

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Catholic Parish Toukley/Lake Munmorah

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Vision

To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community

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THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5th November, 2023



THE VIRTUE OF HUMILITY

Religious leaders do not come off too well in today's first and Gospel readings. The reading from Malachi is an indictment against religious leaders who have been guilty of violating their responsibility as teachers. They have not observed God's ways and have taught falsely. They failed in their roles as leaders and teachers. But the scriptures speak not only to certain religious leaders, but to all believers. Jesus is not accusing the scribes and Pharisees of not knowing their religion. They knew it very well. They were even good at teaching it to others. It is just that they didn't practice what they taught and preached.

But there is more to today's Gospel than simply listening to Jesus scold the Pharisees and scribes. Jesus sees beneath the appearances and see the real person as he/she is. A genuine person like Nathaniel is praised by Jesus. But he expresses his dislike for all falsehood and pretensions in people. The words Jesus speaks against the Scribes and the Pharisees is a warning to us too. The moment we try to be what we are not, we become unreal persons and pretenders. A humble person never tries to be a pretender. That is why Jesus says, "Whoever humbles himself will be exalted".

Pope Saint John XXIII once described the church as a "community of peace, willing to walk along the road with anyone as far as possible." Jesus shows us that the goal of being a disciple is not canonization, but compassion. It is the capacity to live fiercely, to love radically, and to walk humbly with the God whose gift of self-arrives always and only in the company of strangers. We must dare to become that kind of community. "Humility is the beginning of wisdom" -Proverb. "If you are humble nothing will touch you, neither praise or disgrace, because you know what you are." - St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

Fr. Baby

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church Toukley

Saturday: Vigil 6:00pm Fr Tomy
Sunday: 7:30am Fr Tomy
9:00am Fr Tomy
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 1.30am



Welcome to our Parish. Today we celebrate **The Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time**. We welcome you to our Church & are very pleased to see you here.

Upcoming Parish events - Save the Date:

Sun 5th Nov: Papal blessing Mass at St Mary's & Parish morning teas

Sun 12th Nov: Parish Cricket Match 10.30am St Mary's

Sat 18th Nov: Family Mass at St Brendan's 4pm Youth activities followed by Mass at 5pm

Thurs 23rd Nov: Kinder Mass St Brendan's 9am

Sun 26th Nov: Year 5 & Kinder 2024 Mass St Mary's 9am

Thurs 30th Nov: Year 5 Mass St Brendan's 9am

Sun 3rd Dec: Parish Morning teas & Atrium Working Bee



Fr. Tomy will be away for Jubilee Celebration

Fr. Tomy will be away from 13th - 23rd November to join the Silver Jubilee of his sister, **Sr. Rositta Kuruvellil**. We wish God's blessings on Sr. Rositta.

Papal Blessing Mass at St Mary's 9am Sunday 5th Nov

Please join us to celebrate the Award of Papal Blessings Mass on 5th Nov during 9am morning Mass at St Mary's. Parishioners receiving this special blessing are **Val Unterrheiner, Cecilia McClusky, Raymond Crocker, Clare Johnston & Dawn Thompson**. We will also have our Parish morning tea to celebrate after Mass.

HELP SET UP A HOLY AND SACRED SPACE FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE CENTRAL COAST. IT'S CALLED...

THE ATRIUM

WORK HAS BEGUN TO SET UP A CHILDREN'S PROGRAM WHICH WILL ALLOW THEM TO GROW IN LOVE AND RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

COULD YOU VOLUNTEER TO HELP SEW AND PAINT AT OUR WORKING BEE AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, TOUKLEY ON SUNDAY 3 DEC 10AM-12PM?

COULD YOU DONATE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS?
WOODEN CHILD SIZED TABLES,
CHAIRS AND SHELVING
WOODEN OR METAL TRAYS
SMALL GOOD SHEPHERD STATUE
SMALL HOLY FAMILY STATUE

IF YOU CAN HELP OR HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT
ASHLEIGH DONNELLY AND AMANDA PATON VIA EMAIL
CENTRALCOASTATRUM@GMAIL.COM
OR PHONE ASHLEIGH 0466 255 033

Youth & Family Mass at St Brendan's Church Sat 18th November

There will be a family and youth Mass at St Brendan's starting from 4pm with activities followed by Mass at 5pm. It's always a wonderful occasion, please join us.

Want to join the Planned Giving Program? If you would like to join our Planned Giving Program to support the management and maintenance of our church, we encourage and value your contribution. Please complete one of the blue cards found in the foyer of the church. There are several options available, including cash (via numbered envelopes), direct deposit, or credit card. Complete one of the blue cards found in the foyer, and hand it to the Priest, Warden or Parish Office.

Nativity Invitation for Christmas Eve Masses

Please scan the QR code for more details and more information to come in following weeks.



