

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Catholic Parish Toukley/Lake Munmorah

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To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B

17th March 2024



Gaining and Losing Life

Today's Gospel predicts the imminent death of Jesus. Jesus knew that He had to suffer and die. He must face the loss of His freedom, the loss of His friends, the loss of support from the Father and finally the loss of His own life. He knew that His pain and losses cannot be avoided if the Father's name is to be glorified.

Jesus' radical act of self-giving stands at the centre of our lives. Jesus compares Himself to a grain of wheat that dies in order to bear much fruit. The great loss of Jesus' life has become the very ground of our hope. Often, we too are at a loss to explain our own losses - our sufferings and our pains.

Today's Gospel teaches us that new life and eternal life are possible only by the death of the self through obedience, suffering, and service. Salt delivers its taste by dissolving in water; a candle gives light by having its wick burned and its wax melted. The oyster produces a priceless pearl by a long and painful process. Loving parents sacrifice themselves so that their children can enjoy a better life than they themselves have had. Let us pray for this self-sacrificial spirit, especially during Lent.

Dying to one's own self would mean sacrificing ourselves for the sake of others. This dying to self is a gradual process. It can be expressed in the following words: "Every act of love involves dying to selfishness. Every act kindness involves dying to meanness. Every act of courage involves dying to cowardice. Every act of forgiveness involves dying to bitterness." - F. MaCarthy.

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

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 **Fifth Sunday of Lent & St Patrick's Day, Year B.** We welcome you to our Church & are very pleased to see you here.

Upcoming Parish events - Save the Date:

Sat 16th Mar: Family Mass/cricket St Brendan's from 3.30pm

Sun 17th Mar: St Patrick's day, Sr Josie's birthday morning tea and St Mary's Year 4 Mass

Wed 20th Mar: 1st Sacrament of Reconciliation St Brendan's 3.30pm

Thurs 21st Mar: 1st Sacrament of Reconciliation St Mary's 3.30pm

Thurs 21st Mar: St Brendan's Kinder Mass

Sun 24th Mar: Palm Sunday

Thurs 28th Mar: St Brendan's Whole School Liturgy

Thurs 28th Mar: Holy Thursday

Fri 29th Mar: Good Friday

Sat 30th Mar: Easter Vigil

Sun 31st Mar: Easter Sunday



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). Each week a different group will lead the Stations. **On Fri 22nd March, The Catholic Women's League** will be leading. The Stations of the Cross on first Friday will be 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** every Friday of Lent.

Birthday Morning Tea for Sr. Josie

A birthday morning tea celebration will take place for Sr. Josie on **17th March** after 9am Mass at St Mary's.

Memorial Mass for Sr. Tincy Thomas

Please join us at St Mary's Church on **Monday 18th March, 6pm** for a memorial Mass for Fr. Baby's beloved sister, Sr. Tincy. There will be light refreshments after the Mass.

Maundy Thursday - Thursday in Holy Week

Morning Prayer according to the Ordinariate's Prayer Book will be celebrated at 9 am. There is no Mass that morning in either Church, as the only Mass on Maundy Thursday is the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper.



Sacrament of Reconciliation - We thank the families of our candidates who attended the weekend Mass and presented their child/ren to the Parish. Please continue to include them in your prayers.

Reminder of the Schedule:

Wed 20th March at St. Brendan's Church, 3:30pm

Thurs 21st March at St. Mary's Church, 3:30pm



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Choir Practice for Holy Thursday at St Brendan's - All singers are invited to join in the practice for Holy Thursday Mass, this will be at 3.30pm on Thurs March 21st at St Brendan's.



Musicians Needed for St Mary's & St Brendan's

We are looking for musicians, especially guitarists and pianists who can play at our weekend Masses. There is a roster you can join and if you feel this is something you would like to do, please contact the Parish Office.

Palms for Palm Sunday - With Palm Sunday approaching on Sunday 24th March, donations of palms would be appreciated. Please leave palms at the Parish Office by Friday 22nd.



Catholic Women's League (CWL) - The CWL meets in the Parish Centre at 10am on 25th March. They would love you to join them.

Chrism Mass Tuesday 26th March Waitara - The Parish Bus will leave St Mary's Church at 5.30pm. Limited seats available. Please call the Parish office to put your name down early if you would like to attend.

