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Catholic Parish Toukley/Lake Munmorah

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To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C

11th May, 2025



THE GOOD SHEPHERD GIVES ETERNAL LIFE

When Jesus talks about the "Good Shepherd" His intent is to focus more on the role of shepherd and less on the attitude of the sheep. The image of a shepherd, as presented by Jesus, is much broader than simply the powerlessness and helplessness of the flock. He is modelling a life-style to which He invites all of his followers to share - one of concern and compassion, of service and dedication, one of relentless and abounding love. So it is important for us to rediscover and reinterpret the message of the Good Shepherd in a clear and decisive language that speaks to the world about how we see ourselves as His disciples.

Shepherds need to lead and to guide. The people of God need to be invited not threatened. They need ministers who are in touch with the real circumstances of life and need to be models of faith and hope who can inspire trust and courage in the people of God. Truly "good" shepherds need to be, above all, fellow travellers on the faith journey who can not only offer healing, comfort and support in the name and spirit of Jesus, but also recognize their own failures and weaknesses and humbly seek forgiveness and reconciliation.

"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me. I give them eternal life and they shall never perish. "So what does this say to us? In short, we are all shepherds and we all need one another. If we really believe Jesus' words, if we really belong to Jesus, if it shows in our words and actions and choices then we are guaranteed what Jesus has promised: life that never ends, life without tears, hunger or thirst. Together we must always find ways to assure that all of God's people will never be without good shepherds.

Fr. Baby

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church Toukley

Saturday: Vigil 6:00pm Fr Joshi

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 Joshi

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 **Fourth 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 10th May: Liturgical Formation S2, 9.30am-3pm
Parish Centre

Sunday 11th May: Mothers' Day

Mon 12th May: Catechist meeting at 3pm at the Parish Centre

Wed 14th May: Last day of enrolment for First Holy Communion

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

Sun 8th June: Pentecost Sunday

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



Happy Mother's Day! Sunday 11th May

Today is Mother's Day! Happy Mother's Day to all Mothers! May God Bless all Mothers and Grandmothers today and always.

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 will be 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.



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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.

CCD Broken Bay is hosting a 'Stations of the Resurrection' Reflection Day on Monday 19 May 9.45am-2.00pm at The Entrance Parish Centre. Journey through the Season of Easter towards the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost as we reflect on the post-Resurrection journey of Jesus. All welcome. Morning tea and light lunch provided. **RSVPs essential: call 02 8379 1643 or email registrations@bbcatholic.org.au by Wed 14 May.**



Free Morning Tea & Seminar on Estate Matters! -

Join us for a free morning tea and seminar on estate matters, where expert legal advisor Cecilia Castle will provide valuable insights on writing a Will, setting up Power of Attorney, and understanding Enduring Guardianships. Whether you're new to estate planning or looking to update your documents, this is a great opportunity to get all your questions answered.

When: Tuesday, 20 May 2025 Time: 10:30am (starting 11am) to 12:30pm Venue: Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, The Entrance Morning tea and light refreshments provided.

Link is <https://www.trybooking.com/DAPZO>



Catholic Women's League invite parishioners to join with us on **Monday 26th May from 12.30pm**, to our Biggest Cup of 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.

Parish Lectio Divina! Join us to pray and reflect on the Sundays Gospel. We meet by Zoom every Thursday at 5PM. For queries or if you are interested pls call our Parish Office. All are welcome!

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

Recently Deceased:

Pope Francis, Leo Moloney, Donato Antonio D'Angola, Richard Hope, Annie Fenech, Donat Sharon Barnes & Yvonne Clement



Anniversaries: Carmen Cefai, Mary Cefai, Vicky Mifsud, Katy Ng, Angelo Caruana, Albert Sykes, Jack Gill, Peter O'Malley & Warren Formos

Remembrances: Teofilo, Brigdo, Elena, Anselino, Glabus family, The Holy Souls in Purgatory, Wolfgang Joester, Salvina Caruana, Vicky Debono, Nino Pol, 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 Abott, Baby Nora, Denis Tansey, Lucky Bowen, Sergio, Maxwell, Nacua Sedicol, Sue Reardon, Sandra Turl, Mia & Johanna Harries, Ana das Gracas, 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

May Birthdays

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



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First Reading Acts 13:14, 43-52

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We are now turning to the gentiles.

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to the synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God has given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations,
so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 99:1-3, 5**R. We are his people, the sheep of his flock.**

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come before him, singing for joy. **R.**

Know that he, the Lord, is God.

He made us, we belong to him,

we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R.**

Indeed, how good is the Lord,

eternal his merciful love.

He is faithful from age to age. **R.****Second Reading** Revelation 7:9, 14-17

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God**Gospel Acclamation** John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 10:27-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I give my sheep eternal life.

Jesus said: 'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me.

I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me.

The Father who gave them to me is greater than any one, and no one can steal from the Father.

The Father and I are one.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**Next Sunday Fifth Sunday of Easter**

First Reading - Acts 14:21-27

Second Reading - Revelation 21:1-5

Gospel - John 13:31-35

