

# 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*

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4396 5100

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4358 1501

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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B

3rd December, 2023



Advent Season is a very special time of year that sometimes gets lost in the bright lights of the Christmas season it precedes. The first day of Advent is the first day of a new Liturgical (or church) calendar and begins a four-week period of preparation for the nativity of Jesus Christ at Christmas.

The Advent Season is all about reflecting on how we can prepare our hearts and homes for Christ's birth in the world as it is today. It is a time for faith communities and families to remember, through prayer, reflections, special music, and good deeds what the true meaning of Jesus' birth is. The Advent season invites us to step away from what can be a frenzied time of parties, shopping, and holiday noise to consider how we commemorate the birth of Jesus, one of the holiest times in Christian faith.

The word Advent is from the Latin *adventus* for "arrival" or "coming". The most significant tradition of the Advent season is the four-candle Advent Wreath. The four coloured candles represent the four weeks of Advent, and one additional candle is lit each Sunday. The flames of candles are a representation of the Christmas light approaching, bringing hope and peace in the struggle against darkness.

Here are some thoughts how we can make this advent special:

- Call a friend you haven't spoken with.
- Visit a neighbour who lives alone.
- Bring something special to your local homeless shelter.
- Say a prayer for a different person each day.
- Find time to deepen prayer life.

*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 Joshi

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 12.30am



Welcome to our Parish. Today we celebrate the **First Sunday of Advent, Year B**. We welcome you to our Church & are very pleased to see you here.

### Upcoming Parish events - Save the Date:

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

**Wed 6th Dec:** St Brendan's School Carols

**Thurs 7th Dec:** Conclusion of Lectio Divina at Parish Centre

**7th & 14th Dec:** Rehearsals of participants for Childrens Nativity  
**3.30pm at St Mary's & St Brendan's Churches**

**Fri 8th Dec:** Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

**Fri 8th Dec:** Parish Volunteer Mass at 5pm followed by BBQ

**Sun 10th Dec:** Renewal of religious vows St Mary's for Fr Tomy, Fr Baby & Fr Joshi at 9am during the Mass & special collection for CFIC

**Wed 13th Dec:** St Mary's School Christmas Carols from 5pm

### Fr. Baby will be on leave from Tues 28th Nov - Fri 8th December

Invitation to Pray for Sister Tincy - Please keep in your prayers Sr. Tincy, who is Fr. Baby's sister for strength and healing.

St Brendan's Church Wed 6th December -Please be advised there will be communion-only service at St Brendan's at 9am 6th Dec.

### St Brendan's School Christmas Carol's is on Wed 6th December from 3.30pm onwards



### Feast of the Immaculate Conception - Renewal of Vows

This is the feast of the Religious order of the sons of the Immaculate Conception (CFIC) to which Frs Tomy, Baby and Joshi belong. **On the weekend of 9/10th Dec there will be a special collection to support the charitable activities of the CFIC.** Fr Tomy, Fr Baby and Fr Joshi will renew their religious vows on 10th Dec during 9am Mass at St Mary's. Morning tea will follow to celebrate the day.

### Christmas Mass times

St Mary's, Toukley

**Christmas Eve:** 6pm Vigil incl. Children's Nativity  
Carols 11.30pm & Midnight Mass

**Christmas Day:** 7.30am and 9am (no evening Mass)

St Brendan's, Lake Munmorah

**Christmas Eve:** 5pm Vigil Children's Mass

**Christmas Day:** 8am



### Sacrament of Reconciliation Program & First Holy Communion

Enrolment is open via trybooking. This is only applicable for Year 3 & above who have already received the Sacrament of Confirmation. See notice board, visit website or contact Parish office.



Pastoral Works Broken Bay November Appeal - Thank you to everyone who has donated so far to support our PWBB Appeal. This is the last weekend to return the envelopes. Thank you again.

St Mary's Holy Shop - From next week we will have an Eftpos machine in the Holy Shop, please support the Parish by looking at the beautiful items available. We have copies of the 2024 Daily Mass Book & God's word. Perfect for Christmas gifts & any special occasions. Please visit our shop before or after weekend Masses.

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**Nativity Mass** - For school aged children who are interested to join different roles in the Nativity story, choir, collectors & a lot more during Childrens' Christmas Mass on 24th Dec, please scan the QR code and register now. For more information phone Nicole on 8379 1730.



**Parish Volunteers BBQ** - We ask that all Parish Volunteers put Friday 8th Dec in your diary for our annual Thank you BBQ to be held at St Mary's, beginning with Mass at 5pm, followed by the BBQ. Please accept this as a personal invitation and call the Parish Office on 43964455 to RSVP.

**Parish Christmas Carols & Prayer Evening - Wed 20th Dec at St Mary's** - All are invited to come together at St Mary's on Tuesday 20th December at 6pm for Christmas Carols and prayer. Please spread the word and invite family & friends.



