

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Catholic Parish Toukley/Lake Munmorah

St Mary's Church 458 Main Rd Norville

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Vision

To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

4th February 2024

Jesus healed many who were sick



In today's Gospel Jesus expresses His love and compassion for the sick and the suffering. He visited Simon Peter's mother-in-law who was sick and was bedridden with fever. He stretched out His hands and healed her. In the same way Jesus healed many who were sick and those who were possessed by evil spirits.

Jesus gives us no answers about the question of sufferings in this world nor does He try to explain why people have to suffer. However, through His healing ministry He showed us the importance of turning our sufferings and pain to God experiences. By identifying Himself with the sick and the dying and by His death on the cross He teaches us how to face sufferings in our lives. He reveals to us that sufferings are part of God's mysterious plan. It all depends on us how to shoulder our cross; for by uniting our trials with Jesus we too can become victorious and lead meaningful lives. Like Jesus we too are invited to bring healing and solace to someone: maybe by a word of sympathy or by a kind and loving gesture or by a silent prayer. That is what is expected of us when we meet people who suffer.

In the second part of the Gospel, we see that after His healing ministry Jesus went to a lonely place to pray. In spite of His busy day, Jesus found time to be in communion with the Heavenly Father. All our busy life and activities should be nourished by prayer.

" How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear! It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds and drives away his fear." - John Newton

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 12.30am



Welcome to our Parish. Today we celebrate the **Fifth 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 7th Feb: St Brigid's Feast Day Mass 11am
Wed 7th Feb: Lectio Divina resumes 5pm Parish Centre
Thurs 8th Feb: St Brendan's Opening School Mass 9am
Fri 9th Feb: St Mary's Opening School Mass 9.15am
Tues 13th Feb: Shrove Tuesday
Wed 14th Feb: Ash Wednesday
22nd Feb: St Brendan's Year 5 Mass
25th Feb: St Mary's Kinder & Year 6 Mass
Thurs 29th Feb: St Brendan's Year 4 Mass

St Brendan's Coffee & Chat - St Brendan's Social Group invite friends & newcomers to join them from the first Wed of the month from February 2024 10am -12pm at The Doylo. Everyone is welcome!

Communion Service -There will be only Communion Service at St Brendan's on **Wed 7th Feb**. From **Wed 14th Feb** standard Mass will resume.

Parish Morning Tea - Please join us for our Parish morning tea on **Sunday 11th Feb**. The Divine Will Group will be proving morning tea at St Mary's after 9am Mass & St Brendan's will have morning tea after 8am Mass. We welcome back Fr Baby next week after his holiday with his dear ones. We will celebrate his birthday on **Sun 11th Feb** during 9am Mass at St Mary's. We thank Fr Brian & Fr Joshi for their help with Masses while Fr Baby has been away.

Welcome Back - We welcome back all the children, parents & teachers & pray that the new school year will be fulfilling & fruitful from beginning to end.

Shrove Tuesday - In Australia the day preceding Ash Wednesday is popularly known as Shrove Tuesday. It is also frequently called Pancake Tuesday. It is the name "Shrove" that shows its religious origins. Shrove is the past tense of the English verb "Shrive" which means to obtain absolution for one's sins by way of confession and by doing penance. With Shrove Tuesday taking place before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday, it was the day when Christians were encouraged to go to confession in preparation for the penitential season that would end 40 days and 40 nights later with Easter Sunday.

Dating back to 1000 AD, over the years Shrove Tuesday not only became a day for Confession but a time for Catholics to feast on eggs, sugar and dairy which are traditionally restricted during the Lenten fast. Traditionally during Lent, Christians would give up rich, tasty foods such as butter, eggs, sugar and fat. Shrove Tuesday was the last chance to eat them – and what better way to do so than with a delicious pancake! As a Parish community we organise 'Shrove Tuesday or Pan cake Tuesday' on 13th February after 9am Mass at St. Mary's. This will mark a new beginning of Journey through Fasting, Prayer and Almsgiving during Lent .



