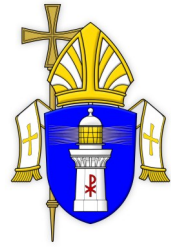




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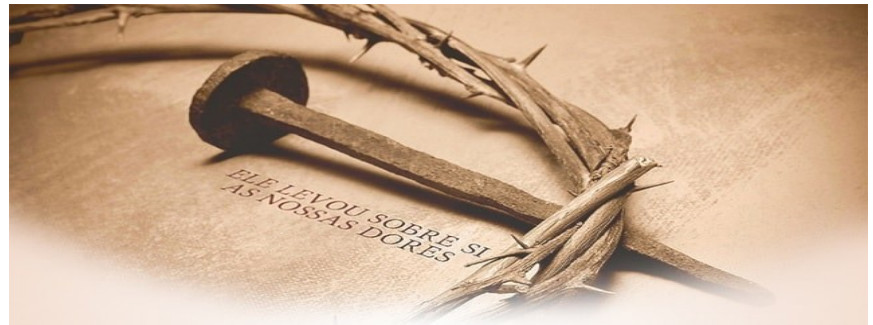
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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
19th February 2023



**But I say to you, Love your enemies,
bless them that curse you,
do good to them that hate you,
and pray for them which spitefully use you,
and persecute you;**
Matthew 5:44

LOVE FOR ENEMIES

The quality or value of a sermon is not only measured by the effect it has on the lives of those who hear it, but also in the example of the life of the one delivering it. Love for enemies is the heart of the Gospel, the Good News of Jesus. This is the summary of all that Jesus imagined for us. The Book of Leviticus puts it simply: "Be holy, for I the Lord am holy. You shall love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord." Jesus dramatizes that challenge even more forcefully: "Love your enemy, do good to those who hurt you." He asks us to be totally immersed in the love of God as to love ourselves and others just as God loves us.

The ministry of Jesus flowed from his belief that living in love was living in God. He spent his life trying to share this belief with others and to allow that belief to transform their lives. Those who sat listening to his teaching heard his words. But more importantly, they saw him live those words to the fullest. Every Christian community since then has sought to act as He acted, wanting to make the same Spirit that moved Jesus visible in society. Seeing, hearing, touching the hearts of others and speaking as he did are characteristics of all disciples.

We can be satisfied with nothing less than the holiness of God. The Lord expects us to offer to one another the same kind of unconditional love that we continuously receive from God. He wants us to see both the image of God and our own image in every other person. We believe that everything and everyone is charged with God's presence. We are called to witness to this by our words and our actions. And this belief is at the heart of our faith, just as it was at the heart of Jesus' preaching, teaching and the way he lived his life.

Fr. Baby

PARISH LITURGIES

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church Toukley

Saturday: Vigil 6:00pm Fr. Baby

Sunday: 7:30am Fr. Baby

9:00am Fr. Baby

6:00pm Fr. Tomy

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

St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

Saturday: Vigil 5:00pm Fr. Tomy

Sunday: 8:00am Fr. Tomy

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church Toukley

Monday 9:00am

Tuesday 9:00am

Wednesday 9:00am

Thursday 9:00am (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 9:00am

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 9:30 -10:00am

St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

Saturday 4:30—5:00pm

MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

St Mary's Toukley

8:25am Monday to Thursday & Saturday

8:45am Friday



We welcome all of our parishioners, especially any new parishioners to the area and those of you who have been away on holidays. We also welcome any visitors who have joined us 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. Today we celebrate the **Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A.**

Catechists

Our parish is in need of Special Religious Educators (Catechists) for the start of the new school year, to "Pass on the Faith" to the many Catholic children in our State schools. If you are able to give of your time, please contact Sr Josie, Catechist Co-ordinator on 0402480933. We have the commissioning & blessing of all the Catechists during weekend Masses.



Light is on during Lent

Dear Friends, "Light is On" - a time to spend in adoration and reconciliation will be on every Friday during Lent at St Mary's from 7-7:30pm.

Lenten Message

Lenten penance message from Bishop Anthony is available on the notice board.

World Day of Prayer will be held on the 1st Friday in March, 3rd March, and will be hosted this year by the Salvation Army, 88 Minnamurra Road, Gorokan. This is an ecumenical gathering which is shared by all the denominations within the area .

Lent 2023 with the Catholic Guy Bruce Downes -

Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed! For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up here: <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent23>
Go to BruceDownes.org for more info

The Art of Mystery & Mission Liturgical Celebration 28—30th September 2023 Brisbane. We invite you to explore the full program of keynotes and workshops on the Conference Website at <https://mysteryandmission.com.au>

Mini Vinnies News This link to the Metropolitan Vinnies Schools and Youth Newsletter Term 1 2023:

<https://bit.ly/Term-1-Vinnies-Metro-Schools-News> The 2023 edition of the Mini Vinnies Formation Program is for students in Years 4 – 6 who wish to undertake Social Justice Formation in their own time, the program will nurture students to be a light in the world, inspired by the spirit of Blessed Frederic Ozanam and the Gospel values. More information please go to <https://bit.ly/VinniesMVFP>

Job Opportunity at St Brigid's Catholic College, Lake Munmorah
SBCC are looking for a new Parent Engagement Coordinator. Part-time Position, this would be great for one of the parents in our Parish Community! For more information go to this link to view all the details for this



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We welcome Fr Joshy Naduppura CFIC to our Parish Community! He will stay with us for some time and let us make him feel welcome.



