

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Catholic Parish Toukley/Lake Munmorah

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Vision

To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community

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TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

15th October, 2023



First reading speaks of a great banquet prepared for the people of the Lord God on the mountain of the Lord. The imagery of the banquet is used to describe the great blessings that the Lord God has in store not only for the people of Israel but for all nations. It prefigures the blessings that will be brought about by the messianic kingdom through Jesus.

Today's Gospel reading explains the great wedding feast given by a King. The King invites all types of people for his son's wedding. But not all are responsive to the invitation. We meet four different groups of people in the parable. The wedding feast symbolizes the heavenly banquet prepared by God for everyone. Not surprisingly we meet all these types of people in the world today. God is very generous in inviting all of us to His banquet. Maybe we have different reasons to make light of it; totally reject it; or accept it with an open heart. If we accept God's invitation wholeheartedly and unconditionally, we will receive great blessings that only the Almighty can dispense with.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC #1402-1405, CCC #2837) teaches that the Eucharist is the foretaste of the Messianic Banquet. God Incarnate waits for us in His House of Worship, offering Himself for us on our altars and inviting us to the sumptuous Banquet of His own Body and Blood for the nourishment of our souls in the Holy Eucharist. Our Wedding Garment is made of our grace-assisted works of justice, charity, and holiness. Let us examine ourselves to see whether we have fully accepted God's invitation to the Messianic banquet and let us remember that banqueting implies friendship and intimacy, trust, and reconciliation with Christ Who loves us every day of our lives.

Fr Tomy

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church Toukley

Saturday: Vigil 6:00pm Fr Joshi
Sunday: 7:30am Fr Joshi
9:00am Fr Joshi
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 1.30am



Welcome to our Parish. Today we celebrate **The Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. We welcome you to our Church & are very pleased to see you here.

Upcoming Parish events - Save the Date:

Mon 16th Oct: Catechist Meeting 3pm Parish Centre
Thurs 19th Oct: Year 4 Parish Mass St Brendan's
Sat 21st Oct: Papal Blessing Mass St Brendan's 5pm
Sun 22nd Oct: Catholic Mission Sunday Parish Appeal
Sat 28th Oct: Tongan Mass 12pm - 1pm St Mary's
Mon 30th Oct: Bishop's Art Prize Showcase 6pm St Brigid's
Wed 1st Nov: All Saints Day
Thurs 2nd Nov: All Souls Day
Sat 18th Nov: Family Mass at St Brendan's 5pm



Confirmation Congratulations to our Confirmation candidates! Thank you to all involved who helped make this Sacrament a wonderful event. A special thank you to Sr. Jennifer, Cath & Sr. Josie for all the hard work and commitment you have shown and also to all the Catechists & REC teachers.

Papal Blessing Mass at St Brendan's 5pm Sat 21st October Please join us to celebrate the Award of Papal Blessings Mass on 21st October during 5pm Mass at St Brendan's. The Parishioners receiving this special blessing are **Joe Formosa, Meg Hickson & Tricia Lavin**.

Fr. Baby will be at Warnervale Parish in October Fr. Baby is helping with Masses at Warnervale Parish during October. Confessions on Saturdays at St Mary's will end at 10am after morning Mass. Please call the Parish Office or Fr. Tomy to make an appointment for an alternative time if required. **The whole month of October there will be Communion only Service on Wednesdays at St Brendan's at 9am.**

World Youth Day Reunion - All are welcome to attend the upcoming WYD23 Reunion event, Fri 3 Nov, starting at 6.30pm. at St Agatha's School Hall, Pennant Hills. We hope that all WYD pilgrims have had the opportunity to rest, reflect, & share their WYD encounters with friends, parishes, communities, and family members. We will have prayer, adoration, music, & food to celebrate the amazing success of our WYD23 pilgrimage. You will be able to gather with your new & old WYD23 friends and reflect on the joy.

RSVP link <https://forms.office.com/r/ixhjkczuFd>

Atrium Advertisement - Work has begun to set up the Central Coast Children's Atrium. It will offer Catechesis of the Good Sheppard starting with 3-6 year olds in **Feb 2024**. We are asking for donations of materials (wooden child sized furniture, religious images & statues, coloured paper, painting easel, wooden/metal trays), donations of skills & time (sewing, painting, calligraphy, and woodwork). Expressions of interest for your children to attend (ages 3-12) Prayers for the program. To find out more, **email at : centralcoastatrium@gmail.com**

Want to join the Planned Giving Program? If you would like to join our Planned Giving Program to support the management and maintenance of our church, we encourage and value your contribution. Please complete one of the blue cards found in the foyer of the church. There are several options available, including cash (via numbered envelopes), direct deposit, or credit card. Complete one of the blue cards found in the foyer, and hand it to the Priest, Warden or Parish Office.

Holy Land Pilgrimage 24 Updates will be available at a later date.

