

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Catholic Parish Toukley/Lake Munmorah

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To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C

18th May, 2025



Pope Leo XIV.

Habemus papam!
(We have a Pope!)

These words echoed over Saint Peter's Square on the evening of Thursday, 8th May in Rome, as Cardinal Dominique

Mamberti announced the election of Cardinal Robert Prevost as the new Pope, taking the name Pope Leo XIV.

Upon his election, he became the first North American Pope and the first pope from the Order of Saint Augustine. Born in the United States, he joined the Augustinians and spent most of his priesthood as a missionary priest in Peru, while also studying and teaching in seminaries. He was elected Prior General of the Order of Saint Augustine in 2001, serving two consecutive, six-year terms in the role.

In 2015, he was made Bishop of Chiclayo in Peru in 2014 and elevated to the Cardinalate in 2023. He was the prefect for the Dicastery for Bishops for more than two years prior to his election, giving him a strong degree of visibility within the Church. While his election surprised many, particularly given the fact he has only been a cardinal for less than two years, he brings a strong pedigree of experience as a missionary, administrator and teacher.

Pope Leo XIV has already held a handful of meetings during the first week since his election, but the real work will begin following his Inauguration Mass on Sunday, May 18. The Mass will be the inauguration of the Petrine ministry and is expected to be attended by Bishops and world leaders, including Bishop Anthony Randazzo and Prime Minister Anthony Albanese. Let us be united in faith and continue to pray for our new shepherd Pope Leo XIV.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church Toukley

Saturday: Vigil 6:00pm Fr Philip

Sunday: 7:30am Fr Baby
9:00am Fr Baby
6:00pm Fr Baby

St Brendan's Church Lake Munmorah

Saturday: Vigil 5:00pm Fr Baby

Sunday: 8:00am Fr Philip

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church Toukley

Monday 9:00 am
Tuesday 9:00 am
Wednesday 9:00 am
Thursday 9:00am (Communion service)
Friday 9:15am (Except 1st Friday of Month)

First Friday of Month Anointing of Sick
11:00am

Saturday 9:00 am

St Brendan's Church Lake Munmorah

Wednesday 9:00am (Communion Service)

First Wednesday of Month Anointing of Sick

Thursday 9:00am

EXPOSITION BLESSED SACRAMENT

St Mary's Church Toukley

Every Saturday – after Morning Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Mary's Toukley

Saturday 9.30am – 10am (by appointment 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 12.30am

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

1st & 3rd Sundays 9am at St Mary's
1st Saturday 5pm at St Brendan's
EXCEPT IN SCHOOL HOLIDAYS



Welcome to our Parish. Today we celebrate the **Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year C.** We welcome you to our Church & are very pleased to see you here.



Upcoming Parish events - Save the Date:

Sat 17th May: St Brendan's Church Feast Day Mass 5pm

Sun 18th May: St Mary's & St Brigid's Family Mass 6pm at St Mary's. Cricket 4:30pm then Mass at 6pm

Mon 19th May: First Holy Communion Programme commences

Fri 23rd May: Mary Help of Christians Feast Day St Mary's 9.15am

Fri 30th May: St Joseph's Men's BBQ 7-8.30pm

Sun 8th June: Pentecost Sunday

Sat 14th June: Family Mass St Brendan's 5pm

Fr. Tomy Away for holidays until 23rd May - Fr. Tomy is away in India for holidays. He will return on the 23rd May. **During this time there is only Communion services on Wednesdays at St Brendan's at 9am and Thurs at St Mary's 9am.** Pray for his safe journey.



Pastoral Works Broken Bay (PWBB)

Our Diocese of Broken Bay has recently launched the PWBB May Appeal. The Appeal supports various charities in our Diocesan community, particularly the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) and the Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Program. PWBB also supports St Lucy's School and St Edmund's College for students with disabilities, and the Ephpheta Centre supports the deaf community. This financial year, 2025/2026, Toukley Lake Munmorah Parish has been asked to contribute to the charity works of our Diocese with a quota of **\$33,818.00**. These ministries need our community's generosity as they get little or no Government funding. Please consider donating to help us reach this year's goal. You can donate at any time, not only during May or November. **ALL DONATIONS OVER \$2 ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE!** Envelopes are available in both churches and thank you to those who have already donated. Our appeal weekend is the **24th and 25th May**.

Pentecost Sunday Prayers of the Faithful - During other years it has been beautiful to hear our Parishioners read the Prayers of the Faithful in different languages. If you speak a language other than English and would like to read a prayer of the Faithful in a different language on Pentecost Sunday contact the Parish Office or see one of the Priests.



Catholic Women's League invite parishioners to join with us on **Monday 26th May from 12.30pm**, to our **Biggest Morning Tea**, raising money for Cancer Research. Entry fee of \$20 gives you a Tombola ticket and any other tickets are \$5.00 each. Once again, we will be entertained by the Budgewoi Ladies Choir, enjoy a light luncheon followed by games and a Tombola draw.

I hope many can join us for this afternoon. For catering purposes, **contact Carolyn Metcalfe on 0421 838 014** to let her know if you are able to attend. Looking forward to having you with us on the day.

