

**First Reading**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles Acts 10:34, 37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.' Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

**R. This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad.**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.' **R.**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds. **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

**Second Reading**

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Colossians  
Co1 3:1-4

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

The word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation** 1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;  
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

**Gospel**

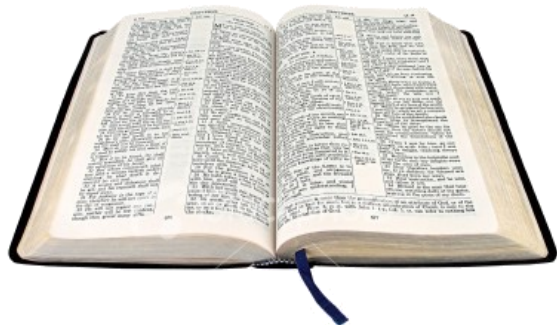
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John Jn 20:1-9

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb.

The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.

Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.



**Next Weeks Readings: Second Sunday of Easter Year A**

First Reading Acts 2: 42-47

Second Reading 1 Pet 1:3-9

Gospel Jn 20:19-21

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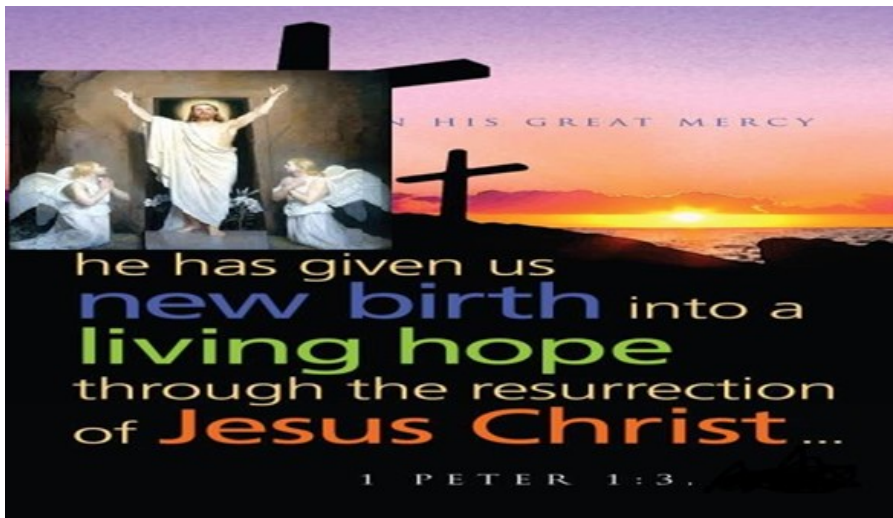
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**Easter Sunday Year A**  
**12th April 2020**



**Happy Easter!** It is the feast of New Life. It is the victory of Jesus over sin and death. It is the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. By the resurrection of Jesus, evil is overcome and death is defeated.

Easter is no doubt the high day in the cycle of Christian worship. It is the center of the Christian Faith. But it is not this specific day of celebration that has brought us together. It is the one that this day celebrates who has gathered us to himself in his name: Jesus the Christ. For what we see on Easter morning is that the Lord is alive and among us. He is still calling us to himself and meeting us where we are. Even today, the Lord is lifting us into his resurrection life. So, Jesus is leading us today in our celebration. In his leading he brings us further into the new creation he has inaugurated through his life, death and resurrection. Our response is to believe and live out of the hope found in Jesus. After all, Easter is a real celebration.

As we prepare to celebrate Easter 2020, finally the world is united. We are united in fear of devastating impact of the Corona virus pandemic. The love of Christ urges us on (2 Corinthians 5:14). This love, seen in small and large gestures of hope and solidarity, is calling us to a new future and a new way of living. COVID-19 knows no borders but neither do faith, hope and love.

The answer to this crisis lies in all of us and in our unity. As people around the world face Easter without the possibility of physical communion, without the possibility of celebrating the Eucharist physically together, we have a time of slow down where we can reflect deeply on what "Body of Christ" means for each of us. In the darkness of this crisis, the light of Christ will shine. Jesus is truly risen! He will not die again. May Jesus rise for people around the world through our love!

Let us pray to find the deeper meaning of this challenge that is facing the whole of humanity and which is calling us to faith and to resurrection.

Fr Baby



## **ALL PARISH LITURGIES CURRENTLY SUSPENDED**

### **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

#### **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 wish to welcome all those parishioners who are able to keep updated by receiving the Bulletin via the email, all those who are able to join us for the Celebration of Mass on Facebook and all those who collect a printed Bulletin from the front of the church each week.

While these are difficult times, and we are unable to gather as a worshipping community, it is good to know that we can gather as a domestic church, in our homes, where we can still participate in the Easter Liturgies, which are being live streamed in our Parish.