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October - Month of the Holy Rosary

Dear friends, Reciting the Holy Rosary is one of the strong traditions of the Catholic Church. The month of October is dedicated to the devotion of the Holy Rosary. As we begin this month, let us be united in praying the Rosary. I would encourage all families to pray the Rosary together. Any family that prays together, stays together. As a parish community, we will pray the Rosary together at St Mary's grotto at **6pm** each day from **22nd Oct - 31st October**. On Saturdays & Sundays the Rosary will be at **5:15pm**. At St Brendan's the Rosary will take place on weekends before Mass on **Sat 4:30pm & Sun 7:30am**.

November: Time To Remember The Dear Ones

We remember our departed brothers & sisters during the month of November. All of us have someone to remember and pray for. Death is the door that opens the way to paradise. **The best gift we can offer for their souls is to pray & offer masses for them.** I encourage families & friends to offer masses during this special month of remembrance. We shall have a special **All Souls Day Mass on 2nd Nov at 9am and 6pm in both churches.** We will have a special decorated table of remembrance with photo or picture of the deceased. Those who would like to do so, please bring a photo by the end of this month. We conclude this event on the 30th November with 6pm Mass in both Churches. All the mass intention envelopes will be placed on the altar during Masses. Any families who would like to have special prayers said at the graveside, please ring the office to make a date & time. There are Mass Intention envelopes available.

Catholic Mission Appeal

World Mission Sunday is 22nd October, so we will be holding our Catholic Mission Appeal on the weekend of 21/22 Oct. We now have envelopes in both Churches.



With Timor-Leste's fragile infrastructure, reliance on local health practices, and limited access to medical care, many health conditions only worsen, and sadly can result in death.

Next week Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity to partner with the Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Venilale, Timor-Leste, where your gift can help continue a life-saving program to help address this reality.

We hope you will take next week's opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need.

St Mary's Catholic Primary School 50th Anniversary Celebration has been Cancelled - Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control, our **50th Anniversary celebration has been cancelled. A full refund will be issued for all ticket/s purchased.** We hope to be able to celebrate 50 years of St Mary's at a later date. Thank you for your understanding, St Mary's School, Toukley.

Musicians and Singers needed at St Brendan's Is music/singing your call to ministry? All parishioners are invited to join this beautiful and rewarding ministry in preparation for Christmas. Please give your details to the Parish Office.

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NEW Stock in the Holy Shop! Our Holy Shop is open during weekend Masses (before & after the Mass). Special occasions, random gifts & Sacrament gifts are available & Children's Bibles.

In your charity, please pray for those who have died and those who are sick

Recently Deceased Pat McBride, Margaret Wattling, Lena James, Irene Lehehan, Amber Miller, Margo Cluff, Fr. John O'Keefe

Anniversaries John Glennen, Chris Cleary, Rosemary Jennifer (Sallie) Mulvany, Yook Chee Ng, Don Metcalf, Audrey Howett, Heather Nisblett, Susannah Pearce, Brian Casey, Swee Gim Khoo, Raymond Creighton, Christopher Dominic Lee

Remembrances Stephens Cappa, Margie Hamer, Richard Hamer, Kathleen Reid, Rita Towers, Judith Wilson, Keith Stokes, Rosemary Jennifer (Sallie) Mulvany, Valmai Joseph & Stark Family, Wendy Woodhouse, Carol Brown

Please Pray for the Sick - Mia, Barbara Fowler, 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, Baby Dottie, Denis Tansey, John van der Kroft, Dawn, Jenna Stoffel, Montaro family, Celly Wakeman, Sheila Rose, Michele Maroon, Oskar Calvi, Gregory Clark, Hector, Robyn Broad, Dylan & partner, Charlie & Nina Micahllef, Joe, Graham Moir, Diane Booth, Miklos Beothy, Salomie, Robbie Depares, Shirley Campbell, Daniel Schultz, Eva Cusick, Maureen Price, Rhondda Rey, Kerrie Lennard, Florian Stoffell, Ken Hancock, Heather Baker, Alicia Haynes, Robyn Broad, Marcos, Bill & families, Cecelia McClusky, Vaughn Haynes, Sabu Kuruvelil, Sr Tincy

Funerals

For **Germaine Smolen**
St Mary's Church Friday 20th Oct at 10.30am

October Birthdays

Neil Wilson (2nd Oct)
Liz Cooper (4th Oct)
Dawn Thompson (5th Oct)
Pacita Wilesmith (5th Oct)
Joe Bridgett (5th Oct)
Fiona Green (7th Oct)
Ivan Intia (16th Oct)
Yvonne Weller (22nd Oct)
Lillian Ballhause (24th Oct)
Deacon Paul Simmons (25th Oct)
Nenita Turner (29th Oct)
Ryan Fiddick (29th Oct)
Fr Vincent Trung Nguyen (30th Oct)



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for October



For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

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

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First Reading Isaiah 25:6-10

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.
On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us;
for the hand of the Lord
rests on this mountain.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name,
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **R**

Second Reading Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere; full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the

help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation cf Ephesians 1:17, 18

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited," he said, "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Next Sunday Twenty ninth Sunday Ordinary Time
First Reading -Isaiah 45:1, 4-6
Second Reading - 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5
Gospel - Matthew 22:15-21