# 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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# TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 17th September, 2023



Today's gospel graphically explains to St. Peter and to every one of us the need to have unconditional forgiveness. Peter thinks forgiving an offending person seven times is being very generous and noble. But Jesus tells him that he should forgive not merely seven times but seventy times seven- which means he has to forgive innumerable times and there is no limit to forgiveness.

Jesus explains His teaching through the parable of two debtors. The parable is about a certain Master and two of his servants. The first one owed the Master ten thousand talents. He was asked to pay back the entire amount immediately. Unable to pay this huge sum the man pleads for mercy from the Master and the Master out of pity cancelled all his debt. After some time, the same man met a fellow servant who owed him a mere hundred denari. He asked his fellow servant to pay back the entire amount immediately. This man too pleaded with him to have mercy and asked pardon. But the first servant did not relent and puts his fellow servant in prison till he paid the entire debt.

Forgiving those who have done wrong to us is the precondition for us to receive forgiveness from God. The only obstacle we can put in the way of God's forgiveness of our sins is our refusal to forgive the sins of others.

Jesus' answer comes in the form of an idiom, "seventy times seven times," which means that, at all times and in all places, we are to embody God's forgiving grace. Forgiveness involves reconciliation – the mending of our past, now-fractured, relationships and the healing of our mutual brokenness. It involves intentional work to heal and be reconciled with another. God awakens in us the wholeness that invites us to share in His holiness. Healing, reconciliation, and forgiveness, acting together, sketch a way of life embodying an ever-deepening friendship with God and with one another.

"To err is human but to forgive is divine." - Proverb

Fr. Tomy

#### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

#### St Mary's Church Toukley

Saturday: Vigil 6:00pm Fr Baby Sunday: 7:30am Fr Baby

> 9:00am Fr Baby 6:00pm Fr Tomy

Children's Liturgy 1st & 3rd Sunday at 9:00am

Mass (except school holidays)

#### St Brendan's Church Lake Munmorah

Saturday: Vigil 5:00pm Fr Tomy 8:00am Fr Tomy Sunday:

#### **WEEKDAY MASS TIMES**

#### St Mary's Church Toukley

9:00 am Monday 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

9:00 am Saturday

#### St Brendan's Church 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



Welcome to our Parish. Today we cele-Hello & brateThe Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. We welcome you to our Church 1 recome & are very pleased to see you here.

#### **Upcoming events - Save the Date:**

Thurs 21st Sept: St Brendan's Year 6 Parish Mass 9am Tues 19th Sept: St Brigid's Year 12 Farewell Mass 5.30pm Sat 14th Oct: Confirmation Ceremony 11am St Mary's Church



Confirmation We welcome our candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation. They are in the process of their classes. Please continue to pray for them and their families to be guided by the Holy Spirit.

Holy Land Pilgrimage 2024 Warnervale Parish together with Toukley Lake Munmorah Parish will be organising a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2024. Call the Parish office for more information.

#### Migrant and Refugee Sunday: 24th September 2023

Pope Francis has chosen the theme, "Free to Choose Whether to Migrate or to Stay", for the 109th World Day of Migrant and Refugees, commemorated in Australia on Sunday, 24th September, 2023.

#### **IGNITE 28 September - 1 October 2023**

Don't miss out on tickets! With Ignite 2023 only a few weeks away, it's now time to jump online to register your attendance at the 2023 Ignite Conference. BE QUICK LATE FEES START SOON! If you are after a discount code, please send an email to evangelisationea@bbcatholic.org.au. Discount codes will need to be activated by no later than Tuesday 12 September 2023. Opportunities exist to volunteer in either a part-time or full-time capacity. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Angela Harris (Ignite Volunteer Co-ordinator 2023) via email: volunteers@igniteconference.com.au and for additional information about Ignite https://igniteconference.com.au/sydney



#### Thank You form the RCIA Candidates

The Candidates of the RCIA Program comhank you pleted their Sacraments last Sunday at St Mary's Church. It was truly a wonderful day and the candidates along with the Parish Of-

fice would like to thank everyone who helped to make it such a special occasion. A warm thank you also goes to Connie, Liz, Doris, Lynn and all the helpers who provided the morning tea.

#### The Working Sacristy

The Working Sacristy has had some very much needed renovations carried out. The floors have now been finished & we would like to say thank you to Doug Cashin from Charmhaven Carpets who has generously donated the materials to replace the flooring in the Working Sacristy. Thanks Doug & family!





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#### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Have you, or someone you know, been thinking about becoming a Catholic? A new RCIA process is beginning in our Parish this month and you are invited to come along to St. Mary's Church each Tuesday evening from 5:30-6:45pm where we will explore our Catholic faith and prepare to receive the Sacraments next Easter. No meetings during school holidays. For enquiries contact Sarah-Jane at the Parish Office 4396.4455 or Alison on 0424 737 911.



