

# Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Catholic Parish Toukley/Lake Munmorah

St Mary's Church 458 Main Rd Noraville

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## Vision

*To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community*

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### Fifth Sunday of Lent Year A

26th March 2023



"I am the resurrection and the life"

Today's Gospel gives us a vivid account of the death of Lazarus and subsequently how Jesus raises him from the dead. When Jesus arrived at Bethany, Lazarus was already dead and buried. Martha voices her regret that if Jesus had come early, things would have been different. But Jesus' absence is very essential to the whole story. Jesus explains that through the death of Lazarus "the Son of man will be glorified". Death of Lazarus serves us to show that Jesus is the life giver.

Lazarus was dead and raised to life. Jesus wants us to step out of our tombs. When Martha told Jesus that she knows her brother will rise again at the resurrection, Jesus told her "I am the resurrection and the life". When Jesus becomes the mainstay of our lives, we can experience resurrection here and now. Jesus is the Lord of life. If we believe in Him, death is something that only affects our bodies. We will still live even after our physical lives are over. Today's Gospel reassures us, and it should help us to overcome our pain and frustration just like Martha and Mary when Lazarus died and was buried.

As we enter the Holy week, we remember and re-live the events that gave us meaning in Christian life and renewal of our faith, let's journey with Jesus. Let's make this upcoming Holy week a moment to renew and refresh our faith.

"Every parting gives a foretaste of death, every coming together again a foretaste of the resurrection":

By A. Schopenhauer.

Fr Tomy

## 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

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

### 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

8:25 am Monday to Thursday & Saturday

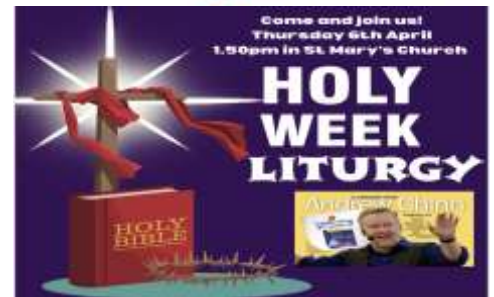
8:45 am Friday

### First Friday Night Vigil

Exposition after 7pm Mass until 1.30am



Welcome to our Parish. Today we celebrate the **Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year A**. We welcome our Reconciliation Sacramental Candidates & their families. We will celebrate your sacramental journey with a special blessing at Masses this weekend at both churches.



### Caritas Donations from St Brendan's Primary School

An amount of \$1270 has been raised by the children at St Brendan's Catholic Primary School. So exciting! What a wonderful effort! Don't forget to take a Caritas envelope during Masses, there are still some left.

### Church Volunteer Surveys

Don't forget to return the Church surveys handed out. We look forward to hearing back from you. Whether you have a few or many hours to spare, and are looking for a fulfilling way to help your Parish, we are always grateful and in need of volunteers for many varied roles so there is sure to be something that would interest you. We couldn't have such a wonderful Parish without you, so contact the Parish Office if you would like to become a volunteer or make sure you return the survey.

### Fr Tomy Holiday Leave

Fr Tomy is going on holidays to India from 10th April and returns on 14th May. We wish him blessings and a safe journey.

St Mary's rosters will be available at the back of the Church from Saturday 25th March.

### Spirituality in the Pub

Next meeting of Spirituality in the Pub is 7:30-9.00pm on Tuesday 4th April at the Grange Hotel, Wyoming. The Guest speaker attending is Nina Angelo who has received an OAM for her contribution to community and culture. Hotel bistro opens at 5.30pm. SIP enquiries: 0415 129250 or 0439 678608.

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**Upcoming events—Fridays in Lent: Stations of the Cross**  
St Mary's 8:30am (before 9:15 Mass) & First Friday 10:30am before healing Mass



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. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity.

The Sacramental Programme for Reconciliation is now underway. Please keep these families in your prayers. Dates are listed below:

- ◆ Tues 28th March 3.30pm - St Brendan's
- ◆ Wed 29th March 3.30pm - St Mary's
- ◆ Thurs 30th March 3.30pm - St Mary's

**House Blessings** Families who would like to have their homes blessed before Easter, please contact the Parish Office or Priests.

**Easter Rosters** for St Brendan's are now available at the Church.

**Daylight savings ends at 3:00am Sunday 2nd April.** Remember to put your clocks back 1 hour before you go to bed on Saturday night.



**Palms for Palm Sunday** Palm Sunday is approaching on Sunday April 2nd, donations of palms would be greatly appreciated. Please leave palms at the Parish Office by Friday 31st.