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St Brendan's Feast Day Mass Celebration 17th May 5pm

An invitation for all Parishioners to attend the celebrations for St Brendan's Feast day with Mass on **Saturday 17th May at 5pm** followed by light refreshments. Here is a little information about St Brendan. "Brendan the Navigator is known as the patron saint of sailors and the United States Navy. He is the patron of those who are afraid because he himself was fearless in setting out into uncharted water and in uncertain circumstances". Brendan was recognised as a saint by the Catholic Church. As a legend of the seven years voyage spread, crowds of pilgrims and students flocked to Ardfert. Religious houses to meet the wants of those who came for spiritual guidance from Brendan. Brendan is the patron saint of sailors and travelers.

St Joseph's Men's BBQ - 7-8.30pm Friday 30th May St Mary's Parish Centre Who: Men 18+

Good food. Cold drinks. Good company. A chance to grow in faith and brotherhood. Join us for an evening of real conversation and genuine fraternity as we explore what it means to live authentic Catholic masculinity. "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." Proverbs 27:17



Learn Veni Creator Spiritus for Pentecost

As we prepare for Pentecost, why not take a little time to learn Veni Creator Spiritus, the beautiful chant sung by Catholics around the world at this time of year? Our new Holy Father Pope Leo XIV has been deliberate in singing Gregorian chant from our treasury of sacred music. This ancient hymn, likely written by Rabanus Maurus around 856AD, has been used for centuries at important moments in the life of the Church—from councils and synods to Conclaves and retreats. It even carries a plenary indulgence when sung on Pentecost. We will be singing the hymn at the 9am Mass on Pentecost, below you will find a link to a beautiful recording of the hymn with the translated text, and also a link to a 'podcast' which takes you through learning the hymn line-by-line.



Congratulations Blake, Noah, Liam, Lainey and Hadley on receiving the Sacrament of Baptism at St Mary's Church this weekend. We welcome them and their families to our Parish!

Diocesan Mass Count - The Mass count will continue until the end of the month at both churches.

Please pray for those who have died and those who are sick

Recently Deceased:

Joyce Byrnes, Shirley Feeney, Rose Booth & Pope Francis



Anniversaries: Doris Zerafa, Carmen Cefai, Mary Cefai, Vicky Mifsud, Katy Ng, Angelo Caruana, Albert Sykes & Jack Gill

Remembrances: John & Diane, Max & Thelma Newbury, Teofilo, Brigdo, Elena, Anselino, Glabus family, The Holy Souls in Purgatory, Wolfgang Joester, Salvina Caruana, Vicky Debono, Marie O'Keefe, Valami Joseph & Stark Family & Wendy Woodhouse

Please Pray for the Sick: Joy Stokes, Dale Bentaick, Avis Sullivan, Ken Jenkins, Lawrie & Libby Boshell, Ruben Fernandez Velasco, Ivy Teo, Brian Brame, Irene Tognito, Avis Sullivan, John Muir, Amelia Hamilton-Ford, Mairead Moulder, Finn McConnon, John Hamilton Snr, John Hamilton Jnr, Kel Outlaw, Kevin Roy, Kathy Casey, Elaine Horton, Jane, Allen, Helen Sewell, Liz Kelman, Lacey, Chelsea Brame, Nicholas Sheehy, Nicholas Brien, Hunter, Peter De Lacy Peek, Patrick Hobson, Jessica & Lee Abbott, Baby Nora, Denis Tansley, Lucky Bowen, Sergio, Maxwell, Nacua Sedicol, Sue Reardon, Sandra Turl, Mia & Johanna Harries, Ana das Gracias, Zona Kable, Jose Adelino, Barry Egan, Rose Booth, Suzanne Webb, Judy Kay, Ray Crocker, Patricia, Warren Pope, Elaine Scrivener, John Stuart, Stefano & Paolo Macchi, Stephen Jeffrie, Paul Mizzi, George, Sylvia Hudson, Bill O'Keefe, Michelle Maroon, Mick G & Robbie Depares



Wedding Anniversary

Wishing a very Happy Anniversary to **Noel & Mary O'Shea** who are celebrating their 59th wedding anniversary on the 28th May. Congratulations!

May Birthdays

Wayne Griffin (2nd May)
Ray Crocker (6th May)
Judy Kay (8th May)
Imogen Smallwood (10th May)
Aileen Reed (15th May)
Leigh Steele (16th May)
Fr Tomy (25th May)
John Knight (22nd May)
Mareah Wilson (25th May)
Charlie Debono (26th May)
Charlie Micallef (28th May)
Peter Huby (31st May)



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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 14:21-27

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 144:8-13

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God,
to make known to men your mighty deeds
and the glorious splendour of your reign. **R.**

Yours is an everlasting kingdom;
your rule lasts from age to age. **R.**

Second Reading Revelation 21:1-5

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from

God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new'.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 13:31-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I give you a new commandment: love one another.

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified,
and in him God has been glorified.

If God has been glorified in him,
God will in turn glorify him in himself,
and will glorify him very soon.

My little children,
I shall not be with you much longer.

I give you a new commandment:
love one another;

just as I have loved you,
you also must love one another.

By this love you have for one another,
everyone will know that you are my disciples'.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Next Sunday Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Reading - Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Second Reading - Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

Gospel - John 14:23-29