Holy Week Mass Program

	St Mary's	St Brendan's
Palm Saturday Vigil	6:00 pm	5:00 pm
Palm Sunday	7:30 am 9:00 am 6:00 pm	8:00 am
Holy Thursday	No morning Mass	
Lord's Supper Mass	6:00 pm	5:00 pm
Good Friday:		
Stations of The Cross	9:00 am	9:00 am
Passion	3:00 pm	3:00 pm
Easter Vigil	6:00 pm	5:00 pm
Easter Sunday	7:30 am 9:00 am	8:00 am
	No Evening Mass	

St Joseph Men's BBQ Fri 12th April 7-8.30pm St Mary's Church - "Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another." Prov 27:17. All men over 18 are invited to an evening of gathering to share a meal and engage in discussion. Share stories over a BBQ dinner & hear from our Guest Speaker about authentic vocation. The evening is open to men of all/no faiths. Register at rb.gy/bdrtjp or scan the QR code. We also ask for prayers to the intercession of St Joseph for the success of this ministry. **Motto: Men Alive in Christ**



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

Recently Deceased - Ampie Madden, Sr. Tincy Thomas, Sheila Connelly, Diane Booth, Ken Miller & Ken Newbold.

Anniversaries - Maria Cummins, George & Tony Gavaranic, Marija & Ante Petkovich, Margaret Brett, John Mickkelsen, Amparo Baex, Jack Goonan, Gloria Morath, Salvinea Vella, Vic Moir & George Castle

Remembrances - Mary Rose Buttigieg, Frank Costa, Joanne Moffat, Rafael Reyes, Ken John Kennedy, Stephens Cappa, Margie Hamer, Abraham Paul, Edward Redman, Valmai Joseph & Stark Family, Wendy Woodhouse & Carol Brown, Brown & Miller family

Please Pray for the Sick - Cusick Family, Maree Campbell, Katherine Hoppett, Ann, Krissy & Craig Taylor, Gloria Smith, Tim Keogh, Peter Dormer, Patrick Hobson, Judy Kay, Marion Campbell, Wayne Stafford, Mark Wilson, Michelle Maroon, Mick G, Kylie Musgrave, Avis Sullivan, Brian Fletcher, Rhondda Rey, Christine Yousef, Florian Stoffel, John & Bev Jessop, Graham & Sandra Campbell, Mia, Robbie Depares, De-Anne Richards, Jackie Chaplin, Michael Casey, Koen Mackaway, Eva Cusick, Melissa, Margaret Connolly, Rita Cini, Baby Mia Lilli, Maria Butseties, Shirley Campbell, Josh. R, Robyn Brand, Susan Simmons, Denis Tansey, Miklos Beothy & Liz Kelman.

Vale Ampie Madden

It is with sadness that we inform you of the passing of Ampie, a much loved member of our Parish community. Please keep Ampie, her family and friends in your prayers. Funeral details to follow.

March Birthdays

- Islay Mahoney (1st)
- Brianna (5th)
- Connie Camilleri (11th)
- Michelle Sutherland (12th)
- Terry Reid (14th)
- Ampie Madden (15th, RIP)
- Elsa Rosen (17th)
- Jacqui Fletcher (17th)
- Jo Spek (19th)
- Sister Josie (19th)
- Dan Buckman (21st)
- Rose Huby (24th)
- Gail Mainwaring (25th)



Pope Francis' Lenten Message

"Through the Desert God Leads us to Freedom" is the theme of Pope Francis' Message for Lent. Let us make room for God, who delivers us from all forms of slavery. May we welcome Lent as an opportunity for conversion.



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First Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive - it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest - it is the Lord who speaks - since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 50:3-4, 12-15**R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.**

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you. **R.**

Second Reading Hebrews 5:7-9

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Gospel Acclamation** John 12:26

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, my servant will also be.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel John 12:20-30

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come
for the Son of Man to be glorified.
I tell you, most solemnly,
unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies,
it remains only a single grain;
but if it dies,
it yields a rich harvest.

Anyone who loves his life loses it;
anyone who hates his life in this world
will keep it for the eternal life.
If a man serves me, he must follow me,
wherever I am, my servant will be there too.
If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.

Now my soul is troubled.
What shall I say:
Father, save me from this hour?
But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour.
Father, glorify your name!
A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

'Now sentence is being passed on this world;
now the prince of this world is to be overthrown.
And when I am lifted up from the earth,
I shall draw all men to myself.'
By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**Next Sunday Palm Sunday Year B**

First Reading - Jeremiah Isaiah 50:4-7

Second Reading - Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel - 14:1-15:47