

# 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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### The Ascension of the Lord YEAR C

1st June, 2025



On the day of His Ascension, the risen Lord sums up for His disciples the meaning of His death and His resurrection. Jesus then commissions them to preach the good news to all nations. Before they begin their mission journeys, they are asked to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit who will be their teacher and guide. Jesus then blesses them and departs to heaven as they are watching. Apostles are filled with great joy when they realize what has happened to Jesus. Now they realize that not only Jesus is risen from the dead but that He is now in heavenly glory, seated at the right hand of God the Father.

Although Jesus has ascended into heaven, we must not look upon Him as being far away from us. He wants everyone of us to be witness to His presence in the world. With His ascension Jesus withdraws His physical presence from His disciples and from the world. But physical absence does not always mean absence of presence. People can be very close to one another even though they are separated by thousands of miles. So also, although Jesus has ascended into heaven, He is very much present among us. By His Ascension, Christ has not deserted us but has made it possible for the Holy Spirit to enter all times and places. In this way it is possible for each of us to be transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit into agents or instruments of Christ. We are enlivened, and our actions become animated in a new way by Holy Spirit as we serve the God we love.

"When Christ returned to heaven, he withdrew his physical presence from our sight. He didn't stop being with disciples but by the ascension fulfilled his promise to be with us to the end of the world. As his body was raised to heaven, so his power and reign have spread to the utmost parts." - J. Calvin.

*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

### St Brendan's Church Lake Munmorah

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

## WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

### St Mary's Church Toukley

Monday 9:00 am  
Tuesday 9:00 am  
Wednesday 9:00 am  
Thursday 9:00am  
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 **Ascension of the Lord, Year C.** We welcome you to our Church & are very pleased to see you here.



### Upcoming Parish events - Save the Date:

Sun 1st June: Parish Morning Teas  
Sun 8th June: Pentecost Sunday  
Sat 14th June: Family Mass St Brendan's 5pm  
Sat 30th August: The Rite of Confirmation

### Pentecost Sunday Prayers of the Faithful (next Sunday)

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.

Clergy Conference 9th-13th June Fr Tomy & Fr Baby will be away for a Clergy Conference from Monday 9th-Fri 13th June. There will be no morning Masses at either churches on Tues, Wed or Thurs that week, only Communion services.



### Parish Morning Teas and St Brendan's Coffee & Chat

The Parish morning tea is this week after 8am Mass at St Brendan's and 9am Mass at St Mary's. Thanks to the Choir & CLOW groups for hosting morning tea at St Mary's and our St Brendan's faithful volunteers. **St Brendan's Social Group** invite friends and newcomers to join them on the first Wed of the month. Everyone is welcome. **Wed 4th June 10am-12pm at the Doyleo.**

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.

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME.

**Sacrament of First Holy Communion-** Thank you to the prayer buddies of our candidates.

Please continue to pray for them.



**Sacrament of Confirmation-** for children who are in Year 3 and above who have been baptised Catholic, there will be **Parent Information on 23 & 24 June.** It is required at least one parent/ guardian comes to this session. Please note children do not need to attend to this session. Please scan the QR Code to register for your preferred date and time. **The Rite of Confirmation will be on 30th August.**



RCIA/ RC1Y - If you are interested to explore your faith or the Catholic faith please scan the QR Code or you may talk to any of our priests or call the Parish Office.

Piety Stall Open! - Our Piety Stall at St Mary's is open every weekend, before & after each Mass. There are many lovely gifts for Sacraments & other occasions.

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## Reflection Day: Time to Rejuvenate

Revitalise yourself with simple movements, dynamic relaxation, walking meditation, vision boarding & storytelling. These practices are designed to enliven you. Leave with a renewed sense of positivity & energy.

