# Our Lady of Perpetual Succour



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Today's Gospel narrates the dramatic way Jesus healed a leper. This man implored Jesus to heal him from leprosy. Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand, touched him and healed him. The leprosy mentioned in the Gospel symbolizes all the external and internal illness that we suffer from. While healing this leper Jesus did the unthinkable for a Jew of that time to do. He reached out and touched this suffering man. Jesus could have very well healed the man without touching him. By this action, Jesus gave him dignity and showed that this man too is very precious in the eyes of God. By His touch and consoling words Jesus not only healed the wounds and pains of leprosy but also the wounds caused by rejection which was inflicted on him by the society.

St. Damien of Molokai is a prime example of a person who tried to emulate Jesus by his love, concern and care for lepers. After working for the wellbeing of lepers for many years, he too contracted leprosy and died of leprosy. The following words are written on his tomb. "Love never fails." Jesus who healed the leper may heal all of us who are in need of healing.

"The biggest disease today is not leprosy or tuberculosis but rather the feeling of being unwanted." - St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

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 8:00am Fr Tomy Sunday:

# WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

#### St Mary's Church Toukley

	9:00 am	
Tuesday	9:00 am	
Wednesday	9:00 am	
Thursday		(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

9:00 am Saturday

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



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Welcome to our Parish. Today we celebrate the Welcome: Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B. We welcome you to our Church & are very pleased to see you here.

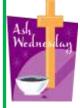
#### **Upcoming Parish events - Save the Date:**

Sun 11th Feb: Catechist Sunday & Parish Morning Teas for Fr. Baby's birthday celebration Tues 13th Feb: Shrove Tuesday Wed 14th Feb: Ash Wednesday 22nd Feb: St Brendan's Year 5 Mass 25th Feb: St Mary's Kinder & Year 6 Mass Thurs 29th Feb: St Brendan's Year 4 Mass



Shrove Tuesday - In Australia the day preceding Ash Wednesday is popularly known as Shrove Tuesday. It is also frequently called Pancake Tuesday. It is the name "Shrove" that shows its religious origins. Shrove is the past

tense of the English verb "Shrive" which means to obtain absolution for one's sins by way of confession and by doing penance. With Shrove Tuesday taking place before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday, it was the day when Christians were encouraged to go to confession in preparation for the penitential season that would end 40 days and 40 nights later with Easter Sunday. Dating back to 1000 AD, over the years Shrove Tuesday not only became a day for Confession but a time for Catholics to feast on eggs, sugar and dairy which are traditionally restricted during the Lenten fast. Traditionally during Lent, Christians would give up rich, tasty foods such as butter, eggs, sugar and fat. Shrove Tuesday was the last chance to eat them - and what better way to do so than with a delicious pancake! As a Parish community we organise 'Shrove Tuesday or Pan cake Tuesday' on 13th February after 9am Mass at St. Mary's. This will mark a new beginning of Journey through Fasting, Prayer and Almsgiving during Lent.



Ash Wednesday - 14th Feb - We will be celebrating Ash Wednesday with 9am & 6pm Mass at St Mary's & 9am Mass at St Brendan's. As Ash Wednesday approaches, please bring the blessed palms of last year by the weekend of 10/11th Feb & drop it at the front fover of both churches.

# The Light is ON for you

#### <u>Upcoming events—Fridays in Lent:</u>

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).

Each week a different group will lead the Stations. On Fri 16th Feb, The Rosary Group will be leading. The Stations will be on the first Friday at 10:30am before healing Mass.

The Light is On at St Mary's with Confession and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7:00-7:30pm.

LENT 2024 With The Catholic Guy, Bruce Downes - Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God & prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired, be refreshed, be renewed! For 40 days you will receive a short & inspiring FREE video in your every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. Sign up here: https://BruceDownes.org/Lent



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#### Sacramental Program 2024

For children in Yr 4 or above, who are already Baptised and have received the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Sacrament of Reconciliation Program will begin on 13th February with the Parent Information Sessions. Classes begin on 19th Feb and go to the 15th March with the ceremony being on 20th March at St Brendan's & 21st March at St Mary's.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) will resume on Sun 4th Feb, at 9am. This will be on every 1st & 3rd Sun of the Month at St. Mary's Church except during school holidays.

