

A reading from the book of Genesis Gen. 18:20-32

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them; will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No,' he replied, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will be only forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.' The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 137:1-3, 6-8

R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth.

Before the angels I will bless you.

I will adore before your holy temple. **R.**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you.

On the day I called, you answered;

you increased the strength of my soul. **R.**

Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of affliction

you give me life and frustrate my foes. **R.**

You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me.

Your love, O Lord, is eternal,

discard not the work of your hands. **R.**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Col. 2:12-14

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

The word of the Lord.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Lk 11:1-13

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said,

'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.'

He said to them, 'Say this when you pray: "Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."'

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say,

"My friend, lend me three loaves because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and

I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it to him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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Seventeenth Sunday Ordinary Time Yr C
28th July 2019

Pope Francis' Message of Hope



Hope, which is more than mere optimism, gives one a deep-rooted confidence in the love and care of God, no matter what has happened, Pope Francis said last Sunday.

Hope "does not expire, because it is based on the fidelity of God. The hope of the Spirit is not even optimism. Born deeper, it rekindles at the bottom of the heart the certainty of being precious because loved," the Pope said June 16.

"It is a hope that leaves peace and joy inside, regardless of what happens outside. It is a hope that has strong roots, which no storm of life can uproot," he added.

The truth, Pope Francis said, is that "God remembers us as we are, with our frailties." "No one is contemptible in his eyes, each has an infinite value for him: we are small under heaven and powerless when the earth trembles, but for God we are more precious than anything."

"I pray to the God of hope, so that what is unstable on earth does not shake the certainty we have inside."

God remembers everyone and he can heal the memories of that difficult time, he said. "God helps us to be builders of good, consolers of hearts. Everyone can do a little good, without waiting for others to start."

Fr Tomy

PARISH LITURGIES

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church Toukley

Saturday: Vigil 6:00pm
Sunday: 7:30am
9:00am

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

6:00pm

St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

Saturday: Vigil 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church Toukley

Monday 7:45am St Martha
Tuesday 7:45am
Wednesday 7:45am St Ignatius of Loyola
Thursday 7:45am St Alphonsus Liguori
(Ordinarite 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 7:45am St Dominic

St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

Wednesday 9:00am St Ignatius of Loyola

First Wednesday of Month Anointing of Sick

9:00am

Thursday 9:00am St Alphonsus Liguori

EXPOSITION BLESSED SACRAMENT

St Mary's Church Toukley

Each Saturday – After Morning Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Mary's Toukley

Saturday 8:15am—9:00am

St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

Sunday Before 8:00am Mass

MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

St Mary's Toukley

7:25am Monday to Thursday & Saturday
8:45am Friday



We welcome all of our parishioners and visitors who have joined us for the celebration of Holy Eucharist this weekend. You are all most welcome here in our Parish Family. Please feel free to make yourself known to us and we look forward to speaking with you.

We also welcome back the Tongan Community Choir to our Sunday evening Mass.

They will be singing this Sunday and then every fourth Sunday of the month.



Prayer for a New Bishop

Heavenly Father and Eternal Shepherd, you watch over and govern your flock with vigilance and concern. In your immense love, grant to your Church a pastor who will please you by his holiness and aid us with his unfailing care. In your time, grant us the joy of welcoming a shepherd formed after your own heart.

May he be an example of virtue to your people and, imbued with the power of the Holy Spirit, fill their minds with the truth and beauty of the Gospel. Grant wisdom, O Lord, to those now

discerning your holy will in the selection of our new Bishop. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord and through the intercession of our Mother, Mary Star of the Sea. Amen

Social Justice

Our society must change to keep our children, elderly and women safe.

Raise your awareness and skills to support your family and friends. You can play a part in ending Domestic Violence. This issue will not stop unless we can recognise what Domestic Violence is. To enable us to know how to identify issues, support others without causing damage, and raise awareness we need guidance. Please think seriously about this. We need to change our society for the better. **Men and women, young and old. 18th September, The Entrance 'Our Lady of the Rosary' Church Centre. 10:00a.m. Till 12:30.** Keep this morning free! Invite your friends. Write it in your diary. Warnervale Social Justice Group.

