

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

St Mary's

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

29th January 2023



In today's Gospel beatitudes are narrated and explained by Jesus on a mountain. We are presented with the values that Jesus preached and lived and what He expects from His followers. The beatitudes are the sum total of Jesus' preaching. Through the Gospel Jesus tells us who are the people blessed in the sight of God. They are the poor, the gentle, those who mourn, the hungry, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers and the persecuted. Those who are called "Blessed" or "Happy" in those blessings can hardly be described as fortunate or lucky in the eyes of the world.

Jesus is not offering an unusual programme for happiness. Rather He is describing what happens to Christian discipleship when the Kingdom of God breaks out in the broken world. The beatitudes speak of a variety of experiences that the disciples have to undergo as a result of their involvement in living the Gospel. The result of their involvement can be suffering, persecutions and even death- as happened to many believers in the past. Jesus heaps blessings on those who struggle to live the truth of the Gospel. It is our turn to look and see how far we measure up to Jesus' standards as opposed to the standards of the world. Be assured that all of us without exception are called to be blessed.

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, Joseph Baynie

Anniversaries: Frederick Jurd, Briged 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 Turner, Maureen Dries, Pat Glennen, Mary Smith, Sabu Kuruvelil, Yvonne Sutton, Liz Kelman, Lailane Bugaiois, Teresa Jan, Michael

Durken, Olive Haslam, Colin Fowler, Joy Rearden, Sr Tincy, Joyce Burns, Diane Booth, Rhondda Rey, Ann Buckman, David Vella, Ann Rigney, Margaret Jones, Margaret Moran, Faye Roberts, Noel McCool, Beth Andrews

January Birthdays: Fran Irvine (15 Jan), Mary Smith (22 Jan) Fr. Baby (26 Jan), Rita Jeffries (26 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

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

In your midst I will leave a humble and a lowly people.

Seek the Lord
all you, the humble of the earth,
who obey his commands.
Seek integrity,
seek humility:
you may perhaps find shelter
on the day of the anger of the Lord.
In your midst I will leave
a humble and lowly people,
and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the
name of the Lord.
They will do no wrong,
will tell no lies;
and the perjured tongue will no longer
be found in their mouths.
But they will be able to graze and rest
with no one to disturb them.
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:7-10

R. Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan. **R.**

It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

God has chosen what is weak by human reckoning.

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen - those who are nothing at all to show those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if

anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 5:1-12

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad;
Your reward will be great in heaven.
Alleluia!*

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

Happy are the poor in spirit.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:

they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:

they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:

they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:

they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:

they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

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 28th January 5pm Fr. Rony
Sun 29th January 8am Fr. Leons**

Next Sunday - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

First Reading - Isaiah 58:7-10

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Gospel - Matthew 5:13-16