

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Catholic Parish Toukley/Lake Munmorah

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To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community

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TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8th October, 2023



First reading is from the book of Prophet Isaiah. Isaiah compares Israel to a vineyard which fails to produce the desired fruits in spite of the vineyard owner's (the Lord God) much care and attention given to it. Sadly, it is destined to become wilderness. Like this vineyard, the Lord God takes much care of His chosen people with utmost diligence. In the second reading St. Paul gives examples of the fruits we should produce in the vineyard of the Lord.

Today's Gospel explains the unfaithfulness and the wickedness of the chosen people of God -Israel. The Jews not only rejects the commandments of God, but they had the audacity of rejecting Jesus the Son of God. The vineyard owner entrusts his vineyard after equipping the vineyard with every available facility- hedge, winepress and a tower - everything that would make their task easy and light. After handing over the vineyard to the tenants, the owner goes on a long journey. On his return, the season for the fruits arrives. The owner sends his servants to get his share of the produce. But the wicked men ill treat them and send them back empty handed. Finally, he sends his beloved son, hoping that those men would respect him and send his share of produce. Instead, those wicked men kill the son and take possession of the vineyard.

Although this parable is told about the unfaithfulness of Israel, it has deep significance in our lives too. In spite of God's great love and concern for each one of us, we have been often unfaithful and wicked in our relationship with God and with other humans. The vineyard is the image of God's people. The question we have to ask ourselves is: Are we good tenants or bad ones? Everyone without exception is finally answerable to the owner (Heavenly Father).

Fr. Tomy

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 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 Joshi
Sunday: 8:00am Fr Joshi

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 Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**. We welcome you to our Church & are very pleased to see you here.

Upcoming Parish events - Save the Date:

Thurs 12th Oct: Confirmation Rehearsal at **St. Mary's Church at 3:30pm**
Sat 14th Oct: Confirmation Ceremony 11am St Mary's
Sat 21st Oct: Papal Blessing Mass St Brendan's 5pm
Sun 22nd Oct: Catholic Mission Sunday Parish Appeal
Sat 28th Oct: Tongan Mass 12pm - 1pm St Mary's
Mon 30th Oct: Bishop's Art Prize Showcase 6pm St Brigid's
Wed 1st Nov: All Saints Day
Thurs 2nd Nov: All Souls Day



Confirmation Our Confirmation day is a combined Parish event on Saturday 14th Oct, 11am at St Mary's Church. Please pray for our candidates and their families, and we thank the sacramental leaders. Our candidates' photos are displayed in our churches during their sacramental journey. **On the day, there will only be usual 9:00am Mass. There will be no confessions and Benediction.**
Thurs 12th Oct: Confirmation Rehearsal at St. Mary's Church at 3:30pm.

New Stock in the Holy Shop! Our Holy Shop is open during weekend Masses (before and after the Mass). Visit our shop, you might want to buy some gifts for some special occasion or a random inspirational gift for your family and friends. Confirmation gifts are also available.

Papal Blessing Mass at St Brendan's 5pm Sat 21st October Please join us to celebrate the Award of Papal Blessings Mass on 21st October during 5pm Mass at St Brendan's. The Parishioners receiving this special blessing are **Joe Formosa, Meg Hickson & Tricia Lavin.**

Fr. Baby will be at Warnervale Parish in October Fr. Baby is helping with Masses at Warnervale Parish during October. Confessions on Saturdays at St Mary's will end at 10am after morning Mass. Please call the Parish Office or Fr. Tomy to make an appointment for an alternative time if required. **The whole month of October there will be Communion only Service on Wednesdays at St Brendan's at 9:00am**

Holy Land Pilgrimage 2024 Warnervale Parish together with Toukley Lake Munmorah Parish will be organising a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2024. Call the Parish office for more information.

St Patrick's, East Gosford: Shrine of St Pope John Paul II It's been almost a year since the installation of the relics of St John Paul II at Gosford Parish and they are preparing to celebrate the first anniversary of the Shrine. They extend a warm welcome to everyone to celebrate the feast day of St John Paul II beginning with Mass at 9.30am on Sun, 22 Oct at St Patrick's, 76 York Street, East Gosford. Celebrations will continue with praise, worship, the Rosary & reflections, BBQ, markets and stalls.

Atrium Advertisement - Help the next generation of children grow in love & relationship with God! Work has begun to set up the Central Coast Children's Atrium. It will offer Catechesis of the Good Sheppard starting with 3-6 year olds in **Feb 2024**. We need your help to set up a holy & sacred space for the children. We are asking for donations of materials (wooden child sized furniture, religious images & statues, coloured paper, painting easel, wooden/metal trays), donations of skills & time (sewing, painting, calligraphy, and woodwork). Expressions of interest for your children to attend (ages 3-12) Prayers for the program. To find out more, **contact Ashleigh Donnelly and Amanda Paton by email at : centralcoastatrium@gmail.com**

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October - Month of the Holy Rosary

Dear friends, Reciting the Holy Rosary is one of the strong traditions of the Catholic Church. The month of October is dedicated to the devotion of the Holy Rosary. As we begin this month, let us be united in praying the Rosary. I would encourage all families to pray

the Rosary together. Any family that prays together, stays together. As a parish community, we will pray the Rosary together at St Mary's grotto at **6pm** each day from **22nd Oct - 31st October**. On Saturdays & Sundays the Rosary will be at **5:15pm**. At St Brendan's the Rosary will take place on weekends before Mass on **Sat 4:30pm & Sun 7:30am**.