*Wishing you all a Happy and Holy Easter*



#### **Send a Friend Request to our new Toukley-Lake Munmorah Parish**

We look forward to being able to keep in contact with as many parishioners as possible, through Facebook and the weekly Bulletin. **Mass is being Live Streamed at 9am every Sunday.**

**Easter Liturgies** will be Live Streamed on Holy Thursday at 6pm, Good Friday at 3pm, Easter Vigil (Saturday) at 6pm and Easter Sunday at 9am.

#### **Staying Connected**

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Let's stay connected with each other and our parish. In the prayer of Jesus 'that they may all be one' Jn17:21

Consider a small challenge to seek out every day or most days someone you know to say hello, how are you and did you know we can stay connected and continue to support our Church. Perhaps pray with someone or pray for them. Let's all pray for the good of all in our world including, our Clergy, religious and our Church.

Perhaps all we can do is 'prayer and quiet service; these are our victorious weapons' (Journey with the Pope Mission, 6<sup>th</sup> April 2020). We can do so much even with social distancing and whilst we can't gather. This will end just a matter of time. We can already see some improving signs in this pandemic.

With you in prayer a fellow parishioner Robyn Rosina.

#### **Covid-19 Parish Update 25th March 2020**

Due to the new Government regulations, all church buildings are to be closed for private prayer. The church is not closed—as we are the church and we can still pray.

**Please Note** The Parish office will remain open, with office hours being Monday Wednesday and Friday 9.00 am to 12 noon

**Parish Facebook Account** Toukley-Lake Munmorah Parish

**Our Parish Mass will be Live Streamed at 9am every Sunday**

#### **Sunday Mass on TV/Internet**

TV Mass 6.00 – 6.30 am on Chanel 10

Internet access <http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>

**Holy Water** can be obtained by contacting Fr Tomy on 0408 632 015 or Fr Baby on 0400 568 491.

**Parish website** <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/toukley>

#### **Care of the Elderly**

A number of parishioners do not have access to a smartphone or the Internet. if you are aware of anyone in this situation, could you please keep in regular contact with them. I am sure they would appreciate it if you are able to contact them to see that they are coping, and if they are in need of any help.

#### **Financial Sustainability of Our Parish**

Although you are not able to attend Mass during this time, it is very important that your donation to our collections continues each week for the Financial Sustainability of our Parish

This is vital for our capacity, as a parish, to continue our Mission, during these difficult and trying times. We encourage our parishioners to donate to both the first and second collection, as well as the Charitable Works Fund Appeal, due in May, by direct debit to the parish.

We thank you for your past generosity and look forward to your continued financial support of our parish. Please contact the Parish Office to update your details.

The First Collection goes entirely for the support of our priests, including those who have retired.

The second collection is for the support of our parish, which includes all pastoral activities, as well as the ongoing day-to-day running costs eg rates, insurance and electricity etc.

Please see below options available for you to continue your financial support of our Parish.

Donation/Envelopes are to be given directly into the parish office. New planned Giving envelopes are available in the foyer of the church.

Credit card authority – Forms are available in the foyer of the church and please contact the parish office on 4396 4455.

Direct debits can be made into the Parish Commonwealth bank account for the first and second collections.

#### **BSB 062 784 and Account number 6238001**

Thank you for having the patience to read this. We ask you to pass on this information to anyone but especially those without computers or smartphone access.

May Mary the Mother of God and St Brendan continue to bless you and your families and keep you safe and well at this time.

Fr Tomy

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

#### **Recently Deceased**

Maureen Daniels, Clement Apiap, Frank Feliciotto, Vi Brodie, George Garvey, Felice Grasso, Fr John Barry OSA, Fr Denis Callahan, Ellen Ashton, Frederick Jurd, Eileen O'Kane, Marie Dyer, Jason Myers (Dublin), Bernard Hensley, Wesley Glabus, Veronica King.



#### **Anniversaries**

Frederick Stephens, Tony Psaila, Matthew Johnston, John Flynn, John Kennedy, Danny Kay, Bill Tyson, Ruby Prendergast, John Flanagan, Colin McIntyre, 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**

Katy Ng, Olga Creighton, Colin McIntyre, Carol Brown, Scott Kay, Lisa Marie Grenot, Hannah McCool, John Thomas Matthews, Gilles Dedrouas, Lorraine Anderson

#### **Please Pray for the Sick**

Ken Chubb, Fiona Haslam, Vicky Debono, Teresa Wegrzyn, Ann Durnford, Steve Durnford, Maureen Mulheron, Koby Bourke, Monica Mason, John Andrews, Kathleen Wiegold, Ariane Hampton, Fr Bill Aliprandi, Linda Read, Eleanor Matthews, Andrew Kelly, Paul Covington, Fiona Gill, Koby Thomas, Evan Shepherd, Kathleen Strong, Bourke, Brian Davies, Tony Hodges, 4 year old Ethan, Faye Lund, Michael Wiggin & Vanessa Miller.



#### **Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March**



#### **Catholics in China**

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity

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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