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Catholic Parish Toukley/Lake Munmorah

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To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C

23rd March, 2024



Gospel Reflection

THE CALL TO REPENTANCE

In the first reading the call of Moses is described in detail. He was taking care of sheep on Mount Horeb when the Lord God called him. The Lord God told Moses that the cry of His chosen people who are suffering under the task masters of Egypt has reached Him. He instructed Moses to bring them out of their misery to a land flowing with milk and honey. In response to the call, Moses told the people of Israel that the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob has sent him to liberate them.

In today's Gospel reading Jesus emphasizes the need for repentance for everyone. He recalls two recent incidents of that time. Jesus warns His disciples and us that those people were killed not because they were worst sinners than others but that these are warning for us. In the second part of today's Gospel Jesus explains this warning through the parable of the unproductive fig tree. This fig tree did not produce any fruits for a long period of time. The master decided to cut it down. But the gardener pleaded with the master to allow him to water and manure the tree for another year. The master agreed to the request. The tree was given a final chance to produce or to perish. The message of the parable is very explicit. Unless we take heed to God's warnings and use our given opportunities to turn away from our sinful ways and turn to God. Lent is the appropriate time to repent and turn away from our sinful ways.

We need to be fruitful trees in God's orchard. Lent is an ideal time "to dig around and manure" the tree of our life so that it may bring forth fruits of repentance, reconciliation, forgiveness, humble service, and sensitivity to the feelings of others. We need to make the best use of the "second chances" God gives us. Our merciful Father always gives us second chances. During Lent, too, we are given another chance to repent and return to our Heavenly Father's love through the sacrament of reconciliation.

"We will have to repent in this generation not merely for the vitriolic words and actions of the bad people but for the appalling silence of the good people." - Martin Luther King Jr.

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

Children's Liturgy 1st & 3rd Sunday at 9:00am
Mass (except school holidays)

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 9:00 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 Rosary

Group 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.

Sacramental Program

Reconciliation, Term 1

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

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



Sacramental Program:

***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.

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 at least by the end of March There are also slips at the foyer for both churches.

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.

LITURGICAL FORMATION SERIES
Facilitated by Chris Ohlsen

The Art of Celebrating Holy Week
Saturday 15 March

Back to Basics
Saturday 10 May

RCIA: Practical Implications, Liturgical Fundamentals & Ongoing Formation
Saturday 16 August

Rekindle Our Wonder
Saturday 25 October

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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.



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

EASTER VIGIL CHOIR PRACTISE ST BRENDAN'S CHANGE OF DATE - We invite all singers and musicians to come together to share in the Liturgy for the Saturday Vigil Mass. **Practise will be at 3pm Tues 25th March and Tues 1st April** at St Brendan's.



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.

Earring found at St Brendan's Church - Please contact the Parish Office

Catholic Women's League (CWL) meeting at 10am Mon 24th March in Parish Centre. All ladies are invited to join us for morning tea and information on our activities.



Call for Prayer and Action
The Pro-Life rally in Sydney on 19th March was led by Dr. Joanna Howe, drew around 5000 people in attendance. It is inspiring to see so many people steadfast and energised in this ongoing fight for life in our country, and wonderful to see our parish represented among them.

What can we do? - For more information about the radical bill go to: **www.familyfirstparty.org.au**

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



Recently Deceased: Matt Cruise, Frank Grobb, Carmel Maloney, Mavis Dawn Dyke & Malvina Keller

Anniversaries: George, Tony, Marija Ante Mara, Ante Adam, Ampie Madden, George & Tony Gavranic, Marija & Ante Petkovich, Barbara Cuthbert, John Kennedy, Bridie Post (Murphy), Diane Booth & John Booth,

Remembrances: Lorna, Peggy Batchelor, Barbara Dawes, Mary Jane Jurd, Katy Ng, Margaret Brett, John Michael Brett, Scott Kay, 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 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 Tansy, Joy Hemera, 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

Happy 52nd Wedding Anniversary to Ivan & Maria Goston on 24th March! Sending you God's blessings and love

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)



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.

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Male & Female

Do you have a caring heart & time to become a friend to a lonely person in an Aged Care Facility

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

A reading from the book of Exodus

This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent me to you.

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am,' he answered. 'Come no nearer,' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God. And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.' Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 102:1-4, 6-8, 11

R. The Lord is kind and merciful..

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

The Lord does deeds of justice,
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses
and his deeds to Israel's sons. **R.**

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him. **R.**

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

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.

I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 4:17

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Repent, says the Lord;

the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Luke 13:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Next Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent Year C

First Reading: Joshua 5:9-12

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-25 (shorter form)