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### Catholic Parish Toukley/Lake Munmorah

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# Vision To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community



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### THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B 21st January 2024



Today's Gospel explains the beginning of Jesus' ministry with the announcement of the Good News is given: "The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Good News" is the keynote. Through this announcement, Jesus tells us that Repentance means experiencing conversion - a new way of life. It is a turning away from sin and turning to God's ways. The call to repentance is inclusive of everyone. The good news is that forgiveness is available, and recovery is possible. One can find one's true self even after the most disheartening fall or series of falls. We can come back to the Father's love where not judgement but welcome awaits us. Despite our many failures and sins, we are very much loved unconditionally by God our loving Father. His love, His mercy and His forgiveness are available to us through His beloved Son Jesus. All we need to do is to recognize our need and seek His help with humility and sincerity.

Fr. Tomy

Mary Smith - Our dear Parishioner Mary Smith will be turning 100 on 22nd Jan! Please join us to celebrate with morning tea on 21st Jan after 9am Mass, St Mary's.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal: St Vincent de Paul would like to thank all those who contributed to the recent Christmas Appeal. A total of \$2500 was raised. This does not include the generosity form the 3 Catholic Schools in our Parish.

#### Rosters St Brendan's Feb - Apr:

Rosters are being prepared for Feb to April. We are asking for volunteers to join all ministries. Training will be provided. Please add your details to sheets at rear of the Church.

<u>Communion Service:</u> There will be only Communion service at St Brendan's every Wed at 9am in Jan.

<u>January Birthdays:</u> Cath Cefai (6th), Fran Irvine (15th) Mary Smith (22nd), Fr. Baby (26th), Rita Jeffries (26th)

Recently Deceased: Olive Haslam, Tony Vella, Kevin Bradbury, Anne Marie Hammond & Joyce Duck

<u>Anniversaries</u> Eugenia (Jean) Grimes, Daniel Cefai, Mario Azzopardi, Carlo Vella, Millicent Zietsch, Greg Irvine & Diane Townsend

Remembrances— Colin McIntyre, Shiela Glennon, Georgina Baker, Mavis Cleary, Vin Tatti, George Cefai, Mary Cefai, Saviour Debono, Stephens Cappa, Ingrid Hamer, Dion & family, Peter Samuel, Eileen Crocker, Coster & Schembri families, Valmai Joseph & Stark Family, Wendy Woodhouse & Carol Brown

Please Pray for the Sick - Robyn Broad, Jill Bishton, John Jessep, Graham Campbell, Wayne Stafford, Mark Wilson, Michelle Maroon, Patrick, Sr Tincy, Diane Booth, Kylie Musgrave, Avis Sullivan, Rhondda Rey, Jackie Chaplan, Robbie Depares, Susan Simmons, Denis Tansey, Miklos Beothy & Liz Kelman

## First Reading Jonah 3:1-5, 10 The Ninevites renounced their evil ways.

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sack-cloth from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

The word of the Lord

#### Thanks be to God

#### Responsorial Psalm Ps 24:4-9

#### R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. R.

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. R.

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. R.

# **Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 The world as we know it is passing away.

Brothers: our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because

the world as we know it is passing away.

The word of the Lord

#### Thanks be to God.

#### Gospel Acclamation John 1:41, 17

Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is near: believe the Good News! Alleluia!

**Gospel** Mark 1:14-20 Repent, and believe the Good News.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake - for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets, he called them at once, and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

The Gospel of the Lord

#### Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ





Happy 100th Birthday Mary

Next Sunday - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B First Reading - Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 7:32-35 Gospel - Mark 1:21-28

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