

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Catholic Parish Toukley/Lake Munmorah

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To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community

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SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION YEAR B

31st March, 2024

THE LORD IS RISEN! ALLELUIA



In the first reading Peter and other Apostles give a powerful and convincing testimony regarding the life of Jesus: His death on the cross and His resurrection from the dead. The Apostles had the unique privilege of meeting the Risen Lord personally- sharing meals with Him and experiencing His life-giving presence. He assures them that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins. Finding the empty tomb points to the resurrection of Jesus.

Today's Gospel gives a detailed description of the happenings on Easter Sunday morning is given. The first visitor to the tomb of Jesus was Mary Magdalene. She found that the tomb of Jesus was empty, and she thought that the body of Jesus was taken away by someone. She hurriedly went and reported the matter to the disciples. Peter and John, two of the Apostles went to the tomb and found it to be empty. The truth of what the scriptures had foretold began to dawn upon them that Jesus would rise from the dead.

The empty tomb is a proof of the resurrection of Jesus and an indication that Jesus is not to be found among the dead. Later the disciples had several personal appearances of the risen Lord on various occasions and their faith was strengthened by those comforting and life-giving experiences. They finally realized that Jesus is truly risen from the dead. In our case too although we have the testimony of the Apostles and other disciples that Jesus is risen, we need to be strengthened in our faith by personally experiencing the risen Lord.

MAY THE RISEN LORD BLESS YOU AND STRENGTHEN YOUR FAITH - "The resurrection of Jesus changes the face of death for all His people. Death is no longer a prison but a passage into God's presence. Easter says, you can put truth in a grave but it won't stay there." - C.W. Hall May the Risen Lord bless you all Abundantly. Happy Easter dear friends.

Fr Tomy

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church Toukley

Saturday: Vigil 6:00pm Fr Tomy
Sunday: 7:30am Fr Baby
9:00am Fr Baby
6:00pm (No Mass)

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

Upcoming Parish events - Save the Date:

Sun 7th April: Parish Morning tea

Please note there is no Easter Sunday 6pm Mass St Mary's

St Mary's Rosters - The Rosters are now available for St Mary's during April-May. Please collect a copy from the church foyer.



Parish Morning Teas - Please join us in celebrating our Parish Morning tea on Sunday 7th April. This will be after 9am Mass at St Marys & 8am Mass at St Brendan's. Pacita and Sarah-Jane will be preparing this for the Parish.

Catholic Women's League (CWL) -The CWL meets in the Parish Centre at 10am on 25th March. They would love you to join them. They are also seeking a volunteer to assist with keeping the financial records on a Diocesan level. This may only take place a couple of days a month & while we would welcome you, it is not necessary that you be a member. For information please contact our Diocesan President, Jacqueline Kemp on **4358 4716.**

Central Coast Atrium - The newly opened Central Coast Atrium is running Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for 3-6-year-olds. The central aim is to help the child nurture their own personal relationship with God. Sessions run Saturdays 9-10:30am, Our Lady of the Rosary, The Entrance. For information or to join our waitlist contact **centralcoastatrium@gmail.com** or call **Ashleigh on 0466 255 033.**


Fr. Tomy Away for holidays - After Easter on the 4th April, Fr. Tomy will be away in India for holidays. He will return on the 6th May. During this time there will be only Communion services on Wednesdays at St Brendan's at 9am. We wish his a safe journey on his travels.



Divine Mercy Sunday - We celebrate the 'Divine Mercy' Sunday on the 1st Sunday after Easter which falls on **7th April** this year. Therefore, we will venerate publicly the Divine Mercy Sunday here at St Mary's Toukley on this day. **Celebration will begin with Adoration/Confession from 2.30pm to 2.55pm and at 3.00 pm we will begin to recite the Divine Mercy prayers.**



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St. Joseph Men's BBQ Fri 12th April 7-8.30pm St Mary's Church - "Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another." Prov 27:17. All men over 18 are invited to an evening of gathering to share a meal and engage in discussion, camaraderie and personal growth. Share stories over a BBQ dinner & hear from our Guest Speaker about authentic vocation. The evening is open to men of all/no faiths. Register at rb.gy/bdrtjp or scan the QR code. We also ask for prayers to the intercession of St. Joseph for the success of this ministry. **Motto: Men Alive in Christ**



Sacrament of Reconciliation - Congratulations to our candidates who recently received their 1st Reconciliation last 20th & 21st at St. Brendan and St. Mary's Church. This is not the first and last to receive this sacrament but an opportunity to look forward every once or twice a year with your family.

