

A reading from the book of Wisdom Wis. 18:6-9

That night had been foretold to our ancestors so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage.

This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you.

The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:1, 12, 18-20, 22

R. Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.

They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death,

to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.

The Lord is our help and our shield.

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **R.**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Lk 12:32-40

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.'

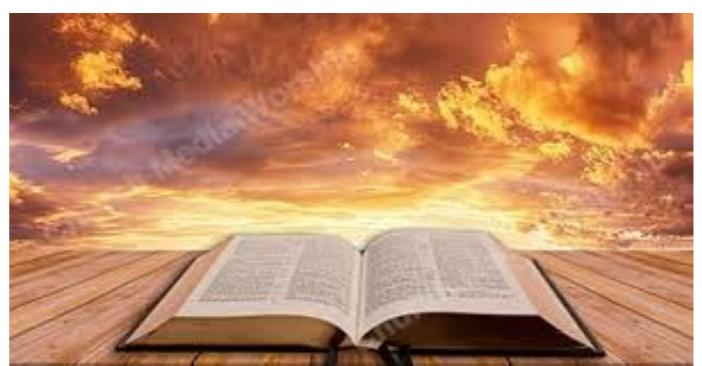
'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.'

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them.'

It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Next Weeks Readings:

First Reading Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10

Second Reading Letter to Hebrews 12:1-4

Gospel Luke 12:49-53

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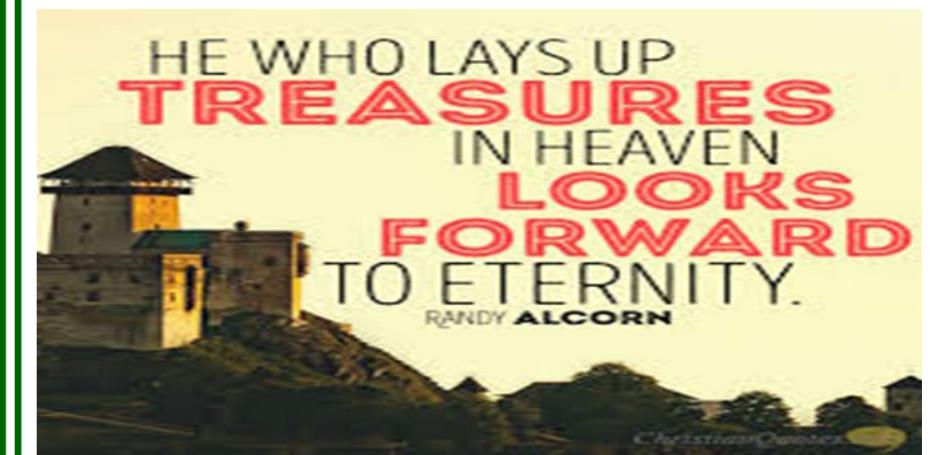
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Nineteenth Sunday Ordinary Time Yr C

11th August 2019



There is a well-known song with the line "love, love changes everything." In the same way, based on today's readings, we might say "faith, faith changes everything."

Faith changes how we live and how we die. Faith gives us reason to hope for heaven, for eternal union with God. Faith leads us to care for body and soul. Faith leads us to listen and be attentive to the voice of God. Today's readings invite us to reflect what faith does in our lives. Abraham is presented as the great Old Testament model of faith. At the Word of God, he leaves his home and people, and sets out for a land God promised to show him, where he would become the father of a great nation. It was a journey into the unknown. The only compass he had was faith in God.

Luke tells us "where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." We can ask ourselves: where is my heart, what is my treasure?" Answering that will give us immense knowledge about ourselves and we will also see the direction of our lives.

We can find ourselves like the servant who decides that God is not going to come any time soon and so begins to live a life not in accordance with the word of God. Or we can be prudent servants who know that God can come at any moment and who then strive to be faithful.

The readings invite us to commit ourselves again to the Lord and to His word. We may not be perfect yet, but we know the road and can keep walking, no matter how often we fail. Just as our ancestors knew that God loved them, so we also know that God loves us. Walking in faith, we allow this love to shape our lives.

Fr Baby

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

Tuesday 7:45am

Wednesday 7:45am St Maximilian Kolbe

Thursday 7:45am The Assumption
(Ordinariate of Our Lady of the Southern Cross)

6:00pm

The Assumption

Friday 9:15am
(Except 1st Friday of Month)

First Friday of Month Anointing of Sick

11:00am

Saturday 7:45am

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 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.

