

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Malachi Mal 3:1-4

The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fuller's alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.
The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 23:7-10

R. Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

O gates, lift up your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory! **R.**

Who is the king of glory?
The Lord, the mighty, the valiant,
the Lord, the valiant in war. **R.**

O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory! **R.**

Who is he, the king of glory?
He, the Lord of armies,
he is the king of glory. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
Heb 2:14-18

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, Jesus too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins. That is, because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 2:32

Alleluia, alleluia!
This is the light of revelation to the nations,
and the glory of your people, Israel.
Alleluia!

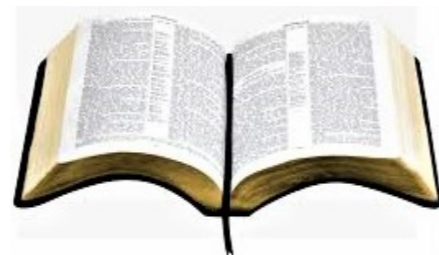
Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Luke Lk 2:22-32

When the day came for them to be purified as Laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord - observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord - and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon.

He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and he blessed God; and he said: 'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



Next Week's Readings: 5th Sunday Ordinary Time

First Reading Is 58 :7-10

Second Reading 1Cor 2:1-5

Gospel Mt 5: 13-16

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The Presentation of the Lord Year A 2nd February 2020

Pope's Message for the New Year



On the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, Pope Francis urges us to live the year 2020 in gratitude for the blessing of God's love in Jesus Christ. Let us begin the year 2020 with the same attitude of gratitude and praise."

The Pope said Jesus reminds us that God loves us, even when we have lost our "self-esteem by remaining prisoners of vicious cycles". "To those who are victims of injustice and exploitation and see no way out, Jesus opens the door of fraternity, where they can find welcoming faces, hearts and hands, where they can share bitterness and despair, and recover some dignity."

Pope Francis said those who are seriously ill and feel abandoned should remember that Jesus is close to them and tenderly touches their wounds, turning weakness into "a force for good." To those who are imprisoned and are tempted to close in on themselves," he said, "Jesus reopens a horizon of hope, starting with a small glimmer of light."

Pope Francis invited us to "descend from the pedestals of our pride and ask for the blessing of the Holy Mother of God" who shows us that we are blessed in Jesus. "Thus, the year that begins will be a journey of hope and peace, not through words, but through daily gestures of dialogue, reconciliation and care for creation."

Fr Tomy

PARISH LITURGIES

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church Toukley

Saturday: Vigil 6:00pm

Sunday: 7:30am

9:00am

Children's Liturgy 1st & 3rd Sunday
(except school holidays)

6:00pm

St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

Saturday: Vigil 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church Toukley

Monday 7:45am

Tuesday 7:45am

Wednesday 7:45am St Agatha Virgin & Martyr

Thursday 7:45am (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

Saturday 7:45am

St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

Wednesday 9:00am St Agatha Virgin & Martyr

First Wednesday of Month Anointing of Sick

9:00am

Thursday 9:00am St Paul Miki & Companions
(Martyrs)

EXPOSITION BLESSED SACRAMENT

St Mary's Church Toukley

Each Saturday – After Morning Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Mary's Toukley

Saturday 8:15am—9:00am

St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

Saturday 4:30—5:00pm

MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

St Mary's Toukley

7:25am Monday to Thursday & Saturday

8:45am Friday



We welcome all of our parishioners, especially any new parishioners to the area and those of you who have been away on holidays. We also welcome any visitors who have joined us for the celebration of Holy Eucharist this weekend. You are all most welcome here in our Parish Family. Please feel free to make yourself known to us,

and we look forward to speaking with you.

Back to School Time

We welcome our new Principals, Mr Craig McNee, St Brendan's, Mr Adam Murdoch, St Brigid's, and all our dedicated teachers, staff and students as they commence a new school year. We give a special welcome to all new kindies, Year 7 students and all who are new to our schools. We look forward to a wonderful year in 2020.

Sharing God's Light—A Gift in Your Will



Our parish is very grateful for the bequests that have been left to the parish in the past. These bequests have supported our Faith Community and enabled us to maintain our parish church and buildings and implement pastoral initiatives. By leaving a gift in your will, or honouring the memory of a loved one, you are

supporting your Family of Faith. Booklets available at doors of the church.

Sponsorship

We are grateful to the following businesses who support our parish by advertising in our Bulletin. The Garage Service Centre @ BP Lake Munmorah Charmhaven Carpets, Mackay Funerals Ourimbah, Toukley Neighbourhood Centre.

Please, wherever possible, give them your support in return.

