

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Catholic Parish Toukley/Lake Munmorah

St Mary's Church 458 Main Rd Norville

St Brendan's Mass Centre 29 Carters Rd Lake Munmorah



Vision

To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community

Pastoral Team

Parish Priest

Fr. Tomy Kuruvelil Ouseph CFIC

Phone: 0408 632 015

Email: tomycfic@yahoo.co.in

Assistant Priest

Fr. Baby Thomas CFIC

Phone: 0400 568 491

Email: baby.thomas@bbcatholic.org.au

Augustinian Sisters of Our Lady of Consolation - Convent

11 Pandora Pde Norville 4396 9128

Sr. Josefa Mabini OSA

Sr. Jennifer Canillas OSA

Parish Office Hours

9am to 2pm Mon To Fri

Ph 4396 4455

458 Main Rd Norville NSW 2263

Mail PO Box 1 Toukley NSW 2263

Email toukleyparish@bbcatholic.org.au

Website www.bbcatholic.org.au/toukley

Facebook: Toukley-Lake Munmorah Parish

Parish Secretary: Mrs Sarah-Jane Rosen

Office Assistant: Mrs Lorrie O'Brien

Catechist Coordinator

Sr. Josefa Mabini PH: 0402480933

Sacramental Coordinators

Sr. Jennifer Canillas PH: 0435 788 759

Cath Cefai PH: 0418 836 512

Sunday Parish Bus Service

Mrs Joan Haslam 4392 6892

Parish Schools

St Mary's

Principal Ms Emma Sellars 4396 5100

St Brendan's

Principal Ms Charlene Reid 4358 1501

St Brigid's College

Principal Mr Adam Murdoch 7256 2122

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B

25th February 2024



Today's Gospel narrates the transfiguration of Jesus on Mount Tabor. Jesus with three of His beloved disciples climbed the Mount Tabor. On the mountain top, He was transfigured in the presence of His disciples. He was covered with heavenly glory. The disciples were overwhelmed and were happy by this heavenly experience. The presence of Moses and Elijah - two towering figures of Old Testament- is a sign that Jesus is the fulfilment of all that has been foretold in the Old Testament. Jesus' momentary change of bodily appearance and the voice of the Father confirms that Jesus is truly sent by God the Father.

The transfiguration event is both comforting and challenging for us. It is comforting because we know that our Lord and Saviour Jesus is truly the Son of God and beloved of the Father. It is challenging because the Father invites us to listen to His Son and follow His teachings and be witnesses to Him in our lives. If we are faithful to the Lord, we too will one day experience this heavenly experience. In moments of doubt and during our dark moments of despair and hopelessness, the thought of our transformation in Heaven will help us to reach out to God and to listen to His consoling words: "This is my beloved son/daughter". Lent was designed precisely as a time for us to wake up and examine our priorities This gospel tells us we, too, might be missing something.....some transfiguring moments.

"At His transfiguration Christ showed His disciples the splendour of His heavenly beauty, to which He will shape and colour those who are His." - St. Thomas Aquinas.

Fr. Tomy

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church Toukley

Saturday: Vigil 6:00pm Fr Tomy
Sunday: 7:30am Fr Mathew
9:00am Fr Tomy
6:00pm Fr Mathew

Children's Liturgy 1st & 3rd Sunday at 9:00am
Mass (except school holidays)

St Brendan's Church Lake Munmorah

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

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church Toukley

Monday 9:00 am
Tuesday 9:00 am
Wednesday 9:00 am (Communion Service)
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 (Communion Service)

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 **Second Sunday of Lent, Year B**. We welcome you to our Church & are very pleased to see you here.

Upcoming Parish events - Save the Date:

24th/25th Feb: Catechist Sunday & St Mary's Kinder/Year 6 Mass

Wed 28th Feb: St Brendan's Year 4 Mass

Thurs 7th Mar: St Brendan's Year 6 Mass

Thurs 14th Mar: St Brendan's Year 1 Mass

Sun 17th Mar: St Patrick's day and St Mary's Year 4 Mass



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 1st March, The Reader's Group** will be leading. The Stations of the Cross on Friday this week 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.

First Friday - Healing Mass is on Friday this week at **11am** and Stations of the Cross will be at **10.30am.**

Welcome - We welcome Fr. Mathew Velliyamkandathil to our Parish community. He is a Priest who belongs to the religious order of Somascans and working in Moorebank Parish.

Thank you - We thank Fr. Brian, Fr. Joshi and Fr. Mathew for helping with weekend Masses. God bless you all.

