

# 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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## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD YEAR B

12th May, 2024



During these weeks between Easter and Pentecost we have a chance to reflect more deeply on the difference Jesus' death, resurrection and ascension make on our lives. We read from the Book of Acts to see how the early church struggled and survived during its first critical days. This early Christian community was mission-minded, wanting to go out immediately to tell others the good news.

They had gone through some tough times. They watched their Lord and Master betrayed, arrested and executed. This brought them to the edge of despair. They had heard from others that He indeed had risen, but still they doubted and were afraid. Then, finally, they experienced His risen presence for themselves in utter joy. They felt that they were now ready to get on with the business of proclaiming the Good News. We too are to be witnesses to Jesus by the integrity of our lives and the commitment to his Gospel. And like the first disciples, we too need to wait for the gift of the Spirit who will always sustain us when the going gets rough.

The Ascension sounds like a conclusion and in some ways it is. It ends one way the disciples have come to know Jesus. But the Ascension is also a bridge to another, new and surprising way that the disciples will come to know Jesus. This new experience of his life with them will be known by the presence and activity of the Spirit in their lives. The Lord has promised to send his Spirit who will guide us into the Truth. Whatever conflicts we may encounter along the way, we can be sure that the Spirit is in each of us, leading us together into the truth. The Ascension story is a mission given to us. Pentecost is our rebirth in the Spirit.

*Fr. Baby*

## WEEKEND MASS TIMES

### St Mary's Church Toukley

Saturday: Vigil 6:00pm Fr Tomy  
Sunday: 7:30am Fr Baby  
9:00am Bishop Anthony  
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 Carmello

## WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

### St Mary's Church Toukley

Monday 9:00 am  
Tuesday 9:00 am  
Wednesday 9:00 am  
Thursday 9:00 am Communion Service  
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

**Children's Liturgy (currently paused)**



Welcome to our Parish. Today we celebrate the **Ascension of the Lord, Year B**. We welcome you to our Church & are pleased to see you here.

### Upcoming Parish events - Save the Date:

**Sun 12th May:** Fr Tomy installed as Parish Priest by Bishop Anthony Randazzo and morning tea & Mother's Day  
**Thurs 16th May:** St Brendan's School Feast Day Mass 9am  
**Thurs 16th May:** Lectio Divina Zoom  
**Sat 18th May:** St Brendan's Church Feast Day Mass 5pm  
**Sun 19th May:** Pentecost Sunday  
**Fri 24th May:** St Mary's School Feast Day Mass 9.15am  
**Mary Help of Christians**  
**Sat 29th June:** Family Mass St Brendan's 5pm



Parish Office will be open Mon/Wed/Fri ONLY from 13th May - 24th May from 9am - 2pm.

### On Thursday this week there will be Communion only service at St Mary's



### Pastoral Works Broken Bay (PWBB)

Our Diocesan-wide Pastoral Works Broken Bay appeal will be held in May on **25th & 26th**. This is the final Pastoral Works appeal for this financial year so we ask that you give generously to help our Parish achieve our quota of **\$28,273.00**. Any shortfall must be made up out of Parish funds. PWBB supports two key charitable ministries in our Diocese - The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine and our Hospital Chaplaincy Program. Thank you to those who have given already. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Envelopes available in both churches.



### Happy Mother's Day! Sunday 12th May

This Sunday is Mother's Day. Happy Mother's Day to all Mothers! We are so pleased to be able to celebrate this important day with the special women in our lives! May God Bless all Mothers and Grandmothers today and always.

**Sacrament of First Holy Communion** - Please pray for our 52 candidates who are preparing for their First Holy Communion whilst attending their 4 week sessions once a week. Every weekend they are invited to participate and join in various parts of the Mass.



### St Brendan's Feast Day Mass Celebration

An invitation for all Parishioners to attend the celebrations for St Brendan's Feast day with Mass on **Saturday 18th May at 5pm**.

**Diocesan Mass Count** - We have our annual Mass Count during the month of May. This will continue to the end of the month.

**Project Compassion** - Thank you for your generosity to the Project Compassion appeal. A total of **\$1303.55** was raised.

**Pentecost Sunday Prayers of the Faithful** - During other years it has been beautiful to hear our Parishioners read the Prayers of the faithful in different languages. If you speak a language other than English and would like to read a prayer of the Faithful in a different language on Pentecost Sunday contact the Parish Office or see one of the Priests.

