

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Catholic Parish Toukley/Lake Munmorah

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Vision

To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community

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Third Sunday of Easter

23rd April 2023



"Recognition of the Risen Lord"

Today's Gospel passage narrates the story of two disciples who went to Emmaus on Easter Sunday evening. They were unable to comprehend the purpose of God in the life of Jesus, especially in the context of the Crucifixion. They described Jesus as a prophet 'mighty in deed and in word before God and all his people.' They even hoped that Jesus would be the One who would redeem Israel. Their dreams had been shattered when Jesus was crucified and was buried. In fact they failed to see beyond Crucifixion to the possibility of Resurrection.

But the Risen Lord joined them on their journey and showed them that it was necessary for Him to die and to enter into glory and illuminates their hearts. He illuminates their hearts in two ways, first, explaining the whole scripture beginning from Moses to all the prophets. The second illumination comes to them when they recognize Him at the breaking of the Bread. In the Gospel story, Emmaus became a place of transformation when they recognized the Lord at the breaking of bread.

Jesus is the light of the world. He removes darkness of our minds and hearts. Let us pray to Jesus along with John Milton: 'What is in me dark illumine; What is low raise and support'.

Emmaus story is the story of our lives. 1. Risen Lord walks with us as a stranger when we are in deep pain and distress. 2. Risen Lord explains to us the meaning of our sufferings through the Word of God: the Scriptures and encourages us and through His wounds strengthen and heals us. 3. Risen Lord reveals Himself to us through the breaking of the bread: Eucharist.

"Emmaus Road- Journey from despair to Joy" - M. D'ambrosio

Fr Baby



Welcome to our Parish. Today we celebrate **Third Sunday of Easter, Year A.** We are pleased to see you in our Church.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church Toukley

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

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

First Eucharist Sacramental Program

The Sacramental Program for First Eucharist will soon begin. To be eligible, children must be in Yr 4 (or above) and have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Reconciliation. Enrolments will open after the school holidays (late April). We will communicate the enrolment details through our Parish schools and local public schools. Please contact the Parish Office for further details.

Job Opportunity available -

The Chancery is seeking to recruit a temporary Project Officer to undertake the project management of a variety of Diocesan projects, namely WYD and Ignite. This is a specialised role, for a fixed term of six months, with flexibility with the working schedule for the right candidate. The ideal candidate would have a good knowledge of, and experience with Catholic organisations and events, be results-orientated, with a demonstrated commitment to service and willingness to be accountable for performance.

For more information, **please contact - recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au** for a copy of the position description and details on how to apply.

Applications close Friday, 28 April 2023.



Anzac Day is an important and much loved national day. It is not about glorifying war but acknowledging our past and paying tribute to those who fought.

We pray for all those who have died or were wounded in all conflicts, and for those who are still haunted by their memories. We pray for their families and carers. We pray in gratitude and we pray for peace everywhere.

Parish Office - Please note the Parish Office will be closed from Monday 1st May and will re-open on Tuesday 9th May. Fr Baby & Fr Joshi are available and can be contacted on their mobile numbers.

Thursday 9:00 am Mass (Ordinariate of Our Lady of the Southern Cross) - there will be a morning tea after Mass on **4th May**.

Bathrooms - If you are using the bathrooms behind the church, please try to keep them clean. They are a shared space and need to be kept in a clean state for the next user. Please report any cleaning required to the Wardens.

Congratulations to newly weds Mr Mitchell & Mrs Lauren Crocombe who were married this weekend at St Mary's Church. We wish you God's blessings and happiness in your life together as husband and wife.



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The CWL will be taking orders for lamingtons before and after each Mass, again, this weekend. They will be available for collection on the weekend BEFORE Mother's Day, Sat 6th and Sunday 7th May. There will be plain or cream available at the same price as last year - \$10 for 6 and \$18 for 12. Please continue to help the CWL in their support of year 11 and year 12 students in our Catholic Schools, on the Central Coast, by way of scholarships. Don't forget, you can call the parish office, on 4396 4455, or place your order and money, with your name and phone no. clearly written, on the envelopes which will be available. Thank you.



Upcoming events - Save the Dates:

Late April First Eucharist Sacramental Program enrolments
 29th April 1:00pm Tongan Mass at St Mary's church
 Sun 7th May - Parish Morning Tea, both churches
 Sun 14th May - Mother's Day
 Sat 3rd June - Family Mass at St Brendan's 5pm
 Sat 17th June - Sacrament of First Eucharist
 5:00pm St Brendan's and 6:00pm St Mary's

RCIA Program - The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Program has just begun. We will be resuming classes on Tuesday nights from 9th May at 5:30pm in the Parish Centre or St Mary's Church. If you would like to join please contact the Parish Office before that date.

Rosters St Brendan's May - July 2023

Roster sheets are available for the period May - July at the rear of the Church. We are always looking for volunteers to enrich our Liturgy if you wish to be involved please add your name to the roster sheets, training will be given for all positions.

Pastoral Works Broken Bay (formerly CWF)

The next Pastoral Works Broken Bay (CWF) appeal will be held in **May**. 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. Envelopes will be available in both churches, or you can donate online by visiting this website: www.bbcatholic.org.au/donate/pastoral-works-broken-bay

CatholicCare is here to help and offers a range of services for people in need including emergency relief, financial supports, homelessness and housing assistance, domestic violence support, counselling supports including financial counselling, disability and seniors supports and more. We have a flyer specifically for parishes here <https://tinyurl.com/bd54c5mb>. Call us today on 1800 324 924 or visit www.catholiccaredbb.org.au for more information.

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



Recently Deceased - Des Wilkins, Helen Hensley, Jean McCall, Margaret Brett, Chris Browne, Lorraine Sykes, Carmen Hancock

Anniversaries - Peter O'Malley, Kathleen Kenney, Jack Gill, Anne Brownsell, Frederik Stephens, Warren Formosa, John Matthews, Mavis Dormer, Faye Lund, Donald & Amela Marshall, Michael Mason, Christopher Dormer

Remembrances - Carol Brown, Anne Brownsell, Teresita Realo, Matteo Dimicco, George Castle, Kenneth George Durley, Valmai Joseph & Stark Family, Stephens Cappa, Margie Hamer, Olga Creighton, 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 Kuruvellil, Sr Tincy, Noel McCool

Newly Baptised - Kobi King, Reid Olson, Hannah Nelson, Annabelle & Cecilia Donnolly. We welcome you and your families into our Parish.



April Birthdays

Manny Debono (5th Apr)
 Pam Moir (7th Apr)
 Rawson Blackwood (10th Apr)
 Angeli Lavada (12th Apr)
 Cenon Mabini (12th Apr)
 Angel Gaoiran (17th Apr)
 Naomi Lavada (17th Apr)
 Kate Drake (19th Apr)
 Shirley Campbell (23rd Apr)
 Alicia Klein (25th Apr)
 Mary Debono (28th Apr)



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April For a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence



We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

Mackay Family Funerals

In Association with Mackay Family Crematorium
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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

Acts 2:14, 22-33

It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy: my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence.'

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witness to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11

R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.' **R.**

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R.**

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. **R.**

You will show me the path of life,
and the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. **R.**

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:17-21

The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb

without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason - so that you would have faith and hope in God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation cf Luke 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at the table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes it is true, The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

Next Sunday - Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year A

First Reading - Acts 2:14, 36-41

Second Reading - 1 Peter 2:20-25

Gospel - John 10:1-10