

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 C

25th May, 2025



Gospel Reflection

The readings of this Sunday bring home to us the message of the radiance of the Holy Spirit. The first reading reminds us how the Holy spirit, indwelling in the Church, helped the apostles to solve the major doctrinal problem. The early Christian community faced many problems. The Apostles resolved them through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus express His love and promises the Holy Spirit and peace. The words of Jesus in today's Gospel are so comforting and soothing. Jesus's relationship with the Father and the disciples' relationship to Jesus connect the disciples to the Father as well. This is a part of the farewell discourse of Jesus at the Last Supper. At the onset of the discourse, Jesus expresses His love for His beloved disciples. In turn they are asked to love Him by keeping His commandments. Then Jesus promises them the coming of the Councilor, the Holy Spirit who will be send by the Father. Jesus tells them that the Holy Spirit will teach them all things and bring to remembrance all that He Himself taught them. Finally, Jesus promises them His peace. He gives the assurance that they are not to be afraid of anything or to be worried about anything because He is going to the Father. Jesus' unshakable faith in the Father is the basis and the source of the promised peace. Jesus offers the same peace to everyone who follows Him. Let the peace of the risen Lord remain in our hearts and minds which the world cannot give us.

"When you find peace within yourself you become the kind of person who can live at peace with others." - M.K. Gandhi

"If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that belong to each other." - St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

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

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 9:00am (Communion service)
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 (Communion Service)

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 of the Word (CLOW)

1st & 3rd Sundays 9am at St Mary's

1st Saturday 5pm at St Brendan's

EXCEPT IN SCHOOL HOLIDAYS



Welcome to our Parish. Today we celebrate the **Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year C**. We welcome you to our Church & are very pleased to see you here.



Upcoming Parish events - Save the Date:

Fri 30th May: St Joseph's Men's BBQ 7-8.30pm

Sun 1st June: The Ascension of the Lord

Sun 8th June: Pentecost Sunday

Sat 14th June: Family Mass St Brendan's 5pm



Welcome back and Happy Birthday Fr Tomy! Fr Tomy celebrates his birthday this week on Sun 25th May. Please join us in wishing Fr Tomy a very

Happy Birthday & pray for many blessings for the year ahead. **Morning tea will be held**

after 9am Mass at St Mary's on Sun 25th May to celebrate!



Pastoral Works Broken Bay (PWBB)

Our Diocese of Broken Bay has recently launched the PWBB May Appeal. The Appeal supports various charities in our Diocesan community, particularly the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) and the Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Program. PWBB also supports St Lucy's School and St Edmund's College for students with disabilities, and the Ephpheta Centre supports the deaf community. This financial year, 2025/2026, Toukley Lake Munmorah Parish has been asked to contribute to the charity works of our Diocese with a quota of **\$33,818.00**. These ministries need our community's generosity as they get little or no Government funding. Please consider donating to help us reach this year's goal. You can donate at any time, not only during May or November. **ALL DONATIONS OVER \$2 ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE!** Envelopes are available in both churches and thank you to those who have already donated. Our appeal weekend is this weekend **24th and 25th May**.

Pentecost Sunday Prayers of the Faithful - During other years it has been beautiful to hear our Parishioners read the Prayers of the Faithful in different languages. If you speak a language other than English and would like to read a prayer of the Faithful in a different language on Pentecost Sunday contact the Parish Office or see one of the Priests or complete a sign up sheet in the foyer.



Catholic Women's League

invite parishioners to join with us on **Monday 26th May from 12.30pm**, to our **Biggest Morning Tea**, raising money for Cancer Research. Entry fee of \$20 gives you a Tombola ticket and any other tickets are \$5.00 each. Once again, we will be entertained by the Budgewoi Ladies Choir, enjoy a light luncheon followed by games and a Tombola draw. I hope many can join us for this afternoon. For catering purposes, **contact Carolyn Metcalfe on 0421 838 014** to let her know if you are able to attend. Looking forward to having you with us on the day.

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Clergy Conference 9th-13th June - Fr Tomy & Fr Baby will be away for a Clergy Conference from Monday 9th to Fri 13th June. There will be no morning Masses at either churches on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, only Communion services.