Ash Wednesday - 14th Feb - We will be celebrating Ash Wednesday with 9am & 6pm Mass at St Mary's & 9am Mass at St Brendan's. As Ash Wednesday approaches, **please bring the blessed palms of last year by the weekend of 10/11th Feb & drop it at the front foyer of both churches.**

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Sacrament of Reconciliation is still open for enrolment until 9th Feb. This Sacrament is for children in Year 4 and above who have already received the Sacrament of Baptism & Confirmation. To enrol go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/CNBWE>

Event	2024 Dates	Time	Location
Enrolment must be completed by	9 February		www.trybooking.com
Parent Information Sessions	13 February	3:30pm	St Brendan's
	15 February	3:30pm or 7pm	St Mary's
Candidate Preparation Sessions	4 sessions from 19 th Feb to 15 th March. One session per week.		
Ritual of the Cross:	Attend any Mass on 2 nd or 3 rd March and advise the serving Priest of your attendance prior to Mass.		
Reconciliation Ceremony:	20 March	3:30pm	St Brendan's
	21 March	3:30pm	St Mary's

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) will resume on Sun 4th Feb, at 9am. This will be on every 1st & 3rd Sun of the Month at St. Mary's Church except during school holidays.

Lectio Divina will start on **Thurs 7th Feb at 5pm** in the Parish Centre. Please come with your family and friends and together we will break open the Word of God.

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



Welcome to the newly baptised We welcome into our Parish **Alaska, Roman, Cali** and their families who received the Sacrament of Baptism.

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



Recently Deceased

Michelle Rodger, Jill Bishton, Olive Haslam & Tony Vella

Anniversaries

Lorenzo Mazzitello, Sophie Roe, Greta Hackett, Dorothy Rush, Eugenia (Jean) Grimes, Daniel Cefai, Mario Azzopardi, Carlo Vella, Millicent Zietsch, Greg Irvine & Diane Townsend.

There will be a 1 year Anniversary Mass for Lorenzo Mazzitello at St Mary's on Sat 10th Feb at 6pm

Remembrances

Colin McIntyre, Shiela Glennon, Georgina Baker, mavis Cleary, Vin Tatti, George Cefai, Mary Cefai, Saviour Debono, Stephens Cappa, IRichard & Margie Hamer, ngrid Hamer, Valmai Joseph & Stark Family, Wendy Woodhouse & Carol Brown

Please Pray for the Sick - Judy Kay, Marion Campbell, Wayne Stafford, Mark Wilson, Michelle Maroon, Patrick, Sr Tincy, 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 Steel (21st Feb)
Elaine Scrivener (22nd Feb)
Daryl Grime (22nd Feb)
Pat Glennen (23rd Feb)
Anthony Newell (26th Feb)



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.

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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

4396 1555

First Reading Job 7:1-4, 6-7

A reading from the prophet Job

I am filled with sorrow all day long.

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service,

his time no better than hired drudgery?

Like the slave, sighing for the shade,
or the workman with no thought but his wages,

months of delusion I have assigned to me,

nothing for my own but nights of grief.

Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?'

Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!'

Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.

Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed,

and vanished, leaving no hope behind.

Remember that my life is but a breath,

and that my eyes will never again see joy.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 146:1-6

R. Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Praise the Lord for he is good;
sing to our God for he is loving:
to him our praise is due. **R.**

The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and brings back Israel's exiles,
he heals the broken-hearted,
he binds up all their wounds.
he fixes the number of the stars;
he calls each one by its name. **R.**

Our Lord is great and almighty;
his wisdom can never be measured.
The Lord raises the lowly;
he humbles the wicked to the dust. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel.

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessing.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 8:17

Alleluia, alleluia!

He bore our sickness,

and endured our suffering.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 1:29-39

He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Next Sunday Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading-Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 10:31 - 11:1

Gospel - Mark 1:40-45