Catholic Mission Appeal

World Mission Sunday is 22nd October, so we will be holding our Catholic Mission Appeal on the weekend of 21/22 Oct. We hope to have envelopes available very soon.

New Handrail in St Mary's Church

There is now a handrail in the front Sanctuary of St Mary's Church for Readers and Servers to use should they need to when walking up and down the steps. **All readers are requested to sit in front of the Church to save time walking all the way from behind.**

St. Brendan's Rosters November to January

Rosters are now being prepared for November to January. We have vacancies in all ministries, training is provided for all positions. Please add your details to the sheets available at the rear of the Church. We would love to have more people volunteering.



Musicians and Singers needed at St Brendan's

Is music/singing your call to ministry? All parishioners are invited to join this beautiful and rewarding ministry in preparation for Christmas. Please give your details to the Parish Office.

October is Mental Health Awareness Month

This month encourages all of us to think about our mental health and wellbeing, regardless of whether we may have a lived experience of mental illness or not.

Wedding Anniversaries Wishing David & Joanne Marlin a happy 40th Wedding Anniversary

October Birthdays

Neil Wilson (2nd Oct)
Liz Cooper (4th Oct)
Dawn Thompson (5th Oct)
Pacita Wilesmith (5th Oct)
Joe Bridgett (5th Oct)
Fiona Green (7th Oct)
Ivan Intia (16th Oct)
Yvonne Weller (22nd Oct)
Lillian Ballhause (24th Oct)
Deacon Paul Simmons (25th Oct)
Nenita Turner (29th Oct)
Ryan Fiddick (29th Oct)
Fr Vincent Trung Nguyen (30th Oct)



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



Recently Deceased

Lena James, Irene Lehehan, Amber Miller, Margo Cluff, Fr. John O'Keefe, Warren Bury, Dan Rimmer

Anniversaries

Chris Cleary, Rosemary Jennifer (Sallie) Mulvany, Yook Chee Ng, Don Metcalf, Audrey Howett, Heather Nisblett, Susannah Pearce, Brian Casey, Swee Gim Khoo, Raymond Creighton, Christopher Dominic Lee, Fred Jeffries, Steven Eggleton, Avril Vaguez, Neil Voight

Remembrances

Rosemary Jennifer (Sallie) Mulvany, all members of the Reid, Brennan, Davis, Goonan & McCarthy families, Daniel Goonan, Doreen Goonan, Thomas Green, Hannah Green, William Goonan, Alma Goonan, Katherine & Michael Goonan, Mary Muir, Gus Muir, Narelle Muir, Edythe Davis, Stewart Davis, Ernie Brennan, Faye Brunton & family, Robyn Broad, Vaughn Haynes, Robyn Broad, Ruby & Daniel McCarthy, Evie & Alexander McInnes, Patrick & Ellen Goonan, Marjorie Curran, Doreen Minehan Simon Butcher, Moore & Langley families, Elena Mabini, Neil Voight, Teofilo, Luka Banichevich, Greg Irvine, Noel McCool, Valmai Joseph & Stark Family, Wendy Woodhouse, Carol Brown

Please Pray for the Sick - 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, Dawn, Jenna Stoffel, Montaro family, Celly Wakeman, Sheila Rose, Michele Maroon, Oskar Calvi, Gregory Clark, Hector, Robyn Broad, Dylan & partner, Charlie & Nina Micahhlef, Joe, Graham Moir, Diane Booth, Miklos Beothy, Salomie, Robbie Depares, Shirley Campbell, Daniel Schultz, Eva Cusick, Maureen Price, Rhonda Rey, Kerrie Lenard, Florian Stoffel, Ken Hancock, Heather Baker, Alicia Haynes, Robyn Broad, Marcos, Bill & families, Cecelia McClusky, Vaughn Haynes, Sabu Kuruvellil, Sr Tincy

Personal Intentions of Alwin & Tiss

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for October



For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

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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

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First Reading Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend has a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it.

In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done?

I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard:

I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it.

Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 79:9, 12-16, 19-20

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **R.**

Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. **R.**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **R.**

And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. **R.**

Second Reading Philippians 4:6-9

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that

is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation cf John 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Next Sunday Twenty Eight Sunday Ordinary Time
First Reading -Isaiah 25:6-10
Second Reading - Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
Gospel - Matthew 22:1-14