

# 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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4396 5100

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B

17th December 2023



### "Rejoice! The Lord is in your midst!"

How would we answer someone who asked us, "Who are you?" Would we identify ourselves as being anointed by the Lord to bring glad tidings to the poor and to heal the broken hearted? Who we are is what we do.

Today we hear the prophet Isaiah and the apostle Paul tell us to "Rejoice!". We become the persons we are by living and doing the work of the Lord. We do this by our living generously and imitating his meekness and his self-giving, proclaiming good news to the poor, liberty to captives and announcing the favor of the Lord.

Isaiah promises one will be sent by God to heal our broken heart and to give us liberty and the experience of joy in relationship to God. John the Baptist primes the people and calls them to prepare themselves to see God's promise fulfilled in "one who is coming." Jesus' arrival into our lives is always freeing and renewing. Just as the prophet Isaiah promised. That's also what John announced. And, because of Christ's arrival Paul directs us to do what should come naturally for believers, "Rejoice always!"

The Lord is in our midst, and this is indeed "Good News!" It is the one reality that can answer all our needs and dispel all our fears as we wait and hope. We must do deeds that reflect what we have received and what we believe. Our presence in the world must proclaim to all that the Lord indeed is in our midst. Our lives must mirror His life. We must become the same miracles of love, healing and reconciliation to all our brothers and sisters. Our goodness and compassion must touch those who are blind and deaf to the Lord. Our mercy and acts of service must free those who are crippled by pride and hate. But most of all we must banish fear and be the source of strength and courage to those around us who are really destroyed by the evil of our day.

In answer to our Advent prayer: "What should we do?" the answer is abundantly clear: "Rejoice! The Lord is in your midst! God's own peace will stand guard over your hearts."

*Fr Baby*

## WEEKEND MASS TIMES

### St Mary's Church Toukley

Saturday: Vigil 6:00pm Fr Tomy  
Sunday: 7:30am Fr Tomy  
9:00am Fr Sam French  
6:00pm Fr Baby  
Children's Liturgy 1st & 3rd Sunday at 9:00am  
Mass (except school holidays)

### St Brendan's Church Lake Munmorah

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

## 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 **Third 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 20th Dec:** St Mary's Church Carols & Prayer evening 6pm

**Invitation to Pray for Sister Tincy** - Please continue to prayer for Sr. Tincy, who is Fr. Baby's sister for strength and healing.

**Parish Office - Holiday Hours - The office will be closed from 2pm Friday 22nd December and re-open 9am Wed 27th December. Merry Christmas from Fr Tomy, Fr Baby and all the office staff.**

**St Mary's Holy Shop - 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, ORDO, God's Word, and Break Open the Word, The Order of the Mass and A simple Prayer Book, wooden palm crosses, Rosary beads, statues of Our Lady, Our Lady of Fatima, Columbian calendars, children's Bibles, Lectio Divina and many more. These would make perfect Christmas gifts or for any special occasion. Please visit our shop before or after weekend Masses.

**St Brendan's Coffee & Chat** - There will be no morning tea in January for St Brendan's Social Group. Please come along from the first Wednesday of the month from February 2024 10am -12pm at The Doylo. Everyone is welcome!

**Pastoral Works Broken Bay (PWBB) & CFIC Collection** - Thank you to everyone for your generous donation to our PWBB Appeal. The Parish raised a total of \$2553 for Pastoral Works. For the CFIC appeal we collected \$1741.80.

**Air Conditioner in the Parish Centre** - the remote for the air conditioner will be kept in the Parish Office. It has been left on over night on a few occasions so for this to be avoided please return the remote to the Parish Office after turning the air conditioner off and locking the door.

### *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 Nativity*

*Christmas Day: 8am*



### Annual Leave for Fr. Baby - 30th Dec to 6th February, 2024

We wish Fr Baby blessings, a happy new year and a safe journey for his annual leave. He will return to St Mary's on 6th Feb, 24. **During this time, there will be Communion only on Wednesdays at St Brendan's 9am**

**Clergy Appointments** - the list for the clergy changes in Broken Bay Diocese has been released for 2024 and you can view this on the notice board at both churches. Fr Tomy has been appointed Parish Priest of Toukley-Lake Munmorah from 1st January 2024 for 6 years.

**THE GARAGE SERVICE CENTRE**  
at  **BP Lake Munmorah**  
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**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** - The theme of the year is Jesus **the Holy Eucharist** and 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.

**St Vincent De Paul Giving Tree** - The Vinnies Christmas tree is now up in St Mary's Church. Please donate gift cards only, no toys.

**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.



**Sacrament of Reconciliation Program & First Holy Communion** Enrolment is open via trybooking. 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.



**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, Lorraine Lindsay, Kerry Hudson, Margaret Brett, Jim Speight, Fr. Paul G. Shanahan S.M, Vida Nobles, Bernard Griffith, Renato Simeon Apologista, Richard Reid

**Anniversaries**

Glen O'Connor, Rosalinda Camilote, Christopher Dormer, Edna Bath, Richard Hamer, Stephens Cappa, Margie Hamer, Jim Guest, Vicky Debono, Salvina Caruana

**Remembrances**

Federico & Victoria Sandoral, Ruth Sandoral, Armando Ching, Pastoria, Estanislao Limpio, Editha & Christian Vincent Limpio, Francisca & Gregorio Austria, Marcelino & Leonii Limpio, Conchita Sandoval, Jesus Austria Sandoral, Santiago & Ensebia Compacion, 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, 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 Bethany

**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 (27th 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** Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11  
A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*I exult for joy in the Lord.*

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me,  
for the Lord has anointed me.  
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor,  
to bind up hearts that are broken;  
to proclaim liberty to captives,  
freedom to those in prison;  
to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord.  
'I exult for joy in the Lord,  
my soul rejoices in my God,  
for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation,  
he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity,  
like a bridegroom wearing his wreath,  
like a bride adorned in her jewels.  
'For as the earth makes fresh things grow,  
as a garden makes seeds spring up,  
so will the Lord make both integrity and praise  
spring up in the sight of the nations.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm** Luke 1:46-50, 53-54

**R. My soul rejoices in my God.**

My soul glorifies the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.  
He looks on his servant in her nothingness;  
henceforth all ages will call me blessed. **R.**

The Almighty works marvels for me.  
Holy his name!  
His mercy is from age to age,  
on those who fear him. **R.**

He fills the starving with good things,  
sends the rich away empty.  
He protects Israel, his servant,  
remembering his mercy. **R.**

**Second Reading** 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

A reading from first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

*May you all be kept blameless, spirit, soul and body,  
for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things  
give thanks to God, because this is what God expects  
you to do in Christ Jesus.

Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of  
prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything -  
hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and  
may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and

body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has  
called you and he will not fail you.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation** Isaiah 61:1

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.  
Alleluia!

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

*There stands among you, unknown to you, the one who  
is coming after me.*

A man came, sent by God.

His name was John.

He came as a witness,  
as a witness to speak for the light,  
so that everyone might believe through him.  
He was not the light,  
only a witness to speak for the light.

This is how John appeared as a witness. When the  
Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask  
him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he de-  
clared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,'  
they asked 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not' he said. 'Are you  
the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him,  
'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those  
who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So  
John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied:

a voice that cries in the wilderness:  
Make a straight way for the Lord.'

Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and  
they put this further question to him, 'Why are you  
baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and  
not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water;  
but there stands among you unknown to you the one  
who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his  
sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side  
of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**



**Next Sunday Fourth Sunday of Advent Year B**

First Reading-Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16

Second Reading - Romans 16:25-27

Gospel - Luke 1:26-38