Project Compassion - Envelopes and boxes for Project Compassion are now available at the doors of our churches. Please take one or both. Your donations will help Caritas Australia with their work in various places around the world. Thank you for your support.

The Most Reverend Bishop Anthony's Lenten Penance Letter is available on the Diocese website. To read the letter please visit: https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/about/bishop

Mass Collections - In explanation of the way the collections work during Mass, the First Collection is for the support of the Priests around the Diocese.

The Second Collection is for the support of the Parish. You can give directly online into the Parish Account: BSB: 062-784 Account :100001614 Account Name: Toukley Catholic Parish Reference: Your name

Catechist Corner - This Sunday is Catechist Sunday! Thank you for the wonderful work you do with your ministry to students about God and Jesus. Please keep all of our SRE, Sacramental, RCIA and CLOW Catechists in



your prayers as they spread the word of our faith to the children. Would you like to become a Catechist? Why don't you consider joining the team too?! To get started, Catechists need to obtain a WWCC (free for volunteers) and complete some training, which the Parish Office can help to organise. The Public schools where we teach are: Lake Munmorah (Wed), Northlakes (Tues), Mannering Park (Wed), Blue Haven (Tues), Gorokan (Thurs), and Gwandalan (Fri). Wouldn't it be great to help Catholic students in these schools learn more about Jesus? Classes run for 30 minutes, once a week. Full training & support is provided. Please call the Parish Office for more information. We'd love to hear from you!

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

Please pray for those who have died and those who are sick **Recently Deceased** Fr Michael Kelly, Michelle Rodger, Jill Bishton, Olive Haslam

#### Anniversaries

Olga Creighton, Lorenzo Mazzitello, Sophie Roe, Greta Hackett, Dorothy Rush, Eugenia (Jean) Grimes, Daniel Cefai, Mario Azzopardi, Carlo Vella

There will be a 1 year Anniversary Mass for Lorenzo Mazzitello at St Mary's on Sat 10th Feb at 6pm

#### Reme<u>mbrances</u>

Mary Cefai, Edward Redman, Colin McIntyre, Shiela Glennon, Georgina Baker, mavis Cleary, Vin Tatti, Stephens Cappa, Richard & Margie Hamer, Ingrid Hamer, Valmai Joseph & Stark Family, Wendy Woodhouse & Carol Brown

Please Pray for the Sick - Patrick Hopson, Judy Kay, Marion Campbell, Wayne Stafford, Mark Wilson, Michelle Maroon, Sr Tincy, Diane Booth, Mick G, Kylie Musgrave, Avis Sullivan, Brian Fletcher, Rhondda Rey, Christine Yousef, Florian Stoffel, John & Bev Jessop, Graham & Sandra Campbell, Marian Campbell, Mia, Robbie Depares, 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 Beothy & Liz Kelman.



#### **February Birthdays**

Carolyn Metcalf (4th Feb) Alison Newell (15th Feb) Christine Mickkelsen (17th Feb) Margaret Cashin (20th Feb) Melinda Sullivan (20th Feb) Bob Steel (21st Feb) Elaine Scrivener (22nd Feb) Daryl Grime (22nd Feb) Pat Glennen (23rd Feb) Anthony Newell (26th Feb)



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#### **Pope Francis' Prayer Intention** for February For the terminally ill We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

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 00 4096 1555 / Fax: 82 4096 5018 www.bat.org.4a

**First Reading** Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 A reading from the Book of Leviticus

## As long as he is unclean, he must live alone, outside the camp.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 31:1-2, 5, 11

**R.** I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven, whose sin is remitted. O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no guile. **R.** 

But now I have acknowledged my sins; my guilt I did not hide. I said: 'I will confess my offence to the Lord.' And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin. **R**.

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just! O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart. **R**.

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 10:31 - 11:1 A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

# Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do

anything offensive to anyone - to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

The word of the Lord.

# Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Acclamation** Luke 7:16 Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 1:40-45

# The leprosy left him and he was cured.

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

# Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Next Sunday First Sunday of Lent, Year B First Reading-Genesis 9:8-15 Second Reading - 1 Peter 3:18-22 Gospel - Mark 1:12-15

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