

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Catholic Parish Toukley/Lake Munmorah

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To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community

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Third Sunday of Lent Year A

12th March 2023



Jesus and the woman at the well

Today's Gospel reading is from St. John. This passage narrates the meeting of Jesus with a Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. In a most dramatic move Jesus asks this woman for some water to drink. Samaritans and Jews had a rather hostile relationship at that time. Jesus a Jew asking for water from a Samaritan woman is unusual in that context. Yet the woman after some initial hesitation gives water to Him. Jesus' encounter with the woman gradually changes her attitude to life situations. She shares with Him her sad story - her confused and sinful life.

Gradually and gently, Jesus makes her realize what she had been running away from. Till now she was thirsting for transitory and worldly pleasures. Jesus tells her about another kind of water that becomes a fountain from within leading to eternal life.

Similarly, Jesus comes into our lives like a weary, thirsty traveller asking for some water. Jesus makes inroads into our lives as the one who is helpless and who stands in need of us. What He wants from us is more than water. He thirsts for our hearts. Like the Samaritan woman who brought many people to Jesus let us too go out to surroundings and bring many to the presence of the Lord.

"The account of Jesus with the Samaritan woman at the well proves unexpected daily occurrences bring about lasting changes in life when Christ is the centre of the experience" - St. Gregory Palamas.

" Samaritan woman exhibited the actions of an Apostle, preaching the Gospel to all and calling them to Jesus and drawing a whole city forth to Him." - St. John Chrysostom.

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
5:00pm Fr Baby

Children's Liturgy 1st & 3rd Sunday at 9:00am
Mass (except school holidays)

St Brendan's 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 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

8:25 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 **Third Sunday of Lent, Year A**. We are pleased to see you in our Church. We welcome our Reconciliation Sacramental Candidates & their families. We will celebrate your sacramental journey with a special blessing at Masses this weekend at both churches.

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. Please hand the card to the Priest, warden or Parish Office.

Planned Giving Envelopes will be available in April

In preparation of the Planned Giving Envelopes being available, if you could please write a **M** for St Mary's or a **B** for St Brendan's next to your name on the list near the church doors depending on where you attend Mass, we will leave your envelopes at that church for you to collect when they are ready.

Holy Week Availability - Availability forms are near the Church Entrance. Please complete and return by the **17th March**.

Easter Rosters for St Brendan's are now available from this weekend at the back of the Church.



St Brendan's Family Mass and Cricket with our Parish Priests!

We're excited to announce a special event! All members of our school community are invited to join us for a friendly game of cricket with our very own parish priests before our Family Mass. This is a great opportunity to get to know our parish priests outside of Mass and to bond with fellow members of our community. Dust off your cricket whites, grab your bat, and join us for an afternoon of fun and friendly competition. After the

cricket fun is finished, we will head to the Church for Family Mass. **Saturday the 25th March Cricket: 3:30pm Family Mass 5pm in the Church** RSVP via [link](#). Thanks, Alli Foskett

Project Compassion

Envelopes and boxes for Project Compassion are now available at the doors of our churches. Your donations will help Caritas Australia with their work in various places, such as Solomon Islands, India plus many others. Thank you for your support.

Ministries Survey

We are giving you the opportunity to enhance your parish life. On the weekend of the 11th & 12th March there is an opportunity to express your interest in the various ministries & Groups in our Parish. Forms will be handed out and collected during Mass.



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Upcoming events—Fridays in Lent:

Stations of the Cross—St Mary's 8:30am (before 9:15 Mass)

First Friday 10:30am before healing Mass



Welcome! Our doors are open and the light is on! Experience God's light and peace in your life this Lent. During Lent St Mary's Church, Toukley, will be open **every Friday 7.00pm to 7.30pm** for a quiet time of adoration, prayer, reflection and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity.

St Brendan's Morning Tea after 8am Mass Sunday 12th March

Fr Joshi Naduppura

Fr Joshi was born at Nedumudy-Kerala, India on 06/01/1984. His parents are Joseph Abraham & Thresiamma Joseph & he has 1 brother & 1 sister. He was ordained as a Priest for the CFIC in 2016. Fr Joshi has a B.Ph in Philosophy, a B.A in Music & a B. Th. Bachelor of Theology. Fr Joshi has served as Assistant Parish Priest in India (2017-2018), as a Seminary Rector (2018-2020) & Seminary Assistant Rector. He is interested in music and reading & he arrived in Australia on 23/02/23.