National Vocations Awareness Week

Last Sunday was the feast of St John Vianney, the patron of parish clergy. Please pray for our priests and deacon in thanksgiving for their ministry and presence in our community. We also thank God for the faithfulness and generosity of the Augustinian Sisters of Our Lady of Consolation, who have left their home in the Philippines,

to take up their mission in ministering in our parish and to students and teachers at St Brigid's College Lake Munmorah, and St Mary of the Cross MacKillop College at Warnervale.

Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. It is from strong families and communities that vocations are first nurtured.



In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life.

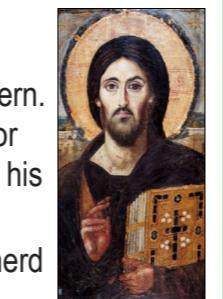
Prayer for a New Bishop

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 is in the name of Jesus our Lord and through the intercession of our Mother, Mary Star of the Sea. Amen



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Upcoming Parish Events

Charitable Works Fund

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



The CWF supports the charitable activities of the Diocese, including Catholic Chaplaincy in public hospitals across the Diocese, St Edmund's and St Lucy's Schools for children with special needs, 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 – Holy Day of Obligation

To help our parishioners fulfil their obligation to attend Mass, on the Feast of the Assumption, an additional Mass will be celebrated at 6:00pm, on Thursday 15th August, at St Mary's Toukley.

Catholic Women's League Scholarship Morning Tea

Parish Hall—Thursday 22 August 10:00am Cost \$20.00.

The CWL provides a scholarship for 1 deserving student from MacKillop Warnervale, St Peter's Tuggerah and St Joseph's and St Edward's East Gosford, to assist them to complete years 11 and 12. Come and meet the students and hear their aspirations. Will include a Raffle, Tombola and Trading Table.

Please RSVP Carolyn 0421 838 014 by 19th Aug

Next CWL Meeting

Monday 26th August 10am Parish Centre

Golden Jubilee—St Mary's Church Toukley 1969 – 2019

Celebrating 50 Wonderful Years of Worship

St Mary's Church was Blessed and Dedicated on the 7th December 1969 by his Eminence Sir Norman Thomas, Cardinal Gilroy KBE .

This wonderful milestone, will be celebrated on Saturday 30th November 2019, with Mass at 11:00am, followed by lunch in the Fr Fitzgerald Parish Hall.

This date has been chosen for our celebrations owing to the unavailability of Very Reverend Dr. David Ranson, our Diocesan Administrator, who will be attending the Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Perth on the 7th December.

We would love to hear your stories of the past and include them in our parish bulletin over the coming months.

We also wish to develop an archives display and would be most grateful if any parishioners have any documents or photos, over the last 50 years, that we may be able to take copies to use in our display. Sydney Archdiocese Archive Office has also been contacted for material for our archives display.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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

Recently Deceased

Simon Kelleher, Spiro Vyden, Patricia Marchant, Caroline Margot, Carmel Cianter, Donell Stonestreet, Fred Wilesmith

Anniversaries

Margaret Simmons, Doris Glennen, Paul Kain, James Rush, Philip Kinchington, Elizabeth Coles, Charlie McCluskey, Ignatius Lavin, Lidia Cure, Frederick Heming, Barry, Wiseman, Colin Kelman, Elizabeth Meeker, Eileen Sykes, William Henry Baker

Remembrances

Andy Lawler, Chet Baker, Carol Brown, Bob Huggins, Jack Huggins, James William Baker, Barbara Hudson, Bob Higgins, Fr Ian Abbott, Fr Jack Soulsby, Anselmo, Paulita, Enrico, Arturo & Pio Edwin, Pantaleon & Temotea Ambait, Elma Capacite, John Sullivan, Pat Rule, Valmai Joseph, Stark Family, Moore and Langley Families, and the Holy Souls

Please Pray for the Sick

Brian Torrington, Teresa Wegrzyn, Alison Mortiss, Maurean Baxter, Shanon Bradler, John Daniel, Luc Bouquet, Margaret Downing, Wayne O'Neil, Daisy Realo, Donatus Morrison, John and Helen Loader, 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.

Social Justice

Equip ourselves to support friends and family. Women seeking support for partner violence are most likely to ask friends or family for help. We can respond to domestic violence by equipping ourselves to act appropriately to individual disclosures. Our support can make a difference. Learn what to do and say. September 18th. Warnervale Social Justice Committee.



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