Diocesan Mass Count - The Mass count will continue until the end of the month at both churches.



**St Joseph's
Men's BBQ - 7-
8.30pm Friday
30th May St
Mary's Parish
Centre Who:
Men 18+**

Good food. Cold drinks. Good company. A chance to grow in faith and brotherhood. Join us for an evening of real conversation and genuine fraternity

as we explore what it means to live authentic Catholic masculinity. "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." Proverbs 27:17



Learn Veni Creator Spiritus for Pentecost - As we prepare for Pentecost, why not take a little time to learn Veni Creator Spiritus, the beautiful chant sung by Catholics around



the world at this time of year? Our new Holy Father Pope Leo XIV has been deliberate in singing Gregorian chant from our treasury of sacred music. This ancient hymn, likely written by Rabanus Maurus around 856AD, has been used for centuries at important moments in the life of the Church—from councils and synods to Conclaves and retreats. It even carries a plenary indulgence when sung on Pentecost. We will be singing the hymn at the 9am Mass on Pentecost, below you will find a link to a beautiful recording of the hymn with the translated text, and also a link to a 'podcast' which takes you through learning the hymn line-by-line.

Thank you for your donations to the Holy Land raising \$970.00 and Project Compassion raising \$1700.00 Both of these organisations help people in need in other parts of the world and may God bless you for your kind generosity.

St Mary's Rosters are now available at the front of the church.

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



Recently Deceased:

Robert Tesoriero, Rose Booth & Pope Francis

Anniversaries: Christine Kay Battese, Doris Zerafa, Carmen Cefai, Mary Cefai & Vicky Mifsud

Remembrances: John & Diane, Max & Thelma Newbury, Teofilo, Brigdo, Elena, Anselino, Glabus family, Wolfgang Joester, Salvina Caruana, Vicky Debono, Marie O'Keefe, Valami Joseph & Stark Family & Wendy Woodhouse

Please Pray for the Sick: Joy Stokes, Dale Bentick, Avis Sullivan, Ken Jenkins, Lawrie & Libby Boshell, Ruben Fernandez Velasco, Ivy Teo, Brian Brame, Irene Tognito, Avis Sullivan, John Muir, Amelia Hamilton-Ford, Mairead Moulder, Finn McConnon, John Hamilton Snr, John Hamilton Jnr, 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 Abbott, Baby Nora, Denis Tansey, Lucky Bowen, Sergio, Maxwell, Nacua Sedicol, Sue Reardon, Sandra Turl, Mia & Johanna Harries, Ana das Gracias, Zona Kable, 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



Wedding Anniversaries

Wishing a very Happy Anniversary to **Noel & Mary O'Shea** on the 28th May celebrating their 59th wedding anniversary and to **Bede & Fran Irvine** on the 29th May celebrating their 60th Anniversary. Congratulations and sending God's blessings to you always.

May Birthdays

Wayne Griffin (2nd May)
Ray Crocker (6th May)
Judy Kay (8th May)
Imogen Smallwood (10th May)
Aileen Reed (15th May)
Leigh Steele (16th May)
John Knight (22nd May)
Fr Tomy (25th May)
Mareah Wilson (25th May)
Charlie Debono (26th May)
Charlie Micallef (28th May)
Peter Huby (31st May)



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 Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves not to burden you beyond what is essential.

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **R.**

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **R.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **R.**

Second Reading Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel or crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates

there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

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 14:23-29

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him
and make our home with him.

Those who do not love me do not keep my words.

And my word is not my own; it is the word of the one
who sent me.

I have said these things to you while still with you;
but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you everything
and remind you of all I have said to you.

Peace I bequeath to you,
my own peace I give you,
a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.
You heard me say:

I am going away, and shall return.

If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I
am going to the Father,
for the Father is greater than I.

I have told you this now, before it happens,
so that when it does happen you may believe.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Next Sunday The Ascension of the Lord

First Reading - Acts 1:1-11

Second Reading - Hebrews 9:24-28, 10:19-23

Gospel - Luke 24:46-53