

# Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Catholic Parish Toukley/Lake Munmorah

St Mary's Church 458 Main Rd Noraville

St Brendan's Mass Centre 29 Carters Rd Lake Munmorah



## Vision

*To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community*

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### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C

16th March, 2024



#### Gospel Reflection Transfiguration

Part of the theology that most of us inherited taught that our journey of faith was one of living our lives "according to God's plan. Our ultimate goal is our reunion with our God in the heavenly kingdom and our earthly journey is one of "earning" our citizenship in heaven.

In the Gospel passage, Luke allows us to become witnesses with Peter, James and John, of the Lord's transfiguration. At first they didn't understand the meaning behind the Transfiguration. Only when He is risen from the dead, will they understand. Then they will remember the Transfiguration, the promise of the victory and the glory.

Being a people of faith does not mean that we will always be able to find Him present in the ups and downs of our everyday lives. There are few "transfiguration events" in our lives. Citizenship in heaven does not exempt us from the responsibilities of citizenship here on earth. Our mission is the same mission for which Jesus willingly gave His life: "to proclaim liberty to captives, recovery of sight to the blind and to let the oppressed go free and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord."

For us, the meaning of the Transfiguration is that, as Karl Rahner says: "in the dark night of hopelessness the light of God shines, and a human heart finds in God the power which turns dying into victory." The account of the Transfiguration is a reminder that we cannot live our lives above and removed from daily life.

Today we are challenged to transform our lives - to let the glory of God guide us and shine through us to focus on God along the hills and valleys of our journey of faith knowing that God is near, that He understands our pain, and that He will sustain us and carry us through.

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. We also welcome any visitors who have joined us for the celebration of Holy Eucharist this weekend.



### **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 Catechists

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.

**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.

### **The Jubilee Candle is lit ONLY during weekend Masses**

**Attention Choir** - During the time of Lent please note there is **NO Alleluia or Gloria** and we use the Apostles Creed.

### **Sacramental Program 2025**

#### **Reconciliation, Term 1**

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

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



#### **Sacramental Program:**

**\*Sacrament of Reconciliation-** Last weekend, our candidates has been presented during the Mass. It was wonderful they had a prayer buddies. Please continue to pray for our candidates.

**\*Sacrament of Confirmation-** 30 Aug, Sat. For children in Y3s and above have been baptised Catholic. Further information will be released soon.

**\*Sacrament of Baptism-** for school children. If you wish your child to be baptised in Catholic faith, please contact our Parish Office.

#### **First Holy Communion, Term 2**

21 June, Sat- St Brendan's, 5pm

22 June, Sun- St Mary's, 9am

#### **Confirmation, Term 3**

30 Aug, Sat- St Mary's, 11AM\*

\*for Y3 and above already received Sacrament of Baptism. The Sacrament of Reconciliation classes will commence 3rd March. Please include in your prayers our candidates and parents in their preparations.

**Toukley/Lake Munmorah Parish is seeking a Parish Administrative Assistant to support office operations and parish activities. For details or to apply, contact the Parish Office on 43964455 or [toukleyparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:toukleyparish@bbcatholic.org.au)**

**Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Renewal 2025** - We invite parishioners who would like to join the PPC and help Pastoral life in the Parish to please contact the Parish office or talk to the Priests. There are also slips at the foyer for both churches.

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**Bibles in the Piety Stall** - We currently have a nice selection of adult's and children's Bibles for sale in our stall for \$20 each. This is a discounted price and they would make a special gift or you might be in need of one yourself to call in and take a look before or after Masses.



### Thank you to St Mary's Church Cleaners

A warm thank you from the Parish to Connie, Jan, John and Kathy for all your hard work in keeping our church clean.

**Fr Varghese and Fr Denny send a thank you to the Parish for the warm welcome and reception given to them. They enjoyed their visit and sharing morning tea with you all.**



**Volunteers needed for Parish morning tea at St Mary's for the months of April and December. Without volunteers there will be no morning tea held those months.**



**Birthday Morning Tea for Sr. Josie** - Please join us for a birthday morning tea celebration for Sr. Josie on **Sun 23rd March** after 9am Mass at St Mary's.

**HAPPY FEAST DAY FR TOMY ON THE 19TH MARCH!**

**EASTER VIGIL CHOIR PRACTISE ST BRENDAN'S** -We invite all singers and musicians to come together to share in the Liturgy for the Saturday Vigil Mass. Practise will be at **3pm** on Fridays at St Brendan's commencing **Fri 28th March**, all are welcome.



**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. Sign up to commit to an hour of prayer by writing your name and mobile number on the sign-up sheet at the door.



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



**Recently Deceased:** Frank Grobb, Carmel Maloney, Mavis Dawn Dyke, Malvina Keller, Charlie Keller & Philip Hanlen

**Anniversaries:** Barbara Cuthbert, John Kennedy, Bridie Post (Murphy), Diane Booth, John Booth, Arturo Canillas, Rosario Charing Davies, Margaret Barr, Greg Irvine, John Davies, Eddy Redman, Danny Kay & Stephens Cappa

**Remembrances:** Peggy Batchelor, Barbara Dawes, Mary Jane Jurd, Katy Ng, Margaret Brett, John Michael Brett, Scott Kay, Frank Costa, Mary Rose Buttigieg, George Castle, Tita & Teodoro, Daisy, Norberto Reale, Marie O'Keefe, Valami Joseph & Stark Family & Wendy Woodhouse

**Please Pray for the Sick:** Brian Brame, Irene Tognito, Avis Sullivan, John Muir, Baby Hamilton-Ford, Mairead Moulder, Finn McConnon, John Hamilton, 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 Abott, Baby Nora, Denis Tansey, Joy Hemera, Lucky Bowen, Sergio, Maxwell, Nacua Sedicol, Sue Reardon, Sandra Turl, Mia & Johanna Harries, Ana das Gracias, Zona Kable, Elaine Horton, 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**

Ivy Rosen (1st)  
Islay Mahoney (1st)  
Brianna Fry (5th)  
Connie Camilleri (11th)  
Terry Reid (14th)  
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)



**Happy 55th  
Wedding Anniversary to  
David & Lorraine Dunn  
On 16th March**

### **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.

**Mackay Family Funerals**

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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

4396 1555

## First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

*God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.*

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

The word of the Lord

## Thanks be to God

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 26:1, 7-9, 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.**

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;  
have mercy and answer.

Of you my heart has spoken:  
'Seek his face.' **R.**

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;  
hide not your face.

Dismiss not your servant in anger;  
you have been my help. **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: Philippians 3:17 - 4:1

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

*Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.*

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told

you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## Gospel Acclamation Matthew 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

## Gospel Luke 9:28-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.*

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' - He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him'. And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**



## Next Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent Year C

**First Reading:** Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15

**Second Reading:** Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

**Gospel:** Luke 13:1-9