrouas, Hannah McCool, Lorraine Anderson

Please Pray for the Sick

Paul Covington, Linda Read, Andrew Kelly, Fiona Gill, Evan Shepherd and Kathleen Strong, Koby Thomas Bourke, Brian Davies, Tony Hodges, 4 year old Ethan, Michael Wiggin, Vanessa Miller & Faye Lund.



Safeguarding

We especially 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.

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 a culture of safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

If you are aware of something that could be a Safeguarding issue, please speak to either Robyn at St Mary's or Lorraine at St Brendan's.

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.

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