Thank you to our dear parents and careers for your continuous journey with your child/ren in nurturing their faith and relationship with Jesus. And to our parishioners for your support and prayers for them please continue to pray for the families of our candidates.



Sacrament of First Holy Communion - For our candidates who already received their Confirmation & Reconciliation we are pleased to inform you that the enrolment is now going on for the Sacrament of 1st Holy Communion. There are some limited slots for some classes. For information visit the website or scan the QR code. <https://www.trybooking.com/CNFTV>



A Big Thank You!

Parish Priests and staff thank all volunteers, Liturgy committee, and friends for organising the Holy week and making it so special and beautiful. With gratitude we remember the flower arrangers, decorators of the sacred space on Holy Thursday, organisers of Stations of the Cross,

Wardens, Senior Servers and everyone else who participated from both of our churches. May God bless you all. We would also like to thank **Lina Samaniego** for her gardening work behind the church. It has transformed into a beautiful and peaceful area. Thanks **Lina!** And also, we would like to thank the wonderful **Ray Mahony** who drove the bus to the Chrism Mass for us. Thank you **Ray!**

Daylight Savings - A reminder for you that daylight savings ends next weekend. Don't forget to put your clocks **back 1 hour** before you go to bed on **Saturday 6th April**.

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

Recently Deceased - Barbara Cuthbert, Sr Tincy Thomas, Ken Newbold, Helen Elliott, Frank McGill

Anniversaries - Noel McCool, Barbara Cuthbert, Carmel Hancock, John Mickkelsen, Amparo Baex, Jack Goonan, Gloria Morath, Salvinea Vella, Vic Moir, George Castle, Gerundia Castanares, Rita Bowring, KJ Buckman, Milagros Llamas, Olga Salaic

Remembrances - John Kennedy, Stephens Cappa, Margie Hamer, Abraham Paul, Edward Reman, Mary Jane (Jean) Jurd, Alice Suico, Jose Castanares, Mary Cefai, Valmai Joseph & Stark Family, Wendy Woodhouse & Carol Brown, Brown & Miller family

Please Pray for the Sick - Sylvia Hudson, Cusick Family, Maree Campbell, Katherine Hoppett, Ann, Krissy & Craig Taylor, Gloria Smith, Tim Keogh, Peter Dormer, 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, Mia, Robbie Depares, De-Anne Richards, Jackie Chaplin, Michael Casey, Koen Mackaway, Eva Cusick, Melissa, Margaret Connolly, Rita Cini, Baby Mia Lilli, Maria Butseties, Shirley Campbell, Josh. R, Robyn Brand, Susan Simmons, Denis Tansey, Miklos Beothy & Liz Kelman.

April Birthdays

- Manny Debono (5th Apr)
- Pam Moir (7th Apr)
- Rawson Blackwood (10th Apr)
- Angeli Lavada (12th Apr)
- Cenon Mabini (12th Apr)
- Angel Gairan (17th Apr)
- Naomi Lavada (17th Apr)
- Kate Drake (19th Apr)
- Shirley Campbell (23rd Apr)
- Alicia Klein (25th Apr)
- Mary Debono (28th Apr)



Pope Francis' Lenten Message

"Through the Desert God Leads us to Freedom" is the theme of Pope Francis' Message for Lent. Let us make room for God, who delivers us from all forms of slavery. May we welcome Lent as an opportunity for conversion.

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First Reading Acts 10:34, 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.' Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name'.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

**R. This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' **R.**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

Second Reading Colossians 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heav-

en, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 20:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Next Sunday Second Sunday of Easter**

First Reading - Acts 4:32-35

Second Reading - 1 John 5:1-6

Gospel - John 20:19-31