Letter of Appreciation & Thanks

Provincial Superior of CFIC sincerely acknowledge and thank all Parishioners and friends for your generosity towards CFIC's special appeal and children's mission in India. The CFIC community in India are extremely grateful to all of you and everyone is remembered in their prayers. The letter is available on the [notice board](#).

Upcoming events - Save the Dates:

- ◆ Sat 25th March 5pm - St Brendan's Family Mass & cricket
- ◆

The Sacramental Programme for Reconciliation is now underway. Please keep these families in your prayers. Dates are listed below:

- ◆ Tues 28th March 3pm -St Brendan's
- ◆ Wed 29th March 3.30pm - St Mary's
- ◆ Thurs 30th March 3.30pm - St Mary's

Social Group at St Brendan's

St Brendan's Social Group is on the 1st Wednesday of the month from 10am –12pm. Everybody is welcome for a cuppa and chat at Doyalson RSL (The Doylo)

Bishop Anthony's Lenten Penance 2023 message & Safeguarding Message

available on the noticeboards or call the Parish office for a copy.

House Blessings

Families who would like to have their homes blessed before Easter, please contact the Parish Office or Priests.

Catholic Women's League

CWL will hold their next monthly meeting on **Monday 27th March 2023**, to be held in the Parish Centre at 10am. Come and join us. New members are always welcome.

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



Recently Deceased

Mary Hansell, Lorraine Love, Peter Houison, Flo Westbury, Stephen Bradford, Edmund Raftery, Patrick McGloin, Lis Fischer, Josefina Sedicol, Eddie Proudfoot

Anniversaries

Barbara Brigoli, Gloria Morath, Wendy Woodhouse, Danny Kay, Niel Voigt, Gerundia Castanares, Edward Redman, Victor Moir, Lisa Grenot, Lorraine Anderson,

Remembrances

Frank Murray, Ceclia, Rita, Heather, Lisa, Sharna, Felisa Ballivar, Valmai Joseph & Stark Family, Stephens Cappa & Margie Hamer, Lucena Brigoli, Elentena B. Gimena, Natalia B. Becaldo, Lorenzo Mazzitello, Olga Creighton, Jean Jurd, George Vella, John Kennedy, Scott Kay, Ronald Pingo Roach, Donald Lewis, Carol Brown & Brown Family, Noel & Maura O'Reilly, Hickey Family, Carter Family, Geale Family, Thyra King, Pat & Bonnie Meier, Kenneth George Durley, Miller Family

Please Pray for the Sick

Miklos Beothy, Eric Peck, Margaret Murray & Daughter, Annie Murray, Salomie, Robbie Depares, Shirley Campbell, Daniel Schultz, Eva Cusick, Maureen Price, Liz Kelman, Rhondda Rey, Kerrie Lennard, Florian Stoffell, Carmel & Ken Hancock, Margaret Brett, Heatherbell Baker, Alicia Regglo, Marcos, Bill & families, Cecelia McClusky, Vaughn Haynes, Sabu Kuruvellil, Sr Tincy, Noel McCool

March Birthdays

Ivy Rosen (1st March)
Brianna Teresa Fry (6th March)
Tomasito (7th march)
Terry Reid (14th March)
Scarlett Hodder (15th March)
Elsa Rosen (17th March)
Jo Spek (19th March)
Sister Josie (19th March)
Rose Huby (24th March)



Wedding Anniversary

Christine & Dan Buckman (56 years)

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for

March We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.



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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

The Community Visitors' Scheme

First Reading

Exodus 17:3-7

Give us water to drink.

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2, 6-9

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work. **R.**

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *cf John 4:42, 15*

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel *John 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42*

The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' - Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: 'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.' 'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.' 'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come - in fact it is here already - when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah - that is, Christ - is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.' Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Next Sunday - Third Sunday of Lent, Year A
First Reading - 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13
Second Reading - Ephesians 5:8-14
Gospel - John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38