

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Catholic Parish Toukley/Lake Munmorah

St Mary's Church 458 Main Rd Noraville

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Vision

To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B

10th December 2023



In the first reading Prophet Isaiah is urging the people of Israel to prepare the way of the Lord and make straight a highway for the Lord by leveling the mountains and hills and all uneven grounds. This theme of how to prepare the way of the Lord is explained and expanded in today's Gospel reading.

Today's Gospel introduces and elaborates the mission and life of John the Baptist. John announces the imminent coming of the Saviour and all people are invited to prepare for His coming. Later he introduces Jesus to the people. John worked no miracles; held no office of repute. He did not belong to any influential group of that time. Yet his importance to Jesus was unique. He is the only religious leader whom Jesus sought and spoke with affection and admiration. He is described as a voice crying in the wilderness. John introduces Jesus as someone who is more powerful than he. John understands that his importance is precisely because of the greatness of Jesus.

John is challenging all of us during this advent to prepare the way of the Lord and to foster greatness in others without feeling threatened about our own importance. John was a voice crying in the wilderness, a lonely voice that many chose to ignore. Today also there are many lonely voices in this world that go unheeded.

"Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving others with God's own love and concern." - St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

"When you journey through Advent to Christmas, you begin to see Jesus more fully. You recognize that His incarnation was the beginning of the redemption." - Glenn P.

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 (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 Church 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 12.30am



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

Upcoming Parish events - Save the Date:

Wed 13th Dec: St Mary's School Christmas Carols from 5pm
14th Dec: Rehearsals of participants for Childrens Nativity
3.30pm at St Mary's & St Brendan's Churches
Sun 17th Dec: Vocation Mass by Fr Sam 9am St Mary's
Wed 20th Dec: St Mary's Church Carols & Prayer evening 6pm

Invitation to Pray for Sister Tincy - Please keep in your prayers Sr. Tincy, who is Fr. Baby's sister for strength and healing.



Feast of the Immaculate Conception - Renewal of Vows

This is the feast of the Religious order of the sons of the Immaculate Conception (CFIC) to which Frs Tomy, Baby and Joshi belong. **On the weekend of 9/10th Dec there will be a special collection to support the charitable activities of the CFIC.** Fr Tomy, Fr Baby and Fr Joshi will renew their religious vows on 10th Dec during 9am Mass at St Mary's. Morning tea will follow to celebrate the day. CFIC Children's Mission brochures are available at the back of the church.



Sacrament of Reconciliation Program & First

Holy Communion Enrolment is open via try-booking. This is only applicable for Year 3 & above who have already received the Sacrament of Confirmation. See notice board, visit website or contact Parish office.



Second hand laptop needed for CLOW— The CLOW (Children's Liturgy of the Word) Ministry is looking for a generous donor of a laptop. If you are able to help with this please contact the Parish Office PH 43964455.

Christmas Mass times

St Mary's, Toukley

Christmas Eve: 6pm Vigil incl. Children's Nativity
Carols 11.30pm & Midnight Mass

Christmas Day: 7.30am and 9am (no evening Mass)

St Brendan's, Lake Munmorah

Christmas Eve: 5pm Vigil Children's Mass

Christmas Day: 8am



St Mary's Holy Shop - From this weekend **we now have an Eftpos machine in the Holy Shop**, please support the Parish by looking at the beautiful items available. We have copies of the 2024 Daily Mass Book & God's word. Perfect for Christmas gifts & any special occasions. Please visit our shop before or after weekend Masses.

The Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2022 - Came into effect 28 Nov, 2023. The Diocese of Broken Bay has published an "Interim Pastoral Guideline on Voluntary Assisted Dying" for clergy and parishioners. Australia's Catholic Bishops have also released a new document entitled "To Witness and to Accompany with Christian Hope" to guide priests, chaplains and pastoral workers who are asked to provide pastoral support to Catholics who are considering VAD. The booklets are available on the Diocese website <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/news/latest-news/euthanasia-now-legal-in-nsw>

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Annual Parish Financial Report - An annual Parish Finance Report is available for Parishioners to view. It provides information for the profit and loss amounts of the Parish and an explanation of the first and second collections.

Parish Christmas Carols & Prayer Evening - Wed 20th Dec at St Mary's - All are invited to come together at St Mary's on Wednesday 20th December at 6pm for Christmas Carols and prayer. Please spread the word and invite family & friends.



Annual Christmas Crib Event - will be prepared this year at St Mary's. Families or individuals who would like to sponsor the crib this year, please let the Priests or Parish office know.

Parish Vocations Volunteer

The Broken Bay Vocations Team is seeking your help to nurture a culture of vocations in our local Church. As a Parish Vocations Volunteer, you could play a vital role in promoting vocations awareness, encouraging prayer, and supporting local events in your parish. If you feel called to this rewarding service, your involvement would be greatly valued. To express your interest, simply scan the QR code provided and follow the prompts. In Christ, Fr Sam.