<u>Taize Prayer Join us in the Holy</u> <u>Spirit Church</u> at 55 Kincumber St, Kincumber for an hour of Taize prayer on Sat 23rd of September at

6:30pm and experience Christian meditation in a candlelit church. All denominations and ages are welcome. Join us for a 'cuppa' afterwards too Contact Liz at:

lizoptom@hotmail.com for more information

#### WORLD ALZHEIMER'S DAY ON THURS 21st SEPT

CatholicCare's Memory Innovations Centre programs focus on having fun, connecting with others and stimulating your brain. Programs are run at Waitara and on The Central Coast allowing you to choose a location to suit you. We can also offer group programs of your choice run at your retirement village, club or parish group. Classes include brain games, exercise and art therapy. You can join anytime and one free trial lesson is available for all parishioners. To book a trial session or receive more information, call CatholicCare on 9481 2659

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#### Feast of Blessed Luigi Maria Monti

The Congregation of the Sons of Immaculate Conception (CFIC) celebrate the feast of their founder on 22nd Sept. Fr. Tomy, Fr. Baby & Fr. Joshi belong to this religious Congregation. We wish them blessings on the feast day of their founder.

#### Fr. Baby will be at Warnervale Parish in October

During the month of October, Fr. Baby will be helping with Masses at Warnervale Parish. Confessions on Saturdays at St Mary's will end at 10am after morning Mass. You can call the Parish Office or Fr. Tomy to make an appointment for an alternative time if required.

Warnervale Parish Trivia Night - Calling anyone in our Parish who likes trivia and wants a fun night out - form a team (4 minimum) and head over to MacKillop College Hall Warnervale on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 6:30pm-8:30pm. Food & Drinks available for purchase on the night. Only \$7 per ticket donation. For information/book your seat call Bill on 0412 051 839 or visit www.mactrivia.com.au

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

Recently Deceased - John Barry

Young, Brooklyn Wangmann, Sam Marshall, Alex Frater, Mary Saba, Clifford Sun, Vince Ippolito, Sam Marshall, Nathan Petersen

<u>Anniversaries</u> - Avril Vaguez, Neil Voight, Olga Salaic, Teresa Vella, Eileen Crocker, Jack Harris, Stephens Cappa & Ingrid Hamer, John Booth, Bob Moon, John Sullivan

<u>Remembrances</u> - Elena, Teofilo, Luka Banichevich, Greg Irvine, Noel McCool, Doug Harris, Bill Tyson, Valmai Joseph & Stark Family, Wendy Woodhouse, Carol Brown

Please Pray for the Sick - Koen Mackaway, John Jessep, Eva Cusick, John Jessep, Margaret Connolly, Rita Cini, Baby Mia Lilli, Maria Butseties, Shirley Campbell, Liz Kelman, Josh. R, Robyn Brand, Susan Simmons, Baby Dottie, Denis Tansey, John van der Kroft, Dawn, Jenna Stoffel, Montaro family, Celly Wakeman, Sheila Rose, Michele Maroon, Oskar Calvi, Gregory Clark, Hector, Robyn Broad, Dylan & partner, Charlie & Nina Micahllef, Joe, Graham Moir, Diane Booth, Miklos Beothy, Salomie, Robbie Depares, Shirley Campbell, Daniel Schultz, Eva Cusick, Maureen Price, Rhondda Rey, Kerrie Lennard, Florian Stoffell, Ken Hancock, Heather Baker, Alicia Haynes, Robyn Broad, Marcos, Bill & families, Cecelia McClusky, Vaughn Haynes, Sabu Kuruvelil, Sr Tincy

#### September Birthdays

Charlie Cassar (5th Sept)
Bede Irvine (6th Sept)
Helen Cashin (6th)
Robyn Rosina (6th Sept)
Jennifer Proudfoot (7th Sept)
Nat Rosina (11th Sept)
Sarah-Jane Rosen (13th Sept)
Mary Gavranic (16th Sept)
Patricia Roach (17th September)
Aurora Spencer (22nd Sept)
Wayne Bulgin (26th Sept)
Irene Deagan (27th Sept)
Marie Steel (28th Sept)
Nancy Bergado (30th Sept)

Barry Rosen (30th Sept)





## **Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September**

Let us pray for those people on the margins of society in subhuman living conditions, that they may not be neglected by institutions and never be cast out.

# Mackay Family Funerals

In Association with Mackay Family Crematorium

A.B.N. 79 085 423 589 Head Office: 249 Pacific Highway West, Ourimbah 2258 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 Sirach 27:30 - 28:7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

Resentment and anger, these are foul things,

and both are found with the sinner.

He who exacts vengeance will experience the

He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord,

who keeps strict account of sin.

Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

If a man nurses anger against another,

can he then demand compassion from the Lord?

Showing no pity for a man like himself,

can he then plead for his own sins?

Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment;

who will forgive him his sins?

Remember the last things, and stop hating,

remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments.

Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will;

remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

The word of the Lord.

#### Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 102:1-4, 9-12 R. The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. R.

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.** 

His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. **R**.

For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. **R**.

**Second Reading** Romans 14:7-9 A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans *Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.* 

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it

was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The word of the Lord.

#### Thanks be to God.

#### Gospel Acclamation John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

#### Gospel Matthew 18:21-35

I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy -seven times.

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said, "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me," he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

**Next Sunday** Twenty Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time First Reading - Isaiah 55:6-9 Second Reading - Philippians 1:20-24, 27 Gospel - Matthew 20:1-16

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