

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Catholic Parish Toukley/Lake Munmorah

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To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community

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Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year A

14th May, 2023



The risen Jesus' continued His presence in us and in the Church through the Holy Spirit gives meaning and purpose to all we are and all we do in his name. As the Divine Advocate, the Holy Spirit will instruct us in Jesus' doctrines and illumine our minds to receive deeper knowledge of our Faith. In addition, the Divine Advocate will enable us to defend our Faith powerfully and will guide us properly in our practice of true Christian love.

Thus, we will be able to recognize Jesus in the in the poor, in the sick, in the homeless, in the marginalized, in the outcast and so to become agents of healing and reconciliation in a broken and divided world. Jesus' promise to his disciples of the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit is part of the long "Farewell Sermon" near the end of John's Gospel. Jesus made this farewell to his disciples at their Last Supper, just prior to his arrest, crucifixion, death and Resurrection.

This long discourse is a unique summary of the mystery of the Incarnation and the role of the Holy Spirit. God's promise of the Holy Spirit should not have been a mystery to the followers of Jesus who knew the Holy Scriptures. The origin of this promise can be traced to the Old Testament books of Jeremiah and Ezekiel. In the days of the prophets, God had promised to make a new Covenant with His people. He had promised to put His law within His people, writing it on their hearts, that He might be their God and they might be His people. He had also promised to put a new spirit within His people, to remove their heart of stone and to give them a heart of flesh. Finally, God had promised to put His Spirit within His people to enable them to follow His statutes and be careful to observe His ordinances.

Paul tells us that this promise has been fulfilled: "*Do you not know that you are God's Temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?*". Jesus made a great promise to his disciples that he will send the Paraclete and will never leave them desolate or abandoned. This is the awareness that we need in order to grow in our faith.

Fr. Joshi

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church Toukley

Saturday: Vigil 6:00pm Fr Joshi
Sunday: 7:30am Fr Joshi
9:00am Fr Joshi
6:00pm Fr Baby
Children's Liturgy 1st & 3rd Sunday at 9:00am
Mass (except school holidays)

St Brendan's 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 (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 9:00 am

St Brendan's 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 celebrate the **Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year A**. We welcome you to our Church and are very pleased to see you here.

First Eucharist Sacramental Program

The Sacramental Program for First Eucharist will start next week with the preparation classes. Please keep our candidates and their families in your prayers as they prepare for this special Sacrament. Our candidates will be presented to the Parish at Masses over the coming weekends.



Upcoming events - Save the Dates:

Sat 3rd June - Family Mass at St Brendan's 5pm

Sat 17th June - Sacrament of First Eucharist

5:00pm St Brendan's and 6:00pm St Mary's

Sun 18th June 8am St Brendans and 9:00am at St Mary's



Pastoral Works Broken Bay (formerly CWF)

The next Pastoral Works Broken Bay (CWF) appeal will be held in May on **27th & 28th**. This is the final Pastoral Works appeal for this financial year so we ask that you give generously to help our Parish achieve our quota. We still have \$29,699.65 to raise and any shortfall must be made up out of Parish funds. Thank you to those who have given already. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Envelopes will be available in both churches, or you can donate online by visiting website: www.bbcatholic.org.au/donate/pastoral-works-broken-bay



St Brendan's Feast Day

An invitation to all to attend the celebrations for St Brendan's Feast day with Mass and morning tea commencing on Sunday at 8am on 14th May.



Happy Mother's Day - Sunday 14th May

This Sunday is Mother's Day. Happy Mother's Day to all Mums! We are so pleased to be able to celebrate this important day with the special women in our lives! May God Bless all mums today and always.



We congratulate Sr. Josie of the Augustinian Sisters of Our Lady of Consolation on her 25th Anniversary as Professed Religious Nun. Thank you for your many good works you contributed to our parish community. Our prayers for you in your mission ahead. God bless and keep you in His loving arms.



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Want to join the Planned Giving Program?

If you would like to join our Planned Giving Program to support the management and maintenance of our church, we encourage and value your contribution. Please complete one of the blue cards found in the foyer of the church. There are several options available, including cash (via numbered envelopes), direct deposit, or credit card. Complete one of the blue cards found in the foyer, and hand it to the priest, warden or Parish Office.

Newly Baptised

We welcome Cailen, Jagger, Narley, River, Zavier, Orla, Lennon, Summer and their families into our Parish Community.