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

Communion Services - While Fr. Baby is away in India:

St Mary's: Wednesday at 9am

St Brendan's Thursday at 9am

Parish Volunteers Needed! We are in search of a **Planned Giving Co-Ordinator** and also **Counters**. We need help cleaning St Brendan's Church on a Friday at 1.30pm for 1 hour. We are 2 people short for this duty. If you feel you could volunteer, contact the Parish office. Any time you could spare would be so helpful.

Childrens Worksheets Work sheets and pencils are available at the church doors.



Stamps for Missions - Used postage stamps can be donated, please drop them off in the box in St Mary's Church foyer, or at the Parish Office. Keep up the good work. Thank you!

THE GARAGE SERVICE CENTRE
at **BP Lake Munmorah**
4358 1302
ALL MECHANICAL & ELECTRICAL REPAIRS incl...
Pink Slips • Wheel Balance & Alignment • Logbook Service • Brakes etc.
335 Pacific Hwy Lake Munmorah 2259 ABN 38 1358 79515 MVRL 56148

CHARMHAVEN
ARPETS
ABN: 43 600 345 590
DOUG CASHIN
Unit 4, 11-13 Arizona Road, Charmhaven 2263
Ph: (02) 4393 2443
Email: charmhaven@internode.on.net

Sacramental Program 2024 - the Sacrament of Reconciliation classes have begun, with the ceremony being on 20th March at St Brendan's & 21st March at St Mary's. Please keep all the candidates in your prayers during this time.

Catechist's Day in the Parish - We celebrate Catechist Sunday this week during 5pm Mass at St Brendan's and 9am Mass at St Mary's. Join us as we commission and bless the Catechists and teachers of our Catholic schools. We appreciate their hard work & support and invite all our Catechists and teachers to join us in our Eucharistic Celebration as we commission them for the school year of 2024. Invite your family & friends to be a part of our once a year commissioning with our Parish community.

World Day of Prayer You are invited to join in WORLD DAY OF PRAYER at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, cnr of Wallarah Road and Minnamurra Road, Gorokan. The service brings together all the local churches and is a way to share in fellowship with each other. The service will commence at 10am on Friday 1st March.

Welcome to our newly Baptised members - We welcome Georgina, Myla, Tobias, Kiarni, Kyla, Elora, Kendrick and their families into our Parish following their Baptism at St Mary's last Sunday.



Welcome to Jarrad Lapsuks - Last Sunday we welcomed Jarrad into the Catholic Church. He completed the RCIA program and it was a wonderful occasion for him, his family and the Parish. May God bless you and your family Jarrad. Thank you to Alison for all the preparation guidance you give to our RCIA candidates.

Catechist Corner - Thank you to all our Catechists 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), Manner 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!



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



Recently Deceased

Sr Tincy Thomas, Helen Elliott, Frank McGill, Fr Michael Kelly

Anniversaries

Vic Moir, George Castle, Gerundia Castanares, Rita Bowring, KJ Buckman, Milagros Llamas, Olga Creighton, Lorenzo Mazzitello, Sophie Roe, Greta Hackett, Dorothy Rush

Remembrances

Alice Suico, Jose Castanares, Mary Cefai, Edward Redman, Colin McIntyre, Shiela Glennon, Georgina Baker, Mavis Cleary, Vin Tatti, Valmai Joseph & Stark Family, Wendy Woodhouse & Carol Brown

Please Pray for the Sick - Tim Keogh, Peter Dorrner, Patrick Hobson, Judy Kay, Marion Campbell, Wayne Stafford, Mark Wilson, Michelle Maroon, 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 Mickelsen (17th Feb)
Margaret Cashin (20th Feb)
Melinda Sullivan (20th Feb)
Bob Steele (21st Feb)
Elaine Scrivener (22nd Feb)
Daryl Grime (22nd Feb)
Pat Glennen (23rd Feb)
Anthony Newell (26th Feb)



Wedding Anniversary

Peter & Louisa Tng are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on 24th Feb. Happy Anniversary!



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.

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 Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

A reading from the Book of Genesis

The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self - it is the Lord who speaks - because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 115:10, 15-19

**R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord,
in the land of the living.**

I trusted, even when I said:

'I am sorely afflicted.'

O precious in the eyes of the Lord

is the death of his faithful. **R.**

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:

I will call on the Lord's name. **R.**

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. **R.**

Second Reading Romans 8:31-34

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

God did not spare his own Son.

With God on our side who can be against us? Since

God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us - he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation cf Matthew 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Mark 9:2-10

This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Next Sunday Third Sunday of Lent, Year B

First Reading-Exodus 20:1-17

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Gospel - John 2:13-25