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Catholic Parish Toukley/Lake Munmorah

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To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community

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The Ascension of the Lord

21st May, 2023



Authority in heaven and on earth is given to Jesus

During these weeks between Easter and Pentecost we have had a chance to reflect on the difference that Jesus' death, resurrection and ascension make on our lives. We have read from the Book of Acts during these weeks and have seen how the early church struggled and survived during its first critical days. This early Christian community was mission-minded, wanting to go out immediately to tell others the good news.

St. Paul tells us the meaning of the ascension of Jesus. He explains that God by raising Jesus from the dead has given Him authority and power to rule over the whole world. With the ascension, Jesus is the head of the Church and everything in the world. Those who believe in Him will accomplish great things.

In today's Gospel passage the ascension of Jesus is narrated. On a mountain in Galilee Jesus gave instructions to His disciples who were gathered there. He told them that all authority in heaven and on earth is given to Him by God the Father. He also told them to go to the whole world and to make disciples. They were told to baptize the believers in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. He promised them that He would be with them till the end of the world. Thus, the ascension of Jesus is the assurance that Jesus will be with His disciples always till the end of time.

Feast of Ascension gives us the following messages: The Risen Lord is now in His glory seated at the right hand of God the Father. Jesus assures us that after His ascension He will send the Holy Spirit to guide us. Jesus promises us that even after being ascended into heaven he will continue to be with us till the end of the world - by the Word of God and by His presence in Holy Eucharist. Jesus' ascension gives us the hope that one day those who believe in Him will participate in His glory.

Fr Baby

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church Toukley

Saturday: Vigil 6:00pm Fr Joshi
Sunday: 7:30am Fr Baby
9:00am Fr Baby
6:00pm Fr Joshi
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 Tomy

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 Thursday & Saturday

8:45 am Friday

First Friday Night Vigil

Exposition after 7pm Mass until 1.30am



Welcome to our Parish. Today we celebrate **The Ascension of the Lord**. We welcome you to our Church and are very pleased to see you here.

First Eucharist Sacramental Program

The Sacramental Program for First Eucharist classes have started this week. Please keep our candidates and their families in your prayers as they prepare for this special Sacrament. Our candidates will be presented to the Parish at Masses over the coming weekends.



The Biggest Morning Tea will be held in the Parish Centre from 12.30pm on **Monday 22nd May**. Catholic Women's League invite parishioners to join with them for a luncheon to celebrate this event. The \$20 entrance fee includes a sheet of tickets to take part in the Tombola. Extra Tombola tickets \$5.00 each. Come and be entertained by the Budgewoi Ladies Choir. Enjoy some games, a Tombola and Raffle. A great way to contribute to this very worthy cause. We look forward to having you with us .

Upcoming events - Save the Dates:

Mon 22nd May Biggest Morning Tea 12.30pm in Parish Centre
Sat 3rd June - Family Mass & cricket from 3pm at St Brendan's
Sunday 4th June - Centenary Image of Our Lady of Fatima
Sun 4th June - morning tea at St Mary's after 9am Mass
Sat 17th/Sun 18th June - Sacrament of First Eucharist



On Sunday **4th June**, the **Centenary Image of Our Lady of Fatima** (Blessed by Pope Francis in 2017) will be visiting us again. Please see posters around the Church for the schedule. Also on this date we celebrate our **monthly Parish Morning Tea at both churches**. Come along after 9am

Mass at St Mary's and after 8am Mass at St Brendan's. St Mary's morning tea is hosted by the "Gather Group". We looking forward to having a cuppa with you!



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Happy Birthday Fr Tomy

Fr Tomy will be celebrating his birthday during next week on the 25th May. Please join us in wishing Fr Tomy a very Happy Birthday and many blessings for the year ahead by celebrating **after 9am Mass at St Mary's on 28th May.**



Pentecost Sunday Volunteers needed - If you speak more than one language and would like to volunteer to speak on of the prayer points in the Prayer of the Faithful on Pentecost Sunday at any of the Masses at St Brendan's or St Mary's, please contact the Parish Office on 43964455 or by email toukleyparish@bbcatholic.org.au as soon as possible and we will provide you with a prayer point to translate into your language to read out at Mass during the Prayer of the Faithful.

Please note the 50th Anniversary for St Mary's School has been postponed and is not on 28th May. A new date will be available soon.

