

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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Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

13th June 2021



Parables are stories; they are not theological arguments. Jesus is trying to describe for us a way of seeing our lives through another lens, through the lens of the parable. The parables reveal the way Jesus would have us look at things. They open us up to His perspective and we need to listen carefully.

In describing "how it is with the kingdom of God," Jesus taps into our imaginations to help us discover the surprising places and ways our God is acting. The kingdom that Jesus speaks of is not about a territory or a place. It's not about the afterlife in heaven. It's about God acting in the here and now and the parables are clues to how and where to look.

One thing is sure: Jesus wasn't trying to teach farmers how to plant their crop. What Jesus seems to be saying in this parable is that despite our efforts - or lack of them - and despite our failures and successes, there will be a harvest nonetheless - it doesn't all depend on us. We can trust that while we are simply "scattering seed" there is set in motion an unavoidable force that will come to fruition.

And this idea is reinforced by the second parable: Jesus shifts our attention away from thinking about quantity to considering the quality of the faith we already have. Faith is not something that we can have more or less of. Faith, it seems, doesn't have to increase - as much as exist. Having faith doesn't automatically give the believer the power to perform crowd-pleasing spectacles or life-saving miracles. But it does mean that we are in touch with God and experience God as the source of that energy which enables us to live good lives, marked by the ability to forgive - as we ourselves have been forgiven; to reach out to one another - as we ourselves have been found and embraced by God.

Jesus didn't choose a perfect band of apostles, but they trusted in his word and did their best. We, too, have been chosen - and neither are we perfect. It will take the rest of our lives and beyond to realize what a gift the Gospel has been to us.

Fr Baby

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church Toukley

Saturday: Vigil 6:00pm Fr Tomy

Sunday: 7:30am Fr Tomy

9:00am Fr Tomy

Children's Liturgy 1st & 3rd Sunday
(except school holidays)

6:00pm Fr Baby

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

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

St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

Saturday 4:30—5:00pm

MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

St Mary's Toukley

8:20 am Monday to Saturday

First Friday Night Vigil

Exposition after 7pm Mass until 1.30am

COVID-19 Restrictions – Places of Worship Diocese of Broken Bay **Latest Update: 17th May 2021**

Capacity: Capacity at a place of public worship continues to be subject to the one person per 2 square metre rule. Children count towards the capacity limit. Our capacity: St Mary's: 235, St Brendan's: 320

Please do not enter the Church if you feel unwell.

Masks: masks are optional in our Churches.

Record Keeping: Everyone entering the Church must sign in with their name and contact number, preferably using the QR code, or on the paper sheet provided. Please write clearly. The Parish office will hold the record for 28 days confidentially and securely.

Seating: please sit only where marked, to maintain physical distancing requirements. Members of the same household may sit together. Seating signs are staggered to allow for physical distancing, so please adhere to these signs.

Singing: Singing is permitted in Places of Worship.

Holy Communion: Parishioners are requested to receive Holy Communion in the hand and adhere to 1.5m physical distancing while processing to Communion. Those wishing to receive Holy Communion on the tongue are advised to wait at the end of the Communion line.

No Gathering: Parishioners are asked to move away promptly from the Church after Mass has finished.

No Sharing Food: Please remember that any meetings we hold must not involve sharing of food. If food is served, it must be individual serves on separate plates/containers, or participants must bring their own food.

Offertory Procession: due to easing of COVID restrictions, we are now able to resume the Offertory Procession.

More details about COVID restrictions are available on the noticeboard.

Children's Liturgy will be held on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month at 9.00am Mass at St Mary's.

For Masses without Children's Liturgy, our youngest parishioners are invited to take a worksheet/activity from the Church foyer.



Young Children's Group (5-12 year olds)

We are looking to start a Group for Primary school aged children, meeting once a month in the Parish Centre. We are calling on Parishioners, especially parents of young children to be involved. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to help.

Attention young singers & musicians!

Can you sing or play a musical instrument? Join our Youth Band and help us achieve our parish vision of being a vibrant eucharistic community! Held on the first Sunday of each month at 6pm Mass at St Mary's. See Sr Josie for more details.



Safeguarding Corner



Week 2 Safeguarding Message: When safeguarding is embedded in Parish leadership, governance and culture; members of the Parish recognise that it is a shared responsibility to safeguard children, young people and adults at risk.

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We wish to welcome all of our regular Parishioners as well as newcomers and visitors to the area, **you are all welcome here!**

Today we celebrate the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) and we **congratulate the girls and boys celebrating their First**

Communion this weekend. We pray that you will feel the presence of God in your hearts as you receive the Body of Christ.



