

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Catholic Parish Toukley/Lake Munmorah

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To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C

30th March, 2024



Gospel Reflection

Lost and Found

The story of the prodigal son is so poignantly clear as to leave no doubt in our minds. The son deliberately leaves his father's house and rejects his father's love. He offends contemptuously. He revels in his disobedience... until pangs of hunger trigger off pangs of guilt and remorse. Sorrow for sin leads him home ready to be dis-owned as son if he can only stay on as servant.

But there is a twist in the story. Not only was his father not angry and resentful he was watching and waiting. He ran out to meet his wayward son, embraced him, kissed him, and welcomed him. There was no scolding, no threats, no demands - only a robe, a ring and a celebration! When the other son objected about his father's gift of prodigal forgiveness, he heard very simple, moving words: "This brother of yours was dead and has come back to life, he was lost, and is found."

Forgiveness is only part of the story. Of course, Jesus is speaking about our need for forgiveness. We are the sons and daughters who must learn to trust in the Father's love. We are also those who must remain steadfast in our daily routines, knowing that we are loved just as much. Repentance leads to forgiveness and forgiveness must lead to joy-filled reconciliation.

Jesus tells a story about a lost son, a faithful son and a loving father. It is a story of failure, repentance, forgiveness, of joy and reconciliation. It is a story of "letting go" and "making room." It is a story of a father and his sons and daughters. There is no more important lesson for us to learn as followers of Jesus - that of giving and accepting of forgiveness - lovingly, totally, unconditionally, recklessly in love with our God. If we haven't learned that, we really haven't learned the meaning of being Christian.

Fr. Baby

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church Toukley

Saturday: Vigil 6:00pm Fr Tomy

Sunday: 7:30am Fr Tomy
9:00am Fr Tomy

6:00pm Fr Baby

Children's Liturgy 1st & 3rd Sunday at 9:00am
Mass (except school holidays)

St Brendan's Church 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

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

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

1st & 3rd Sundays 9am at St Mary's

1st Saturday 5pm at St Brendan's



We welcome all of our parishioners, especially any new parishioners to the area and those of you who have been away on holidays



Upcoming events - Fridays in Lent:

Stations of the Cross - during Lent we have the Stations of the Cross on every Friday at St Mary's 8:30am (before 9:15am Mass). This week the Divine Will Group will lead the Stations. **The Light is On at St Mary's with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions 7-7:30pm** every Friday evening.

Daylight Savings ends Sunday 5th April. Don't forget to put your clocks back 1 hour on Saturday night!!

A Journey Through Lent - please join us on **Thurs evenings at 5 - 6pm in the Parish Centre** with Lectio Divino group to share and enrich our Lenten Journey of Hope. All are most welcome.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting will take place 8th April 6pm.

St Mary's Jubilee Year Pilgrimage

Our parish is organizing a Local Pilgrimage to the Shrines within the Diocese of Broken Bay. We will visit four churches: the Shrine of Blessed Carlo Acutis at Our Lady of Dolours, Chatswood; the Shrine of St. John Vianney at Mary Immaculate, Manly; Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Cathedral, Waitara; and the Shrine of St. John Paul II at St. Patrick's, Gosford.

The pilgrimage is set for Monday, April 7, 2025. If you would like to join us, please contact the parish office to reserve your seat on the parish bus. We look forward to sharing this spiritual journey with you!

Sr Josie's Thank you - Sr Josie extends her heartfelt gratitude to the Parish for the wonderful morning tea provided last weekend. May God bless you for your kindness and generosity!

St Brendan's Holy Week Volunteer sheets for Easter are at the back of the Church commencing with Palm Sunday. Please enter your details for the day and time of your commitment.

RCIA Catechumens - Please pray for our 3 RCIA catechumens and candidates who are making final preparations to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil Mass at St Brendan's. **Michele Laing, Amanda Bell & Ramone Ennis.**

Sacramental Program 2025

***Reconciliation, Term 1:**

1st Apr, Tue- St Mary's, 3:30pm

3rd Apr, Thu- St Brendan's, 2:45pm

***First Holy Communion, Term 2:**

For children in Year 4 and above who have made 1st Reconciliation. Enrolment is from 3rd Apr- 14th May via trybooking. Sessions starts on 19th May.

21st June, Sat Vigil Mass- St Brendan's, 5PM

22nd June, Sunday Mass- St Mary's, 9AM

***Confirmation, Term 3:**

For children in Year 3 and above who have been Baptised Catholic. It is REQUIRED one parent/ guardian to attend the Parent Information before enrolment starts. For expression of interest please complete the online form below using the link or scan the QR Code.