St Mary's will have a morning tea on 5th March at 9:00am. Morning tea for St Brendan's will be NOT be on the 5th March. A morning tea to meet our new Priest Father Joshy, will be on the 12th March after the 8:00am Mass.

Reconciliation Programme

Just a reminder that Trybookings have now closed for the Sacramental Programme for Reconciliation. If you would like your child to still be enrolled please contact the Parish office as soon as possible.

Celebration of Sacrament

St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

Tuesday 28th March, 2023 at 3.00pm

St Mary's Toukley

Wednesday 29th & Thursday 30th March, 2023 at 3.30pm

Parents and children need to attend all preparations sessions, with the week commencing on **Monday 20th February, 2023, and complete the workbook following each session, in order for your child to be adequately prepared to receive this**

Sacrament. You are actively encouraged to attend Mass during the preparation programme.

Please keep these dates in your diaries.



ASH WEDNESDAY

Dear friends, we begin the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday on **22nd February, 2023. Mass times at St Mary's 9:00am & 6:00 pm.**

St Mary's School Mass 11.30am.

St Brendan's Mass 9:00am including school Mass. Please bring blessed palms of last year to prepare Ash for the day.

YOUTH/WELCOMING MASS!! SUNDAY 5TH MARCH, 5PM

We will have the first youth welcoming Mass of the year on 5th March, 2023 at 5pm. St Brigid's College will lead the Mass. There will be a BBQ afterwards. Please take note of the change of time.

Catholic Women's League will resume their meetings for 2023 on the fourth Monday of the month beginning **Monday 27th February** in the Parish Centre. New members are warmly welcome to join us. Members please remember subs are due at this time. Meeting will commence with Morning Tea at 10am.

Real men don't do church? Wrong, but living out your faith can be pretty tough, and most of us need help. If you are a bloke over 18, consider this: On the 25/26 March, experienced leaders from the MenALIVE TEAM will be running a menALIVE weekend in Toronto Parish for Catholic men. Come along and be inspired, encouraged, and rediscover God's purpose for your life. Details and registration forms available in the church foyer. Cost \$50 per person, lunch and dinner on Saturday provided. PH: Phil McWilliam 0408 88 0408), Col Gwynne (0409 047 644), or Toronto Parish Office (4959 2777).

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

Recently Deceased

William (Bill) Martin, Allan Valiente, Alex Chauz Balancio, Freddie Cheong & Shirley McNe.

Anniversaries

Vicente, Gliceria, Lorenzo, Arsenio, Rafael, Alice Suico, Wendy Woodhouse, Anthony Cefai,

Remembrances

Kenneth George Durley, Valmai Joseph & Stark Family, Brown and Miller Family, Carol Brown, Anselmo, Paulita, Enrico Arturo, Zenada, Edwin Carmelita, Elma, Juan Anselmo, Hermigildo, Romualda Pantaleon Temotea

Please Pray for the Sick

Kerrie Lennard, Florian Stoffell, Carmel & Ken Hancock, Margaret Brett, Robbie Depares, Heather-Bell Baker, Alicia Regglo, Marcos, Bill & families, Cecelia McClusky, Vaughn Haynes, Sandra Curry, Mary Cefai, Donald Lewis, Kim Thomas, Mrs J Bowering, Margaret Brett, Allen Venneri, Gary Poppett, Jenna Stoffel, Jeff Moir, Joshua Booth, Miklos Beothy, Ken Scales, Pat Corby, Kevin Turner, Maureen Dries, Pat Glennen, Mary Smith, Sabu Kuruvellil, Yvonne Sutton, Liz Kelman, Lailanee Bugaoisan, Teresa Jan, Michael Durken, Olive Haslam, Colin Fowler, Joy Rearden, Sr Tincy, Joyce Burns, Diane Booth, Rhondda Rey, Ann Buckman, David Vella, Ann Rigney, Margaret Jones, Margaret Moran, Faye Roberts, Noel McCool, Beth Andrews

February Birthdays

Alison Newell (15th Feb)
Christine Mickelsen (17th Feb)
Margaret Cashin (20th Feb)
Bob Steele (21st Feb)
Elaine Scrivener (22nd Feb)
Pat Glennen (23rd Feb)
Anthony Newell (26th Feb)



Safeguarding

The Diocese of Broken Bay and, we the people of the Catholic Parish of Toukley/Lake Munmorah seek to ensure children and vulnerable people are provided with the fundamental right to be kept safe and respected. This right is held sacred in our Gospel, international and local laws and within our Church policy and practice. As Safeguarding is the responsibility of all of us, we are all invited to embrace and contribute to culture of safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. If you have something you would like to discuss about safe guarding please contact **Lorraine Dunn on 43593503**

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First Reading

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

A reading from the book of Leviticus

You must love your neighbour, as yourself.

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy."

"You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. *R.*

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. *R.*

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. *R.*

As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. *R.*

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

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

All things are yours, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Make no mistake about it; if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's

thoughts: he knows how useless they are; or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation 1 John 2:5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Whoever keeps the word of Christ,
grows perfect in the love of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Matthew 5:38-48

Love your enemies.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Next Weeks Readings: First Sunday of Lent

First Reading Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

Second Reading Romans 5:12 - 19

Gospel Matthew 4:1-11

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