A Vocation Mass will be lead by Fr Sam French on 17th Dec at 9am, St Mary's - The Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Sam will be speaking about the vocation of Priesthood and life as a Priest during the Mass so if you or anyone you know would like to hear more about this very special calling in life, please join us.

Thank You! A new air conditioner has been installed at the Parish Centre. Thank you so much **Lina Samanigo** and also to your son for your generosity installing an aircon at the Parish Centre. God bless you abundantly.

Wed 13th Dec Anointing Mass St Brendan's Church 9am

Wed 13th Dec: St Mary's School Christmas Carols from 5pm

St Vincent De Paul Giving Tree - The Vinnies Christmas tree will be up from Monday 11th Dec. Please donate gift cards only, no toys.



Thanksgiving Prayer

Dear Heart of Jesus,
In the past I have asked for many favours! This time I ask you this very special one! Here pray for your intention! Take it dear Jesus & place it within your own broken heart where your Father sees it! Then in your merciful eyes, it will become your favour, not mine!
Amen

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



Recently Deceased

John Van der Kroft, Kerry Hudson, Margaret Brett, Jim Speight, Fr. Paul G. Shanahan S.M., Vida Nobles, Bernard Griffith, Renato Simeon Apologista, Richard Reid, Tom Harris, Noel Marks, Kevin Kelleher

Anniversaries

Glen O'Connor, Rosalinda Camilote, Christopher Dormer, Edna Bath, Richard Hamer, Stephens Cappa, Margie Hamer, Jim Guest, Vicky Debono, Priscilla, David O'Connell, Edward Redman, Jose Castanares

Remembrances

Simon Butcher, Langley & Moore Families, Denis Newey, Doreen Goonan, Bernard Fitzpatrick, Clara Fitzpatrick, Pat Fitzpatrick, Claire Fitzpatrick, Victor Egan, Mary Egan, Moore & Langley families, Valmai Joseph & Stark Family, Wendy Woodhouse, Carol Brown

Please Pray for the Sick - Michelle Maroon, Patrick, Sr Tincy, Diane Booth, Mick G., Kylie Musgrave, Avis Sullivan, Brian Fletcher, Rhondda Rey, Christine Yousef, Olive Haslam, Florian Stoffel, John & Bev Jessop, Graham & Sandra Campbell, Marian Campbell, Mia, Margie, Richard Reid, De-Anne Richards, Jackie Chaplin, Michael Casey, Koen Mackaway, John Jessep, Eva Cusick, Melissa, John Jessep, Margaret Connolly, Rita Cini, Baby Mia Lilli, Maria Butseties, Shirley Campbell, Liz Kelman, Josh. R, Robyn Brand, Susan Simmons, Denis Tansey, Miklos Bethany

Funeral -

John Van der Kroft Fri 15th Dec, 11.30am at St Mary's Church

December Birthdays

Isabel Fiedler (6th Dec)
Melba Voigt (10th Dec)
Christopher Crocker (12th Dec)
Charlie Saliba (17th Dec)
Paul Moir (20th Dec)
Yvonne Griffin (23rd Dec)
Kye Sutherland (26th Dec)
Emily Bridget (26th Dec)



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for December



For persons with disabilities
We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

Mackay Family Funerals

In Association with Mackay Family Crematorium
A.B.N. 79 085 423 589
Head Office: 249 Pacific Highway West, Ourimbah 2258
PO Box 89 Ourimbah NSW 2258.
Phone: (02) 4362 2733 Fax: (02) 4362 2899



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 40:1-5, 9-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Prepare the way for the Lord.

'Console my people, console them'
says your God.

'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem
and call to her

that her time of service is ended,

that her sin is atoned for,

that she has received from the hand of the Lord
double punishment for all her crimes.'

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness
a way for the Lord.

Make a straight highway for our God
across the desert.

Let every valley be filled in,

every mountain and hill be laid low,

let every cliff become a plain,

and the ridges a valley;

then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed

and all mankind shall see it;

for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Go up on a high mountain,

joyful messenger to Zion.

Shout with a loud voice,

joyful messenger to Jerusalem.

Shout without fear,

say to the towns of Judah,

'Here is your God.'

Here is the Lord coming with power,

his arm subduing all things to him.

The prize of his victory is with him,

his trophies all go before him.

He is like a shepherd feeding his flock,

gathering lambs in his arms,

holding them against his breast

and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 84:9-14

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace,
peace for his people.

His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;

justice and peace have embraced.

Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **R.**

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.

Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**

Second Reading Peter 3:8-14

A reading from the second letter of St Peter

We wait for new heavens and a new earth.

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up. Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 3:4, 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:

all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 1:1-8

Make straight the paths of the Lord.

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way.

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,

make his paths straight,

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

**Next Sunday Third Sunday of Advent Year B**

First Reading-Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11

Second Reading - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gospel - John 1:6-8, 19-28