

First Reading

A reading from the book of Leviticus Lev19:1-2, 17-18

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy."

"You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
1 Cori 3:16-23

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Make no mistake about it; if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are; or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

The word of the Lord.
Gospel Acclamation 1 John 2:5

Alleluia, alleluia!
Whoever keeps the word of Christ,
grows perfect in the love of God.
Alleluia!

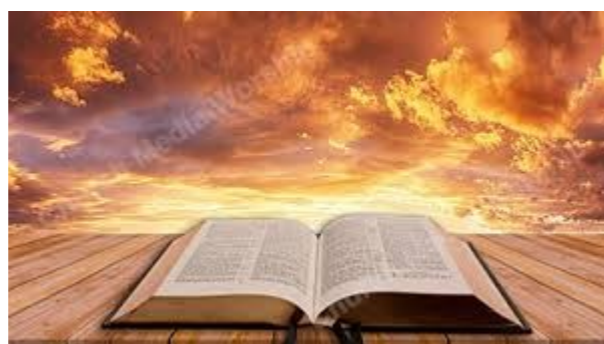
Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Mt 5:38-48

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



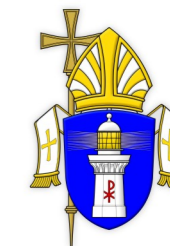
Next Weeks Readings: 1st Sunday of Lent

First Reading	Gen 2:7-9,3:1-7
Second Reading	Rom 5:12-19
Gospel	Mt 4:1-11

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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
23rd February 2020

Pope's Lenten Message calls for conversion



In his message for Lent, Pope Francis warns that once God's law is forsaken, the law of the strong over the weak takes over.

Pope Francis is calling on the faithful not to let the Lenten season of grace pass in vain, and to live as children of God acknowledging and obeying His law, in particular in regard to our brothers and sisters and to creation.

The Pope invites believers to prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery with mind and heart renewed, warning that "Sin leads man to consider himself the god of creation, to see himself as its absolute master and to use it, not for the purpose willed by the Creator but for his own interests".

"Let us leave behind our selfishness and self-absorption and turn to Jesus. Let us stand beside our brothers and sisters in need, sharing our spiritual and material goods with them".

Easter must be a time to "welcome Christ's victory over sin and death into our lives" and attract "its transforming power to all of creation".

Fr Tomy

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 Ash Wednesday
6:00pm
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

St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

Wednesday 9:00am Ash Wednesday

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

Welcome

We welcome all of our parishioners, especially any new parishioners to the area and those of you who are on holidays here. 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.

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Sharing God's Light—A Gift in Your Will



Our parish is very grateful for the bequests that have been left to the parish in the past. These bequests have supported our Faith Community and enabled us to maintain our parish church and buildings and implement pastoral initiatives. By leaving a gift in your will, or honouring the memory of a loved one, you are supporting your Family of Faith. Booklets available at doors of the church.

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 is someone is able to donate towards the cost of purchasing a new Clavinova, please contact the parish office. Thank you. Fr Tomy

Music Ministry



An important Music Ministry meeting is to be held this Monday 24th Feb at 6pm in the Parish Centre. All those involved in the Music Ministry are encouraged to attend.

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.

Last Year's Palms for Ash Wednesday



Please bring in your last year's palms for burning for ashes for Ash Wednesday. We need these to the parish office by this Tuesday.

Farewell Deacon Paul



Deacon Paul's three year appointment to Toukley/Lake Munmorah has come to an end this week, as Bishop Anthony has appointed him to the parish of The Entrance. He will take up his new appointment this 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 next **Sunday March 1st**, after which we will have a morning tea, when you will be able to say farewell. Fr Tomy.

Upcoming Parish Events

CWL Meeting

The CWL will meet tomorrow **Monday 24th February** at 10am in the Parish Centre. New members are always welcome. It is a great way to contribute to a better society. Sometimes there are quest speakers or entertainer and periodically there are ferry trips, lunches out, and movie outings. Talk to a friend and come along together. We look forward to seeing you.

Ash Wednesday



Ash Wednesday is this **Wednesday 26th February** and ashes will be distributed at 7.45am Mass at St Mary's and also an additional Mass at 6pm. Ashes will also be distributed at 9am Mass at St Brendan's.



Welcome! Our doors are open and the light is on! Experience God's light and peace in your life this Lent.

During Lent St Mary's Church, Toukley, will be open **every Friday 7.00pm to 7.30pm** for a quiet time of adoration, prayer, reflection and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. OLOR Church, The Entrance and St Cecilia's Church, Wyong will also be open from 7pm. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity.

Monthly Morning Teas

Join us for a cuppa and a chat on Sunday 1st March after the 8am Mass at St Brendan's, hosted by the Macquarie Group or after the 9am Mass at St Mary's, hosted by the Rosary Group.



Reconciliation Programme

The Sacramental Programme for Reconciliation has now started with facilitated sessions commencing **Monday 2nd March**.

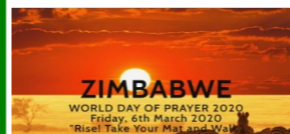
The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held at St Brendan's on **30th March and 1st April** and at St Mary's on **31st March and 2nd April**

Please keep these dates in your diaries.

Churches Together Planning Meeting

The next Planning Meeting for Churches Together will be held on **Wednesday 4th March** at 7.00 pm at Warnervale Catholic Church, Mary MacKillop Drive (off Sparks Road at the lights). It is also a time to share any news from our churches.

World Day of Prayer



The next World Day of Prayer will commence with morning tea at 10.30am, followed by the service at Toukley Uniting Church on **Friday 6th March**.

The theme for this World Day of Prayer is **Zimbabwe Rise! Take your mat and walk!**

Lunch will be served at the conclusion of the service. All are most welcome.

The relics of St Therese and her parents



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

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

John Flanagan, Chris Bryan, Bill Tyson, Colin McIntyre, Eddie Johnston, 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.

Remembrances

Lisa Marie Grenot, John Thomas Matthews, Hannah McCool, Gilles Dedrouas, Lorraine Anderson

Please Pray for the Sick

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



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 a culture of safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

Please speak to Lorraine Dunn at St Brendan's and Robyn Rosina at St Mary's if you feel the need.

Ministries



Serve the Lord with Gladness

As a result of our Baptism, we are all called to serve and so, 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.

Please collect a Ministries brochure from the foyer of St Mary's and 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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