**Anonymous Donation** - last week the church received a very generous donation of \$1350 from a Parishioner towards the cost of providing the Bulletin. Thank you so very much for your kind generosity.

**A Vocation Mass will be lead by Fr Sam French on 17th Dec at 9am, St Mary's** - The Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Sam will be speaking about the vocation of Priesthood and life as a Priest during the Mass so if you or anyone you know would like to hear more about this very special calling in life, please join us.

**Isabel Fiedler is celebrating her 7th birthday on Sunday 3rd Dec** Please stay and celebrate with Isabel who wants to share her birthday with the Parishioners after 9am Mass at St Mary's. We are also having our Parish morning teas so it will be a big celebration. Happy Birthday Isabel!

**Join us for the One Light Blind Charity Raffle at St. Mary's** On Sunday, Dec 3rd at 10 am. Your contributions will bring the gift of music and mobility to blind children and those in need of wheelchairs. Your support is invaluable and makes a significant impact on the lives of these incredible children in the Philippines. Thank you for your generosity and kindness! Raffle tickets are \$2 each.

**Kids Sunday Bulletin & Worksheets** - available after the Mass at the foyer, for your kids to take home and learn the importance of the Sunday's Gospel.



**Thank you to St Mary's Year 5 and new Kinders** - Thank you to St Mary's Year 5 students and the 2024 Kinder students who lead our 9am Sunday Mass at St Mary's last weekend. Thank you to the school staff who prepared the children's involvement in the Masses.



### **December Prayer**

Dear Heart of Jesus,  
In the past I have asked for many favours! This time I ask you this very special one!  
Here pray for your intention!  
Take it dear Jesus & place it within your own broken heart where your Father sees it! Then in your merciful eyes, it will become your favour, not mine! Amen

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



### **Recently Deceased**

John Van der Kroft, Vida Nobles, Bernard Griffith, Renato Simeon Apologista, Richard Reid, Tom Harris, Noel Marks, Kevin Kelleher, Orfeo Di Rocco, James Cosgrove, Maureen Patrick, Germaine Smolen, Nelda D'Agostini Randon

### **Anniversaries**

Christopher Dormer, Edna Bath, Richard Hamer, Stephens Cappa, Margie Hamer, Jim Guest, Vicky Debono, Priscilla, David O'Connell, Edward Redman, Jose Castanares

### **Remembrances**

Denis Newey, Doreen Goonan, Bernard Fitzpatrick, Clara Fitzpatrick, Pat Fitzpatrick, Claire Fitzpatrick, Victor Egan, Mary Egan, Moore & Langley families, Valmai Joseph & Stark Family, Wendy Woodhouse, Carol Brown

**Please Pray for the Sick** - Patrick, Sr Tincy, Diane Booth, Mick G., Kylie Musgrave, Avis Sullivan, Brian Fletcher, Rhondda Rey, Christine Yousef, Olive Haslam, Florian Stoffel, John & Bev Jessop, Graham & Sandra Campbell, Marian Campbell, Mia, 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, Denis Tansey, Miklos Bethany

### **December Birthdays**

Isabel Fiedler (6th Dec)  
Melba Voigt (10th Dec)  
Christopher Crocker (12th Dec)  
Charlie Saliba (17th Dec)  
Paul Moir (20th Dec)  
Yvonne Griffin (23rd Dec)  
Kye Sutherland (26th Dec)



### **Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for December**



**For persons with disabilities**  
We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

# Mackay Family Funerals

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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** Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1,3-8

*Oh that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.*

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,  
Our Redeemer is your ancient name.  
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways  
and harden our hearts against fearing you?  
Return, for the sake of your servants,  
the tribes of your inheritance.  
Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come  
down  
- at your Presence the mountains would melt.  
No ear has heard,  
no eye has seen  
any god but you act like this  
for those who trust him.  
You guide those who act with integrity  
and keep your ways in mind.  
You were angry when we were sinners;  
we had long been rebels against you.  
We were all like men unclean,  
all that integrity of ours is like filthy clothing.  
We have all withered like leaves  
and our sins blew us away like the wind.  
No one invoked your name  
or roused himself to catch hold of you.  
For you hid your face from us  
and gave us up to the power of our sins.  
And yet, Lord, you are our Father;  
we the clay, you the potter,  
we are all the work of your hand.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

**R. Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,  
shine forth from your cherubim throne.  
O Lord, rouse up your might,  
O Lord, come to our help. **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.**

May your hand be on the man you have chosen,  
the man you have given your strength.  
And we shall never forsake you again:  
give us life that we may call upon your name. **R.**

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

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

*The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.*

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation** Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

**Gospel** Mark 13:33-37

*Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**Next Sunday Second Sunday of Advent**

First Reading-Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Second Reading - 2 Peter 3:8-14

Gospel - Mark 1:1-8