Parish Centre Bookings

In order to comply with new security procedures it is now necessary for everyone, including the various parish groups and committees, who wish to make use of the Parish Centre, at any-time, to make a booking with the Parish Office.

Thank you for your cooperation in this important matter.



Catholic Social Justice

Upcoming Parish Events

Morning Tea – First Sunday of Month

Next Sunday 4th August - St Brendan's Lake Munmorah – after 8am Mass - Hosted by the Lavin Group

St Mary's Toukley - after 9am Mass –Hosted by St Mary's Choir. Please stay and enjoy our hospitality and friendship. Everyone is most welcome.!

Sacrament of Confirmation

Enrolment and Parent Information

Parents wishing to enrol their children to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, on 21st September this year, are required to attend an enrolment and parent information session either at St Brendan's Lake Munmorah, on Wednesday 31 July 2019, at 3:30pm or, at St Mary's Toukley on Thursday 1st August at either 3:30pm, or 7:00pm. Please contact the parish office for more details.

CWF Charitable Works Fund

The first CWF collection for the 2019/2020 Financial Year will be held on the weekend of 10/11 August.

The CWF supports the charitable activities of the Diocese, including the Catechists who provide religious education to Catholic children in State Schools.

We are very grateful for your previous support to this appeal and ask that you again support it, to the best of your ability, with your generous donations.

Feast of the Assumption—Santa Maria Festival Warnervale

The Santa Maria Festival will be held at St Mary Mackillop, Warnervale, on Sunday 11 August, commencing with Mass at 3pm.

Hospital Admissions

A number of parishioners have recently said they had not seen a Catholic Chaplin, or received Holy Communion, while in hospital. Please let the hospital staff know that you are a Catholic and would like to see the Catholic Chaplin and receive Holy Communion. Also, please arrange for the parish office to be informed.

Parish Rosters—St Mary's Church

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion,

Please collect your rosters, for the next eight weeks, from the bench at the front of Warden's Room.

Sanctuary Cleaning

Sanctuary cleaning rosters are now available.

Thank you for your ministries



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

Recently Deceased

Donell Stonestreet, Doug Fitte, Angela Pearce, Fred Wilesmith

Anniversaries

Ignatius Lavin, Lidia Cure, James William Baker, Frederick Heming, Barry Wiseman, Colin Kelman, Elizabeth Meeker, Eileen Sykes, Carol Brown, William Henry Baker, Robert Foley, Michael Moses, Charlie Cini, Keith Madden, Leonard Smith,

Remembrances

James William Baker, Barbara Hudson, Fr Ian Abbott, Fr Jack Soulsby, Anselmo, Paulita, Enrico, Arturo & Pio Edwin, Pantaleon & Temotea Ambait, Elma Capacite, Romua Angela Pearcelda & Hermigildo Giba, John Sullivan, Pat Rule, Valmai Joseph, Stark Family, Moore and Langley families, and the Holy Souls

Please Pray for the Sick

Teresa Wegrzyn, Alison Mortiss, Maureen Baxter, Shanon Bradler, John Daniel, Luc Bouquet, Margaret Downing, Wayne O'Neil, Daisy Realo, Donatus Morrison, John and Helen Loader, Carmel Cianter, Maria Loisa Etello, Kevin and Therese Harvey, Margo Walton, Len O'Shea, Rayne Mateo, Brenda Durley, Jeff Henshaw, Lea Slucher, Ray Slucher, Michael Wiggin, Vanessa Miller, Alexis Hagen, Francis Lim, Koby Bourke, Tony Hodges, Eleanor Matthews, Wendy Lott, Fred Butterfield, Lina Phillips, Betty Carroll, Leanne Knight, Mary Mahony, Rayne Mateo, Arnold Fletcher, Stephen Knight, Adrienne Gibson, Arne Jensen, Heather Niblett, Kathleen Strong, Evan Shepherd, Rosa M Santos, Betty Tattersal.

Ministry to the Sick

Thanks to those ministers who have provided the parish office with the names and details of those to whom they are taking Holy Communion. If anyone has not provided their details would you please contact the parish office, as a matter of urgency.

We are inviting businesses to advertise, in our parish bulletin, at a nominal cost, to assist in the cost of printing.

If you know of a business who might like to advertise in our Bulletin, please don't hesitate to contact the parish office.



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