Pastoral Works Broken Bay (formerly CWF)

The next Pastoral Works Broken Bay (CWF) appeal will be held in May on **27th & 28th**. This is the final Pastoral Works appeal for this financial year so we ask that you give generously to help our Parish achieve our quota. We still have \$29,699.65 to raise and any shortfall must be made up out of Parish funds. Thank you to those who have given already. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Envelopes are now available in both churches, or you can donate online by visiting website: www.bbcatholic.org.au/donate/pastoral-works-broken-bay



Our Holy Shop is open!

Are you looking for a beautiful Saint bracelet? Visit our Holy Shop to explore the range. The Holy Shop is open every weekend before and after Mass. We have lovely gifts for Sacraments and other occasions.

Children's Worksheets

Worksheets and pencils are available at the church doors



Diocesan Mass Count will continue throughout the month of May.

Sr. Josie - Sr Josie will be on leave from 19th May until 3rd June. We wish her a safe journey.

First Friday of the Month - Friday 2nd June

Join us for the Reparation vigil to the Sacred Heart and Immaculate Heart from 7pm Friday 2nd June - 1.30am Saturday. With suppliant hearts come and spend some time with our Lord. Friday morning Mass will be 11am (not 9.15am).

Clergy Conference - 12th-16th June

Fr Tomy, Fr Baby & Fr Joshi will be away for a Clergy Conference from Monday 12th – Thursday 15th June. There will be no morning Masses on Tues, Wed & Thurs, **only Communion services** (Ordinate Mass still on) at either Church during this week except for Friday 16th June when the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Mass is schedule for both Churches. More details to come.

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



Recently Deceased - Mary Cefai, Maurice Schokman, Gary Cocks, Barbara Barnes, Graham Curry, Simon Hanley, Des Wilkins, Helen Hensley, Jean McCall, George Kovacs, Vicky

Mary Cefai, passed away peacefully 6 May 2023. Her funeral will be held at Our Lady of Victories Church Horsley Park at 10:30 am on Mon 22 May. Funeral will be Live Streamed. To View: Go to Facebook search for Valletta Funeral and "Like" their Page. This gives permission to view links. Click on the Link. Mary's funeral will be available from 10:30 am (not before!) **Also a Memorial Mass will be held for Mary at 5 pm on Tuesday 6 June 2023 at St Mary's. All are welcome.**

Anniversaries - Rosalinda, Luke Matthew Canillas, John Barry Haslam, Doris Zerafa, Ken Johnston, Carmen Cefai, Angelo Caruana, Joseph Debono, Emanuel Camilleri, Paddy O'Toole, Johanna Jackson, Angelo Caruana, Joseph Debono, William Brennan, Myrtle Brennan, Peter O'Malley, Kathleen Kenny, Jack Gill, Anne Brownsell, Frederik Stephens, Warren Formosa, John Matthews, Mavis Dormer, Faye Lund, Donald & Amela Marshall

Remembrances— Marrietta Moir, Wendy Woodhouse, Georgina Baker, Celestina Alonzo, Vicky Debono, Vicky Mifsud, Saviour, Vencenza, Renu, Vince Debono, Salvina Caruana, Carol Brown, Valmai Joseph & Stark Family, Jean Jurd, Ronald Pingo Roach

Please Pray for the Sick - Charlie & Nina & Joe, Graham Moir, Diane Booth, Miklos Beothy, Eric Peck, Salomie, Robbie Depares, Shirley Campbell, Daniel Schultz, Eva Cusick, Maureen Price, Liz Kelman, Rhondda Rey, Kerrie Lennard, Florian Stoffell, Ken Hancock, Heatherbell Baker, Alicia Regglo, Alicia Haynes, Robyn Broad, Marcos, Bill & families, Cecelia McClusky, Vaughn Haynes, Sabu Kuruvilil, Sr Tincy, Noel McCool

May Birthdays

- Wayne Griffin (2nd May)
- Ray Crocker (6th May)
- Judy Kay (8th May)
- Imogen Smallwood (10th May)
- Aileen Reed (15th May)
- Fr Tomy (25th May)
- Mareah Wilson (25th May)
- Charlie Debono (26th May)
- Charlie Micallef (28th May)
- Peter Huby (31st May)



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for May **For church movements and groups**

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.



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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

First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 46:2-3, 6-9

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. **R.**

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R.**

God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **R.**

Second Reading

 Ephesians 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 28:19, 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 28:16-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Next Sunday - Pentecost

First Reading - Acts 2:1-11

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

Gospel - John 20:19-23