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24 Hours for the Lord

Lenten Perpetual Adoration - This Lent, come and encounter the Lord in the Eucharist through 24 hours of continuous Adoration at St. Mary's Parish Centre. Beginning after 9AM Mass **on the 5th of April** and concluding with Benediction at 9am on the 6th of April,

we invite you to spend precious moments in the silent presence of Jesus, drawing close to His Sacred Heart. As we journey through this holy season, let us gather in prayer, offering our hearts to Christ in adoration, thanksgiving, and petition. **Followed by morning tea hosted by St Joseph's Men's Group after 9am Mass on Sunday. St Brendan's Parish morning tea is after 8am Mass on Sunday.**

A new way of Looking at Lent

Lent is a time to put our souls before a mirror and see ourselves as we really are. Lent is not so much about doing something extra for God, as it is about letting God do something extra for us.

Fast from judging others	Feast on Christ indwelling in them
Fast from anger	Feast on patience
Fast from worry	Feast on divine order
Fast from complaining	Feast on appreciation
Fast from unrelenting pressures	Feast on increasing prayer
Fast from bitterness	Feast on forgiveness
Fast from self-concern	Feast on compassion for others
Fast from discouragement	Feast on Hope
Fast from facts that depress	Feast on truth that uplift
Fast from suspicion	Feast on truth
Fast from idle gossip	Feast on purposeful silence

SCHEDULE FOR THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM:

Holy Thursday- NO MASS in the Morning.

*Mass of the Last Supper & Washing of the Feet

5PM- St Brendan's

6PM- St Mary's

Good Friday- NO MASS in the Morning

*Station of the Cross- 9AM both Churches

*Passion of the Lord- 3PM both Churches

Holy Saturday- NO MASS in the Morning

Easter Vigil (Saturday Evening)

5PM- St Brendan's

6PM- St Mary's

Easter Sunday Mass Schedule:

St Brendan's- 8AM

St Mary's- 7:30 & 9AM; NO Evening Mass

PALM SUNDAY- Parishioners are encourage to bring their own palms for the blessings.

VOLUNTEERS FOR HOLY THURSDAY- We need volunteers for the Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday. A sign- on sheet is available at the foyer. For these volunteers, there will be a formation & information night on the 14th April, Mon at 6PM, Parish Centre.

St Mary's Holy Week Rosters are now in the Church foyer.



St Brendan's Coffee & Chat - St Brendan's Social Group invite friends and newcomers to join them on the first Wed of the month. Everyone is welcome. **Wed 2nd April 10am-12pm at the Doylo.**

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



Recently Deceased: Matt Cruise, Frank Grobb, Carmel Maloney, Mavis Dawn Dyke & Malvina Keller

Anniversaries: Greg Irvine, Frank Sinclair, Toni Despoges, George, Tony, Marija Ante Mara, Ante Adam, Ampie Madden, George & Tony Gavranic, Marija & Ante Petkovich, Barbara Cuthbert, John Kennedy, Bridie Post (Murphy), Diane Booth & John Booth,

Remembrances: Lorna, Peggy Batchelor, Barbara Dawes, Mary Jane Jurd, Katy Ng, Margaret Brett, John Michael Brett, Scott Kay, Marie O'Keefe, Valami Joseph & Stark Family & Wendy Woodhouse

Please Pray for the Sick: Gwen Griffin, Ivy Teo, Brian Brame, Irene Tognito, Avis Sullivan, John Muir, Baby 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 Tansey, Joy Hemera, 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

March Birthdays

Terry Reid (14th)
Ivy Rosen (1st) Elsa Rosen (17th)
Jacqui Fletcher (17th)
Jo Spek (19th)
Sister Josie (19th)
Dan Buckman (21st)
Gordon Cheetham (22nd)
Rose Huby (24th)
Gail Mainwaring (25th)
Charlotte Cheetham (31st)
Greg Jurd
Marjorie Canillas



Pope Francis' March Intention For Families in Crisis



Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

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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

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First Reading: Joshua 5:9-12

A reading from the book of Joshua

The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the passover.

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-7

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
In the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. **R.**

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. **R.**

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

God reconciled us to himself through Christ.

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Luke 15:18

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:

Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 (shorter form)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Your brother here was dead and has come to life.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man,' they said, 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

**Next Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent Year C**

First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14

Gospel: John 8:1-11