**Volunteers needed for St Brendan's Church** - If you have a few hours to spare, we need volunteers to help clean the windows of the Church prior to Holy Week. We would also love volunteers to help with the gardening at the front of the Church at St Brendan's so if you're able to spare some time or have a green thumb please contact the Parish Office or St Brendan's school office on 43581501

**Chrism Mass** Tuesday 4th April 7:30pm at Waitara. We have 5 seats left on the bus. If you would like to attend please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

**Holy Thursday** On Holy Thursday there will be morning prayer from Ordinarate prayer book at 9:00am.

**Holy Week Mass Program**

	<b>St Mary's</b>	<b>St Brendan's</b>
Palm Saturday Vigil	6:00 pm	5:00 pm
Palm Sunday	7:30 am 9:00 am 6:00 pm	8:00 am
Holy Thursday	No morning Mass	
Lords Supper Mass	6:00 pm	5:00 pm
Good Friday:		
Stations of The Cross	9:00 am	9:00 am
Passion	3:00 pm	3:00 pm
Easter Vigil	6:00 pm	5:00 pm
Easter Sunday	7:30 am 9:00 am	8:00 am
	No Evening Mass	

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



**Recently Deceased**

Allan Middleton, Pat McBride, Maria Cummins, Mary Hansell, Lorraine Love, Peter Houison, Flo Westbury, Stephen Bradford

**Anniversaries** - Michael Mason, Christopher Dormer, Rafael S Reyes, George Gavranic, George Cefai, Sam Spiteri, Greg Irvine, Barbara Brigoli, Gloria Morath, Wendy Woodhouse, Danny Kay, Niel Voigt, Victor Moir, Edward Redman, John Kennedy

**Remembrances** - Matteo Dimicco, George Castle, Teresita, Teodoro, Kenneth George Durlay, Anselmo, Paulita, Enrico, Arturo, Zenaida, Pio Edwin, Carmelita, Elma, Juan Anselmo, Hermigildo, Romualda, Pantaleon, Temotea, Frank Murray, Felisa Ballivar, Valmai Joseph & Stark Family, Stephens Cappa, Margie Hamer, Lucena Brigoli, Elentena B. Gimena, Natalia B. Becaldo, Lorenzo Mazzitello, Olga Creighton, Jean Jurd, George Vella, Scott Kay, Ronald Pingo Roach, Donald Lewis, Carol Brown & Brown Family, Noel & Maura O'Reilly, Hickey Family, Carter Family, Geale Family, Thyra King, Pat & Bonnie Meier, Miller Family

**Please Pray for the Sick** - 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, Carmel & Ken Hancock, Margaret Brett, Heatherbell Baker, Alicia Regglo, Marcos, Bill & families, Cecelia McClusky, Vaughn Haynes, Sabu Kuruvelil, Sr Tiney, Noel McCool

**March Birthdays**

- Connie Camilleri (11th March)
- Terry Reid (14th March)
- Scarlett Hodder (15th March)
- Jacqui Fletcher (17th Mar)
- Elsa Rosen (17th March)
- Jo Spek (19th March)
- Sister Josie (19th March)
- Dan Buckman (21st March)
- Rose Huby (24th March)



**Wedding Anniversary**

Ivan & Maria Gostan 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 24<sup>th</sup> March

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March**

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; y they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.



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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

*Ezekiel 37:12-14*

*I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.*

The Lord says this: I am going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this - it is the Lord who speaks.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm *Ps 129*

**R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,  
Lord, hear my voice!  
O let your ear be attentive  
to the voice of my pleading. **R.**

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,  
Lord, who would survive?  
But with you is found forgiveness:  
for this we revere you. **R.**

My soul is waiting for the Lord,  
I count on his word.  
My soul is longing for the Lord  
more than watchman for daybreak.  
(Let the watchman count on daybreak  
and Israel on the Lord.) **R.**

Because with the Lord there is mercy  
and fullness of redemption,  
Israel indeed he will redeem  
from all its iniquity. **R.**

## Second Reading

*Romans 8:8-11*

*If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies.*

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation *John 11:25, 26*

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;

whoever believes in me will not die for ever.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

## Gospel *John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33-45* (shorter form)

*I am the resurrection and the life.*

The sisters Martha and Mary sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.' Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life,

If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?'

'Yes Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him 'Lord by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.

I knew indeed that you always hear me.

But I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**



**Next Sunday** - Palm Sunday

First Reading - Isaiah 50:4-7

Second Reading - Philipians 2:6-11

Gospel - Matthew 27:11-54