**When:** Sunday 15 June 2025. 10am – 4pm.

**Where:** Mary MacKillop Spirituality Centre (formally St Joseph's) 8 Humphreys Rd, Kincumber South. 2251.

**Facilitator:** Vicki Hancock.

**Cost:** \$180 (no GST); \$198 (inc. GST) – includes Morning Tea & Lunch. **Bookings:** Essential (02) 4368 2805

Email [reception.sjr@sosjspirit.org.au](mailto:reception.sjr@sosjspirit.org.au) or <https://mmsm.org.au>

**Anointing Mass first week of June - St Brendan's 9am Wed 4th June and St Mary's 11am Fri 6th June.**



## 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 & thank you to those who have already donated.



## Welcome New Parishioners

We welcome new members of our Parish community, who moved to the area. If you would like to register in the Parish, forms are available at the foyer of the church.

**Weekday Masses** - We invite Parishioners and friends also to join weekday Masses. Please invite your friends too.

## Are you interested in becoming a Catechist?

### CCD Ministry Induction Course

This course equips new SRE catechists with the confidence and skills to teach religion to Catholic students in a public school setting. The course covers eight sessions and includes relevant topics, such as Mission & Ministry of the Catechist, Classroom Management, Safeguarding, Introduction to the Bible, and Lesson Planning Using the Authorised Curriculum.

Contact Alicia at our Registrations desk on [registrations@bbccatholic.org.au](mailto:registrations@bbccatholic.org.au) or 02 8379 1643 for enquiries.

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



## Recently Deceased:

Finn McConnon, Mary Hyde, Mabel Leone, Jimena Roman & Esposito Hijos

**Anniversaries:** Mario Azzopardi, Lorna Gordon, Christine Kay Battese, Doris Zerafa, Carmen Cefai & Mary Cefai

**Remembrances:** Urbano, Josefina, Anito Snr & Soledad Arriba, Gavino Rias, John Haslam, Thomas Eugene Hemera, John & Diane, Max & Thelma Newbury, Teofilo, Brigdo, Elena, Anselino, Marie O'Keefe, Valami Joseph & Stark Family & Wendy Woodhouse

**Please Pray for the Sick:** Novita Elizabeth Taha Lamharan, 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, 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 Abott, 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

**Funeral Notice:** For the late **Mary Hyde at 11am Wed 4th June at St Mary's Church**



**Wedding Anniversary** - Happy Anniversary to **Bede & Fran Irvine** on the 29th May celebrating their 60th Anniversary. Also to **Errol & Lucy Jurd and Ted & Emy Bryant**. Congratulations and sending God's blessings to you always

## May Birthdays

Charlie Debono (26th May)  
Charlie Micallef (28th May)  
Peter Huby (31st May)  
Janet Cashin (1st June)  
Harvey Fisk (3rd June)  
Ivan Gostan (6th June)  
Aaron Ballhause (13th June)  
Errol Jurd (14th June)  
Doug Cashin (16th June)  
Delyce Denton-Helm (25th June)  
Thomas Horan (29th June)

*Call the office to have your birthday included!*



## 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 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*Why are you standing here looking into the sky?*

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 46:2-3, 6-9

**R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:  
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

All peoples, clap your hands,  
cry to God with shouts of joy!

For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,  
great king over all the earth. **R.**

God goes up with shouts of joy;  
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.  
Sing praise for God, sing praise,  
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R.**

God is king of all the earth.  
Sing praise with all your skill.  
God is king over the nations;  
God reigns on his holy throne. **R.**

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

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*Christ has entered heaven.*

It is not as though Christ has entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the

sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him. In other words, brothers, through the blood of Jesus we have the right to enter the sanctuary, by a new way which he had opened for us, a living opening through the curtain, that is to say, his body. And we have the supreme high priest over all the house of God. So as we go in, let us be sincere in heart and filled with faith, our mind sprinkled and free from any trace of bad conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us keep firm in the hope we profess, because the one who made the promise is faithful.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation** Matthew 28:19, 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

**Gospel** Luke 24:46-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**



**Next Sunday: Pentecost Sunday**

First Reading - Acts 2:1-11

Second Reading - Romans 8:8-17

Gospel - John 14:15-16, 23-26