Becoming Catholic

The Catholic Enquiry Centre has launched a new website, "Becoming Catholic", to help answer the questions that people commonly ask when they consider becoming Catholic, and to invite people into the life of the Catholic Church. The Catholic Enquiry Centre is a work of the National Centre for Evangelisation, and this website is designed as a gateway for people to connect with their local Catholic community. It provides introductory information on God, including Jesus and the Trinity, explores the birth of the Church, and covers other key topics like Mary, the Bible, the saints, and sacraments. A companion booklet, "Discovering God and what it means to be Catholic" is also available. Please consider adding a link to the Becoming Catholic website on your own parish RCIA website page. Visit the Becoming Catholic website.

IGNITE 2023

As announced towards the end of last year, the 2023 Ignite Sydney Conference will be hosted by the Diocese of Broken Bay, between 28 Sept – 1 October in the Cathedral Precinct. Ignite Conference is a gathering of Catholics for four days of formation, renewal of faith, and powerful worship. It is a conference for all; kids, high school students, and young adults, and deeper sessions for adults, specifically parishioners, priests, religious, ministry leaders, parents, and grandparents. There is something for everyone at the Ignite Conference. Registrations for this significant gathering are now open. Visit here to learn more about the conference and how to register.

Project Officer – Evangelisation Broken Bay

The Chancery is seeking to recruit a temporary Project Officer to undertake the project management of a variety of Diocesan projects, namely WYD and Ignite. This is a specialised role, for a fixed term of six months, with flexibility with the working schedule for the right candidate. The ideal candidate would have a good knowledge of, and experience with Catholic organisations and events, be results-orientated, with a demonstrated commitment to service and willingness to be accountable for performance. For more information, please contact recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au for a copy of the position description and details on how to apply. Applications close Wednesday, 17 May 2023.

National Families Week celebrates and promotes the capacities and resilience of families in creating strong, safe and connected communities.



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



Recently Deceased -

Mary Cefai, Maurice Schokman, Gary Cocks, Barbara Barnes, Graham Curry, Simon Hanley, Des Wilkins, Helen Hensley, Jean McCall, Margaret Brett, Chris Browne, Lorraine Sykes,

Anniversaries - Carmen Cefai, Angelo Caruana, Joseph Debono, Emanuel Camilleri, Paddy O'Toole, Johanna Jackson, Angelo Caruana, Joseph Debono, William Brennan, Myrtle Brennan, Peter O'Malley, Kathleen Kenny, Jack Gill, Anne Brownsell, Frederik Stephens, Warren Formosa, John Matthews, Mavis Dormer, Faye Lund, Donald & Amela Marshall, Michael Mason, Christopher Dormer

Remembrances - Georgina Baker, Celestina Alonzo, Vicky Debono, Vicky Mifsud, Saviour, Vencenza, Renu, Vince Debono, Salvina Caruana, Mario Azzopardi, Carol Brown, Anne Brownsell, Teresita Realo, Matteo Dimicco, George Castle, Kenneth George Durley, Valmai Joseph & Stark Family, Stephens Cappa, Margie Hamer, Olga Creighton, Jean Jurd, Ronald Pingo Roach

Please Pray for the Sick - Charlie & Nina & Joe, Graham Moir, Diane Booth, Miklos Beothy, Eric Peck, Salomie, Robbie Depares, Shirley Campbell, Daniel Schultz, Eva Cusick, Maureen Price, Liz Kelman, Rhondda Rey, Kerrie Lennard, Florian Stoffell, Ken Hancock, Heatherbell Baker, Alicia Regglo, Alicia Haynes, Robyn Broad, Marcos, Bill & families, Cecelia McClusky, Vaughn Haynes, Sabu Kuruvellil, Sr Tincy, Noel McCool

May Birthdays

Ray Crocker (6th May)
Judy Kay (8th May)
Aileen Reed (15th May)
Fr Tomy (25th May)
Charlie Debono (26th May)
Charlie Micallef (28th May)
Peter Huby (31st May)



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for May

For church movements and groups
We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.



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First Reading

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,

O sing to the glory of his name.

O render him glorious praise.

Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! **R.**

'Before you all the earth shall bow;

shall sing to you, sing to your name!'

Come and see the works of God,

tremendous his deeds among men. **R.**

He turned the sea into dry land,

they passed through the river dry-shod.

Let our joy then be in him;

he rules for ever by his might. **R.**

Come and hear, all who fear God.

I will tell what he did for my soul:

Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer

nor withhold his love from me. **R.**

Second Reading 1 Peter 3:15-18

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,

and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 14:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father,

and he will give you another Advocate

to be with you for ever,

that Spirit of truth

whom the world can never receive

since it neither sees nor knows him;

but you know him,

because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave your orphans;

I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see me;

but you will see me,

because I live and you will live.

On that day

you will understand that I am in my Father

and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me;

and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father,

and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Next Sunday - The Ascension of the Lord

First Reading - Acts 1:1-1

Second Reading - Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel - Matthew 28:16-20