First Holy Communion—this weekend

Our Sacramental Candidates will receive their First Holy Communion at the following Masses this weekend:

St Brendan's: Sat 12th June 5pm and Sun 13th June 8am.

St Mary's: Sat 12th June 6pm and Sun 13th June 9am.

We will be reserving pews/seats at the front of the churches for the candidates and their families. Please continue to pray for these children and their families. **Thank you to our Sacramental Leaders for preparing the children.**

Clergy Conference

A reminder that the Diocesan Clergy Conference will take place next week, from the afternoon of 14th to 17th June. There will be no Masses on Tues/Wed/Thurs at St Mary's and Wed/Thurs at St Brendan's, but there will be Communion Services.

Vinnies Winter Appeal—19th/20th June



The annual Vinnies Winter Appeal in our Parish is scheduled for next weekend. As always, support to the very best of your ability will be much appreciated. Appeal envelopes are available this weekend.

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Feast Day:

Sunday 27th June

We welcome all parishioners to join us at 9am Mass on Sun 27th June at St Mary's to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour. Please note, due to these celebrations, there will be no 7.30am Mass that day. Novena in preparation for the Feast Day will begin on Fri 18th June 8.45am and Sunday 10am. Morning prayers will be 8.30am.



Free Guitar Lessons



Are you interested in learning to play the guitar? A parishioner is offering free guitar group lessons, every Tuesday 3.30pm from 13th July in the St Mary's Parish Centre. Available to students from Yr 6—12. You will need to bring a guitar. If you are interested, please contact the Parish office to book your spot.

Parish Office closed—Mon 14th June

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday 14th June due to the Queen's Birthday Public Holiday.

Wedding Anniversaries

Congratulations & Blessings to **Gloria & Tony Morath** for their 73rd Wedding Anniversary on 10th June, and **Errol & Lucy Jurd** for their 39th Wedding Anniversary.

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



Recently Deceased

Margaret Von Sandent, Agata Jurinic, Wendy McLean, Shiela Babour, Richard Murphy, Sira Raveane, Alda De Agnoli

Anniversaries

Ron Turner, Irma Brown, Mary Lucas, Irma Lucas, Carol Brown, Elizabeth Maher, James Saunders, Trevor Haynes, Fr Ian Abbott, Scott Kay, John Haslam, Mary Kumar, Gloria Ayoub, Tony Ayoub, Margaret Huggins, Bob Huggins, Bryan Huggins, Bill Huggins

Remembrances

Vera Mackel, Stephen Cappa, Nina & Charlie Micallef, Alice Duggan, Moore & Langley families, Greg Irvine, Valmai Joseph Stark Family

Please Pray for the Sick

Brian Lane, Joe Micallef, Anne Lacrosse, Eleanor Matthews, Dave Rodney, Mary Smith, Therese Chetcuti, Graham Moir, Julie Kozak, Diane Booth, Sr Tincy Thomas

Notices in this section appear as follows:

Recently Deceased—3 weeks, Anniversaries—3 weeks, Remembrances—3 weeks, Sick—6 weeks.

Funerals & Baptisms—1 week. Please contact the Parish Office to place/renew your notice.



June Birthdays

Harvey Fisk (3rd June)
Anne-Marie Moon (12th June)

Call the office to have your birthday included!



Bulletin notices—Wednesday deadline

Please ensure that any requests for Bulletin notices are supplied to the Parish Office by mid-day Wednesday. This is to allow time for the Bulletin to be prepared and printed. Thank you.

Mackay Family Funerals

In Association with Mackay Family Crematorium
A.B.N. 79 085 423 589

Head Office: 249 Pacific Highway West, Ourimbah 2258

PO Box 89 Ourimbah NSW 2258.

Phone: (02) 4362 2733 Fax: (02) 4362 2899



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

Ezekiel 17:22-24

I have made the small tree great.

The Lord says this:

'From the top of the cedar,
from the highest branch I will take a shoot
and plant it myself on a very high mountain.
I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel.
It will sprout branches and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.
Every kind of bird will live beneath it,
every winged creature rest in the shade of its
branches.
And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord,
am the one
who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones
grow,
who withers green trees and makes the withered
green.
I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 91:2-3, 13-16

R. Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night. **R.**

The just will flourish like the palm-tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R.**

Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R.**

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

*Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it,
we are intent on pleasing the Lord.*

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight - we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law

court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 4:26-34

*The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds,
grows into the biggest shrub of all.*

Jesus said to the crowd, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'
Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Next Sunday - Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading - Job 38:1, 8-11

Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

Gospel - Mark 4:35-41

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for June

The Beauty of Marriage: Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.



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