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**Installation Mass of Fr. Tomy as our Parish Priest**

Today at 9am Mass St Mary's, Fr Tomy will be formally installed as our Parish Priest by Bishop Anthony Randazzo. All Parishioners are invited to attend to celebrate this special event with morning tea after Mass.

**Catholic Women's League** invite Parishioners to join with them for **The Biggest Morning Tea** to be held at midday on the 27<sup>th</sup> May in the Parish Centre. \$20 entry which includes a ticket for the Tombola. Once again we are to be entertained by the Budgewoi Ladies Choir. Come along and join the fun and help us raise funds for Cancer Research, a very worthy cause indeed.



**Farewell Lorrie O'Brien**

After over 20 years of working in the Parish office, it is time to farewell our beloved **Lorrie O'Brien**. Many of you have come to know Lorrie and she has always welcomed everyone with a loving heart and we are sad to see her go. Lorrie

and Wayne are moving up north to the Port Stephens area and she has decided to retire. We wish them many adventures in their new home and may God bless you and your family. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to the Parish Community over the years. **Please join us for morning tea to celebrate with Lorrie on Sun 2nd June after 9am Mass at St Mary's.**

**Job Opportunity St Mary's Parish Office** - We are seeking a new Administration Assistant, Permanent part/time Tues and Thurs 9am-2pm. If you would like more information please contact the Parish office and email your application to **tomy.kuruvelil@bbcatholic.org.au** by 19th May.

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

**Recently Deceased** - Michael Vella, Christine Nemis, Bishop Peter Ingham, Robert Tonnet, Barbara Pirlo, Terry McDonnell, Peter Dormer, John Jessop & Graham Campbell

**Anniversaries** – Ouseph Kuruvelil, Eveleen Ross, Danny Goonan, Luke Matthew Canillas, Katherine Cassar, Mary Cefai, Angelo Caruana, Myrtle & William Brennan, Simon Butcher, Victor & Nancy Magro, Donald & Amelia Marshall

**Remembrances** - Georgina Baker, Wade Ross, Mitchell, Dennis & families, John Van der Kroft, Emmanuel Camilleri, Salvina Caruana, Sylvia Hudson, Peter O'Malley, Sheila Connelly, Nelda D'Agostini Randon, Mary Anne McBride, Vicky Debono, Stephens Cappa, Ingrid & Magie Hamer, Valmai Joseph & Stark Family, Wendy Woodhouse & Carol Brown, Brown & Miller family

**Please Pray for the Sick** - Julie Kozak & family, Christine Pola & family, Marie Mackintosh, Shirley Dormer, Jenny Roy, Stephen Jeffrie, Jonah Langley, Paul Mizzi, Telma Harris, George, Jim Rush, Sylvia Hudson, Cusick Family, Maree Campbell, Katherine Hoppett, Ann, Krissy & Craig Taylor, Tim Keogh, Patrick Hobson, Judy Kay, Marion Campbell, Wayne Stafford, Mark Wilson, Michelle Maroon, Mick G, Kylie Musgrave, Avis Sullivan, Brian Fletcher, Rhonda Rey, Christine Yousef, Florian Stoffel, Bev Jessop, 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**

- Wayne Griffin (2nd May)
- Ray Crocker (6th May)
- Judy Kay (8th May)
- Imogen Smallwood (10th May)
- Aileen Reed (15th May)
- Fr Tomy (25th May)
- Mareah Wilson (25th May)
- Charlie Debono (26th May)
- Charlie Micallef (28th May)
- Peter Huby (31st May)



**Pope Francis' May Intention**  
**For the formation of religious and seminarians**

“We pray that religious women & men, & seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual & community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.”

**Mackay Family Funerals**

In Association with Mackay Family Crematorium  
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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 Acts 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.*

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord

## Thanks be to God

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 46:2-3, 6-9

### **R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

All peoples, clap your hands,  
cry to God with shouts of joy!

For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,  
great king over all the earth. **R.**

God goes up with shouts of joy;  
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

Sing praise for God, sing praise,  
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R.**

God is king of all the earth.

Sing praise with all your skill.

God is king over the nations;

God reigns on his holy throne. **R.**

## Second Reading Ephesians 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

*He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.*

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord

## Thanks be to God

**Gospel Acclamation** Matthew 28:19, 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

**Gospel** Mark 16:15-20

*The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.*

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven, and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world, proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

The Gospel of the Lord

## Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

**Next Sunday - Pentecost**

First Reading - Acts 2:1-11

Second Reading - Galatians 5:16-25

Gospel - John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

