

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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Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year A

7th May, 2023



Today's Gospel is a scene from the Last Supper. This is the most beautiful, or one of the most beautiful, parts of the Gospel. Scripture tells us that Jesus did two things that night which define the sacramental nature of "service": He commissioned his disciples to bring His healing power of forgiveness, allowing us to reconcile ourselves with one another and with God; and He showed, by example, what it means to be compassionate and to minister to one another.

Jesus says to those around that first table - and to all those who continue to gather around the table. "Do not let your hearts be troubled". You have to have faith. You have to have faith in God, you must trust in God and you must love God. And you must have faith in me and trust me, for I and the Father are one.

In answer to Thomas' question Jesus said and continues to say to us, those three immortal words, "I am the way, I am the truth and I am the life. I am the way. Just follow me, be with me, come with me, walk with me, love with me, care with me, and forgive with me. His claim to be "the way" is foreshadowed in the parable of the door or the gate: "I am the gate of the sheepfold". "And this is the truth: that God has taken you to Himself and made you one with Him, and together we are to walk through the world with faith in each other and love for each other and forgiveness for each other. He is the life that is the light of all people (John 1:4). As the Gospel unfolds, we learn that he is the bread of life, even the resurrection and the life.

From time immemorial men have been in search of the eternal way, but they found none; from time immemorial, men have been in search of the eternal truth, but they never discovered it; from time immemorial, men have been in search of the eternal life, but they never attained it. In Jesus that search for the eternal way, truth and life comes to an end. And this is what it means: to know Jesus is to love him, to walk with Him and to share His life.

Fr Baby



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

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
 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

8:20 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 are now open through:-

www.trybooking.com and please contact the Parish Office for further details or if you have any questions.



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

Upcoming events - Save the Dates:

First Eucharist Sacramental Program enrolments have begun
 Sun 7th May - Parish Morning Tea, both churches - please stay and join us and get to know each other
 Sun 14th May - Mother's Day & St Brendan's Feast Day Celebration
 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 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 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 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. Envelopes will be available in both churches, or you can donate online by visiting website: www.bbcatholic.org.au/donate/pastoral-works-broken-bay

Lectio Devina - Thursday 4th May face to face meeting in the Parish Centre.

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 and tidy state for the next user. Please report any cleaning required to the Wardens.

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Lamingtons for collection this weekend.

Thank you for your support

Catholic Women's League invite parishioners to join with them on Friday 12th May at 11am for a Liturgy to celebrate WUCWO Day (World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations). The liturgy will take place at St Mary's Church and will be followed by a light luncheon in the Parish Centre. Catholic Women's League is a member of WUCWO and the Liturgy will be celebrated around the world on that day. We hope you may be able to join with us for this celebration.

Want to join the Planned Giving Program?

If you would like to join our Planned Giving Program to support the management and maintenance of our church, we encourage and value your contribution. Please complete one of the blue cards found in the foyer of the church. There are several options available, including cash (via numbered envelopes), direct deposit, or credit card. Complete one of the blue cards found in the foyer, and hand it to the priest, warden or Parish Office.

Peace Prayer

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy;
O Divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive,
it is pardoning that we are pardoned and it is dying that we are born to Eternal life.



St Mary's Primary School Toukley 50th Anniversary!!

All past and present Parishioners - we are looking for past families of the school to join us in the celebrations of the 50th anniversary on 27 May at Halekulani and to like our page on Facebook - St Mary's Toukley 50th Anniversary Celebration. We would love for past members of the school community to join us and also if they have any memorabilia to share this with us for the night. To get in touch you can reach out on the facebook page or on email: stmarys50yrs@gmail.com and we will provide an invitation in the next few weeks with information on how to buy tickets! What an exciting and interesting event this will be!!



Kind Regards,
Sharmaine Gormley
(02) 4302 1698

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



Recently Deceased -

Graham Curry, Simon Hanley, Des Wilkins, Helen Hensley, Jean McCall, Margaret Brett, Chris Browne, Lorraine Sykes, Carmen Hancock

Anniversaries - 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, Michael Mason, Christopher Dormer

Remembrances - Vicky Debono, Vicky Mifsud, Saviour, Vencenza, Renu, Vince Debono, Salvina Caruana, Mario Azzopardi, 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

May Birthdays

Ray Crocker (6th May)
Judy Kay (8th May)
Aileen Reed (15th May)
Fr Tomy (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.



Mackay Family Funerals

In Association with Mackay Family Crematorium
A.B.N. 79 085 423 589
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PO Box 89 Ourimbah NSW 2258.
Phone: (02) 4362 2733 Fax: (02) 4362 2899



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 6:1-7

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **R.**

For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

Second Reading Peter 2:4-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a peo-

ple set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation John 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.
Alleluia!

Gospel John 14:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Jesus said to his disciples:
'Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Trust in God still, and trust in me.
There are many rooms in my Father's house;
if there were not, I should have told you.
I am now going to prepare a place for you,
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,
I shall return to take you with me;
so that where I am you may be too.
You know the way to the place where I am going.'
Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so
how can we know the way?' Jesus said:
'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
No one can come to the Father except through me.
If you know me, you know my Father too.
From this moment you know him and have seen him.'
Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be
satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Je-
sus to him 'and you still do not know me?
'To have seen me is to have seen the Father,
so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?'
Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in
me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it
is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.
You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and
the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if
for no other reason. 'I tell you most solemnly,
whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do
myself, he will perform even greater works,
because I am going to the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Next Sunday Fifth Sunday of Easter
First Reading - Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
Second Reading - 1 Peter 3:15-18
Gospel - John 14:15-21

