

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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Holy Shop Open!

Our Holy Shop at St Mary's is open every weekend, before and after each Mass. Lovely gifts for Sacraments and other occasions

Parish Schools

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

22nd January 2023



Today's Gospel passage has two vibrant themes. The First part of the passage speaks about the inauguration of Jesus' public ministry in a land of gloom and darkness. Jesus begins His mission with the simple invitation to "Repent". The repentance demanded by Jesus from His followers implies willingness to sacrifice and make radical changes in their value system.

In the second part of the passage, we have the call of the first disciples of Jesus. The setting is the sea of Galilee in the land of Zebulun and Naphali. The fishermen were Simon Peter, his brother Andrew and two other brothers: James and John. Walking along the shore Jesus calls them to leave their fishing nets and to come after Him. There is no hint about where they are going. There are no details of what the discipleship would lead them to. All that is promised by Jesus is that they will be made fishers of men. Immediately they leave their boats, nets and follow the Lord.

Every one of us is called to be witnesses to the Lord and fishers of men and women. We fulfill this mission of Jesus whenever we reach out in love to others, to heal them and to comfort them in their sorrows. To be fishers of men and women is not a metaphor. It is a mission from, through and in Christ. Every one of us is called to continue that mission.

"Discipleship is relationship" - T. Bonifacio.

"Discipleship is 'not hero worship' but intimacy with Christ" - Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

Fr. Tomy

Special Notices:

Please remember in your prayers:

Recently Deceased: Pope Benedict, Cardinal Pell, Kenneth George Durley, Gwen Lee Moore & Langley Families, Michael Slattery, Robert Rodger & William Foster, Jerry Maguire, Patricia O'Brien. Donald Adams

Anniversaries: Frederick Jurd, Brigid Boyle, Dorothy Rush, Allen Rush, Dan Goonan, Stephens Cappa & Ingrid Hamer, Eugenia Grimes

Remembrances: Valmai Joseph Stark Family, Brown and Miller Family, Carol Brown, Mario Azzopardi, Anselmo, Paulita, Enrico Arturo, Zenaida Elma, Juan Anselmo, Hermigildo, Romualda Pantaleon Temotea

Please pray for the sick:

Vaughn Haynes, Sandra Curry, Mary Cefai, Donald Lewis, Kim Thomas, Mrs J Bowering, Margaret Brett, Allen Venneri, Gary Poppett, Jenna Stoffel, Jeff Moir, Joshua Booth, Miklos Beothy, Ken Scales, Pat Corby, Kevin & Helen Turner, Maureen Dries, Pat Glennen, Mary Smith, Sabu Kuruvelil, Yvonne Sutton, Liz Kelman, Lailane Bugaoisan, Teresa Jan, Mi-

chael Durken, Olive Haslam, Colin Fowler, Joy Rearden, Sr Tincy, Joyce Burns, Diane Booth, Rhondha Rey, Ann Buckman, David Vella, Ann Rigney, Margaret Jones, Margaret Moran, Faye Roberts, Noel McCool, Beth Andrews
January Birthdays: Fr. Baby (26 Jan), Rita Jeffries (26 Jan), Fran Irvine (15 Jan), Mary Smith (22 Jan)

Confessions & Communion

Confessions will finish at 10am as Fr. Baby is away on Saturdays & every Wednesday there will be only communion service at 9am at St Brendan's.

Rental required

2 bedroom flat, Kristina PH:0418955741

Parish Office News

The Parish office will be closed from Wed 18 Jan & will open Mon 30 Jan.

St Mary's Church Carpet

Carpet Installation starts on 6th February. Weekly Masses will be held in Parish Centre from 6th to 10th Feb. If you would like to help with costs of the carpet envelopes are at church doors. \$4492 generously raised so far.

First Reading

Isaiah 8:23 - 9:3

In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who live in a land of deep shadow
a light has shone.

You have made their gladness greater,
you have made their joy increase;
they rejoice in your presence
as men rejoice at harvest time,
as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.
For the yoke that was weighing on him,
the bar across his shoulders,
the rod of his oppressor,
these you break as on the day of Midian.
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 26:1, 4, 13-14

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink? **R.**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple. **R.**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! **R.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollo', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be ex-

pressed.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.*

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 4:12-23

*He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of
Isaiah be fulfilled.*

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!

Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,
Galilee of the nations!

The people that lived in darkness
has seen a great light;

on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death
a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand'.

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Extra Notices As Church carpet is being replaced
**6th February, weekly Masses will be in the Parish
Centre between 6th to 10th February.**

**St Brendan's Masses Sat 21st January 5pm &
Sun 22nd January 8am Fr. Rony VC**

Next Sunday - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

First Reading - Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Gospel - Matthew 5:1-12