Anointing Mass at St Brendan's is on Wednesday this week **8th November at 9am**.

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Baptism for School-Aged Children - The Parish of Toukley/Lake Munmorah is running a Baptism preparation program for children from Kinder to Year 6. Three sessions from 6:00pm-6:45pm will be held in St Mary's Church on Mondays 13, 20 and 27 November (need to complete all three sessions). A parent/carer should accompany the child to each session. Dates of Baptism are scheduled to suit families either before Christmas or in 2024. If you would like to enquire about having your child prepared for Baptism, please ring the Parish Office on 4396 4455 or Alison on 0424 737 911.



November: Time To Remember The Dear Ones We remember our departed brothers & sisters during the month of November. All of us have someone to remember and pray for. Death is the door that opens the way to paradise. The best gift we can offer for their souls is to pray & offer masses for them. I encourage families & friends to offer masses during this special month of remembrance. We conclude this event on the 30th November with 6pm Mass in both Churches. All the mass intention envelopes will be placed on the altar during Masses. Any families who would like to have special prayers said at the graveside, please ring the office to make a date & time. There are Mass Intention envelopes available.

Community Cricket Match - St Mary's Parish On Sunday 12th November, there is a Parish community cricket match at St Mary's on the oval or the car park depending on how the weather has been. The match starts at 10:30am soon after Mass is finished. We hope you can join us. It will be a lot of fun, the Priests are very good cricket players...if you think you could bowl one of them out make sure you come!

A Big Thank You - The Parish would like to give a big thankyou to all who participated during the 10 days of the Rosary in the Parish and the great refreshments and dinner on the 31st Oct. Thank you sincerely

Talk on the Mass at Warnervale Parish - How does the Mass relate to my life? How can I get more out of the Mass? Broken Bay Seminarian, Shayne D'Cunha, will address these questions as he explores how we can participate more fully at mass. When: 6:15-7:15pm (with time for Q & A) on Saturday, the 18th of November. Where: St Mary of the Cross, Catholic Church, Warnervale.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Have you, or someone you know, been thinking about becoming a Catholic? A new RCIA process has started in our Parish & you are invited to join us at St. Mary's Church each Tues evening from 5:30- 6:45pm where we will explore our Catholic faith & prepare to receive the Sacraments next Easter. For enquiries contact Sarah-Jane at the Parish Office on 4396 4455 or Alison on 0424 737 911.

In your charity, please pray for those who have died and those who are sick



Recently Deceased Orfeo Di Rocco, James Cosgrove, Maureen Patrick, Germaine Smollen, Nelda D'Agostini Randon, Pat McBride, Margaret Wattling, Lena James

Anniversaries David O'Connell, Edward Redman, Jose Castanares, David O'Connell, Swee Gim Khoo, Isabel Helen Ridgewell, Doreen Goonan, Tony Hodges, Lisa Grenot, John Glennen, Chris Cleary

Remembrances Bernard Fitzpatrick, Clara Fitzpatrick, Pat Fitzpatric, Claire Fitzpatrick, Victor Egan, Mary Egan, Margaret Waller, Monica, Theresia, Simon Butcher, Moore & Langley families, Valmai Joseph & Stark Family, Wendy Woodhouse, Carol Brown

Please Pray for the Sick - Christine Yousef, Olive Haslam, Florian Stoffel, John & Bev Jessop, Graham & Sandra Campbell, Marian Campbell, Mia, Barbara Fowler, Margie, Richard Reid, 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, Baby Dottie, Denis Tansey, John van der Kroft, Miklos Bethany, Sr Tincy

November Birthdays

- Eric Grimes (6th Nov)
- Amanda Coombe (8th Nov)
- Nova Jayanthi (9th Nov)
- Cecilia McClusky (13th Nov)
- Lucy Jurd (13th Nov)
- Bill Mulvany (13th Nov)
- Lina Samaniego (24th Nov)



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for November



For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

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Volunteer Angels

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Do you have a caring heart & time to become a friend to a lonely person in an Aged Care Facility

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4396 1555

First Reading Malachi 1:14 - 2:2, 8-10

A reading from the prophet Malachi

You have strayed from the way, you have caused many to stumble by your teaching.

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 130

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

O Lord, my heart is not proud
nor haughty my eyes.

I have not gone after things too great
nor marvels beyond me. **R.**

Truly I have set my soul
in silence and peace.

A weaned child on its mother's breast,
even so is my soul. **R.**

O Israel, hope in the Lord
both now and for ever. **R.**

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our lives as well.

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good news to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 23:9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have one Father, your Father in heaven;
you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 23:1-12

They do not practise what they preach.

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Next Sunday Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
First Reading - Wisdom 6:12-16
Second Reading - Thessalonians 4:13-18
Gospel - Matthew 25:1-13