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference —Bushfire Appeal

We thank you all for your generous donations, last weekend, in response to the Australian Catholic Bishops Bushfire Appeal. The total amount donated was \$6378.75 Many thanks to all those who contributed, a truly wonderful response.

Prayers for the Deceased and Sick of the Parish

It has been the policy of the parish to delete, at the end of each year, the names of those who have been on our prayer request lists during the year. If you wish names to be added to the prayer lists please contact the parish office and they will be added to the following weeks bulletin.

Clarinova or Keyboard Wanted for St Brendan's



The Clarinova at St Brendan's is "past its use by date" and needs to be replaced.

If any parishioner may have a Clarinova or keyboard, still in good condition, that they no longer use, and may wish to donate to the parish, or is someone is able to donate towards the cost of purchasing a new Clarinova, please contact the parish office.

Thank you.
Fr Tomy

Upcoming Parish Events

Monthly Morning Teas



St. Mary's After Mass Cuppa will be hosted by the Martha's Group this Sunday the 2nd Feb. after the 9 am Mass.

St Brendan's Morning Tea this Sunday 2nd Feb. after the 8.00am Mass hosted by the Mahony Group

Both groups would like you to join them in a cuppa and a chat.

Reconciliation Programme

Facilitators for Sacramental Programme

Our parish needs volunteers to facilitate parents, to prepare their children worthily, to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

If you are able to assist as a facilitator, please contact the parish office as soon as possible.

The Programme

The Sacramental Programme for Reconciliation starts with the Enrolment and Parent Information sessions. Parents are required to attend one of these (3) sessions.

St Brendan's Mass Centre Lake Munmorah

Wednesday 19th February 2020 3:30pm

St Mary's Parish Centre Toukley

Thursday 20th February 2020 3:30pm OR 7:00pm

The Programme consists of four (4) preparation sessions, commencing week beginning Monday 2nd March.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held at St Brendan's on 30th March and 1st April and at St Mary's on 31st March and 2nd April 2020

Please keep these dates in your diaries.

Eucharistic Adoration — St Mary's Toukley Thursday 13th February



"Could you not stay awake with me one hour"? (Mt.26:40)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held in the parish every second Thursday of the month from 9:00pm until 8:45am on Friday.

Please come and keep watch for an hour or two, or even half an hour, during this time. Our Lord will be waiting. Please add your name to the Adoration Roster in the foyer of St Mary's church.

Called to *Serve* — Will you put your hand up?



We invite all our parishioners, especially our new parishioners, to consider joining one of our many Ministries, to serve our sisters and brothers in this Neighbourhood of Grace.

Please collect a brochure from the foyer of the churches.

Catechists



Our parish is in need of Special Religious Educators (Catechists) for the start of the new school year, to "Pass on the Faith" to the many Catholic children in our State schools. If you are able to give of your time, please contact Di Healey, Catechist Co-ordinator on 0401 162 287

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

Recently Deceased

Eileen O'Kane, Ellen Ashton, Marie Dyer, Jason Myers (Dublin), Bernard Hensley, Wesley Glabus, Veronica King.

Anniversaries

Eugenia Grimes, Jorge, Carol Brown, Tony Wilson, Joseph & Stella Magri, Mary Stewart, Franceska Rose, Anselmo, Paulita, Enrico, Arturo & Pio Edwin Ambait, Pantaleon, Temotea Ambait, Elma Capacite, Romualda & Hermigilso Giba, Valmai Joseph, Dorothy Rush, Victoria Borg, Rose and Stark Families & Holy Souls.

Please Pray for the Sick

Brian Davies, 4 year old Ethan, Tony Hodges,

Remembrances

Hannah McCool.

Safeguarding

The Diocese of Broken Bay and, we the people of the Catholic Parish of Toukley/Lake Munmorah seek to ensure children and vulnerable people are provided with the fundamental right to be kept safe and respected. This right is held sacred in our Gospel, international and local laws and within our Church policy and practice.

We are all invited to embrace and contribute to a culture of safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

As Safeguarding is the responsibility of all of us, we thank Lorraine Dunn for offering to be our contact person for St Brendan's and Robyn Rosina for being the contact person at St Mary's. Please speak to either lady if you feel the need.

Prayer for Rain



Dear Heavenly Father, source of love & mercy. We thank you for all the gifts you have given us. We pray most earnestly for your precious rain, to fall on the parched earth of our country.

We pray especially for those who work the land, and are suffering severely at this time.

Please help the people of Australia to have the courage to become good stewards of the gifts you give us. Please give us generous hearts, so that we can share our bounty with all others in need. Amen

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February

Listen to the Migrants' Cries



We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

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