

First Reading

A reading from the book of Wisdom Wis 9:13-19

What man can know the intentions of God?

Who can divine the will of the Lord?

The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.

It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn men back in to dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'

To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. **R.**

You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning.

In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. **R.**

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart.

Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?

Show pity to your servants. **R.**

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days.

Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:

give success to the work of our hands. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon

Phil 1: 9-10, 12-17

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him - I could say - a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother;

especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Ps 118:135

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke Lk 14:25-33

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes, and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'
The Gospel of the Lord.



Next Weeks Readings:

First Reading Ex 32:7-11,13-14

Second Reading Tim 1:12-17

Gospel Luke 15:1-32

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Twenty Third Sunday Ordinary Time Yr C 8th September 2019



Death through Eve, Life through Mary- St. Jerome

On 8th September we celebrate the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary. She is the most holy person, in history apart from Jesus, to walk upon this earth. What evil Eve did, Mother Mary undid; Eve brought sin and death into the world, but Mary brought Holiness and life into this world.

Pious parents beget holy children. The Blessed Virgin Mary is the fruit of fervent prayers and holiness of her parents - St. Joachim and St. Anna. They were upright people, fearing God and following all His commandments and ordinances. They were afflicted, yet they remained faithful to God; they were despised by others, yet they loved their neighbours and helped them in their need.

They placed their trust in God, even when they were living in great disgrace and affliction. When God gave the Blessed Virgin Mary as a gracious gift to St. Joachim and St. Anna, they offered her back to God as a glorious gift. The birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary was a blessing not only to her parents, for she took away their disgrace of being childless, but, also, to the whole world, for through her the Redeemer of the world was born into the world.

St. Jerome, the great Scripture scholar, had noted that the word Mary, or Miriam, is derived from the Hebrew word 'Yam' which means 'sea'. Mother Mary is a precious 'drop' from the Sea which is God. She partakes of the graciousness, gentleness and loveliness, although in a minuscule way, of the nature of God. She is a spark of God.

It is good to know that the Church solemnizes only three birthdays, namely, those of Christ, of holy Mary and of John the Baptist. These three birthdays mark three spiritual births, for we are reborn in water with John, in penance with Mary and in glory with Christ.

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

Thursday 7:45am

(Ordinarite of Our Lady of the Southern Cross)

Friday 9:15am St John Chrysostom

(Except 1st Friday of Month)

First Friday of Month Anointing of Sick

11:00am

Saturday 7:45am Exultation of Holy Cross

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.

Congratulations Fr Baby Thomas

Our Parish community congratulates Fr Baby on his 15th Anniversary of Ordination to Priesthood last Wednesday. May God's blessings always be with him in his ministry.

Safeguarding Month

September is Safeguarding Month and is Celebrating the theme;

'A safe community is one in which all experience a sense of belonging'

The messages being promoted during this month include:

* An inclusive community creates awareness, breaks down barriers and fosters friendship;

* Inclusion is a planned and intentional activity;

* Inclusion of people with disability is about evangelisation and mission;

* An inclusive community becomes a safeguard around those with disability;

* Inclusion is safety.

We are all encouraged this year to use September to have conversations about the inclusivity of our parish.

Catholic Life and Faith Formation

"Making Disciples in the Catholic Parish: Discerning Our Mission"

International speaker Sherry Weddell is the author of 'Forming Intentional Disciples'. All parishioners are most welcome to be part of this important conversation about parish renewal.

Saturday 14 September 2019 - 9:30am - 4:00pm

Caroline Chisholm Centre, Bldg. 2, 423 Pennant Hills Road, Pennant Hills. Lunch and morning/afternoon teas are provided
RSVP and enquiries: Pina Bernard faith.formation@bbcatholic.org.au

Change to Reconciliation Times at St Brendan's

As of next weekend, Reconciliation will be from 4.30 until 5pm each Saturday.

Farewell & God Bless

This weekend we farewell Ben and Barbara Brewer. We thank them very much for their friendship and ministry over the many year in our parish. We wish them all God's blessings.

Thank You

Barbara and Ben Brewer wish to thank members of Toukley/Lake Munmorah Parish for their fellowship over the last 16 years.

We will miss you.

St Brendan's Rosters

Rosters are being prepared for October to December if you are willing to assist with the Liturgy please add your details to the sheets. at the rear of the Church. Training will be provided for all ministries.

Upcoming Parish Events

Mary's Rosary Chain

October is the month of the Holy Rosary and, at St Brendan's next weekend, 14th & 15th September, Mary's Rosary Chain will be giving out free rosary cards and beads after the 5pm & 8am Masses, to encourage devotion to Our Blessed Mother. They will also do the same thing after all Masses at St Mary's, the following weekend 21st & 22nd September.



Sacrament of Confirmation

As the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated, on 21st September. There will be **NO EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** on this day. Please continue to keep these families in your prayers.



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.

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 you may be able to copy for us to use in our display. The Sydney Archdiocese Archive Office has also been contacted for material for our archives display. We look forward to hearing from you. Please contact Deacon Paul

Catholic Women's League

We invite parishioners to join with us on a **Bus Trip on 26th September leaving St Mary's at 8am.** Cost of the outing is **\$30.00.** Our bus will take us to Fisherman's Wharf at Woy Woy where we will join a Ferry Trip around the beautiful Brisbane Waters before arriving at the Davistown RSL for lunch. We will be met by the bus at the wharf, and taken to the RSL, and after lunch our bus will return us to the Ferry for the return trip to Woy Woy and our bus home. If you wish to join us, please contact **Carolyn Metcalfe** on **0421 838 014** by no later than **Fri 20th September** as we need to know exact numbers. Looking forward to having you join us for what should be a great day.

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

Norma Stanwell, Sandra Crisafi, Josephine Tabone, Renae Ormrod, Spiro Vidin, Felicia Danzante, Carmel Cianter, Simon Kelleher, Patricia Marchant, Caroline Margot

Anniversaries

Veronica Anderson, Cecilia Samaniego, Cecilia O'Toole, Paul Kain, Robert Playdon, John Booth, Eileen Crocker, Mathew Pathiparampil Chacko, Paul Reid, Doris Glennen, Daniel Michael Goonan, Carol Brown, James Rush, Philip Kinchington, Elizabeth Coles, Charlie McCluskey,

Remembrances

Sister Ricarda & The Chetcuti Family, Andy Lawler, Leedy Fearnley, Glenn Brown, Carol Brown, Ruby McCarthy, Thelma Black, Kevin Minehan, Norman Guggenheimer, Bert Ghent, Irene Martin, Chet Baker, Bob Huggins, Jack Huggins, Bob Higgins, Fr Ian Abbott, Valmai Joseph, Stark, Moore and Langley Families, and the Holy Souls

Prayer Intentions

Gerald McCool

Please Pray for the Sick

Ron McDonough, Brian Torrington, John Daniel, Teresa Wegrzyn, Alison Mortiss, Maureen Baxter, Shanon Bradler, Luc Bouquet, Margaret Downing, Wayne O'Neil, Daisy Realo, Donatus Morrison, John and Helen Loader, Maria Loisa Etello, Kevin and Therese Harvey, Jeff Henshaw, Margo Walton, Len O'Shea, Brenda Durley, 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, Arnold Fletcher, Stephen Knight, Adrienne Gibson, Arne Jensen, Heather Niblett, Kathleen Strong, Evan Shepherd, Rosa M Santos, Betty Tattersal.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September

That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.



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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