

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Catholic Parish Toukley/Lake Munmorah

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To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community

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First Sunday of Lent Year A

26th February 2023



Message of the Holy Father Francis for Lent-2023
Lenten Penance and the Synodal Journey

Dear brothers and sisters!

The Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke all recount the episode of the Transfiguration of Jesus. There we see the Lord's response to the failure of his disciples to understand him. Shortly before, there had been a real clash between the Master and Simon Peter, who, after professing his faith in Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God, rejected his prediction of the passion and the cross.

The Gospel of the Transfiguration is proclaimed every year on the Second Sunday of Lent. During this liturgical season, the Lord takes us with him to a place apart. While our ordinary commitments compel us to remain in our usual places and our often repetitive and sometimes boring routines, during Lent we are invited to ascend "a high mountain" in the company of Jesus and to live a particular experience of spiritual discipline as God's holy people.

Lenten penance is a commitment, sustained by grace, to overcoming our lack of faith and our resistance to following Jesus on the way of the cross. To deepen our knowledge of the Master, to fully understand and embrace the mystery of his salvation, we must allow ourselves to be taken aside by him and to detach ourselves from mediocrity and vanity. We need to set out on the journey, an uphill path that, like a mountain trek, requires effort, sacrifice and concentration. So that this transfiguration may become a reality in us this year, I would like to propose two "paths" to follow in order to ascend the mountain together with Jesus and, with him, to attain the goal.

We need to listen to Jesus. Lent is a time of grace to the extent that we listen to him as he speaks to us. Lent leads to Easter: the "retreat" is not an end in itself, but a means of preparing us to experience the Lord's passion and cross with faith, hope and love, and thus to arrive at the resurrection. Dear brothers and sisters, may the Holy Spirit inspire and sustain us this Lent in our ascent with Jesus, so that we may experience his divine splendour and thus, confirmed in faith, persevere in our journey together with him, glory of his people and light of the nations.

Fr. Tomy

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church Toukley

Saturday: Vigil 6:00pm Fr Tomy
Sunday: 7:30am Fr Tomy
9:00am Fr Tomy
6:00pm Fr Baby

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

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 (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 9:00 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 (by appointment at
other times)

St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

Saturday 4:30 -5:00pm

MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

St Mary's Toukley

8:25 am Monday to Thursday & Saturday

8:45 am Friday

First Friday Night Vigil

Exposition after 7pm Mass until 1.30am



Welcome to our Parish. Today we celebrate the **First Sunday of Lent, Year A**. We are pleased to see you in our Church.

Welcome Children & Families

This weekend we welcome our Reconciliation Sacramental Candidates and their families. We will celebrate your sacramental journey with a special blessing at Masses this weekend at both churches. We also welcome St Mary's Year 6 and Kinder students and their families who are leading us at 9am Mass on Sunday.

We Welcome Fr. Joshy Naduppura CFIC to our Parish

Fr. Joshy will be staying with us for some time & we welcome him. St Mary's will have a morning tea on 5th March at 9am to meet our new Priest. Please note, St Brendan's will NOT have a morning tea on the 5th March. Instead it will be on 12th March after the 8am Mass.



Project Compassion

Envelopes and boxes for Project Compassion are now available at the doors of our churches. Please take one or both. Your donations will help Caritas Australia with their work in various places, such as Solomon Islands, India and Mozambique. Thank you for your support.

Want to join the Planned Giving Program?

If you would like to join our Planned Giving Program to support the management and maintenance of our church, we encourage and value your contribution. Please complete one of the blue cards found in the foyer of the church. There are several options available, including cash (via numbered envelopes), direct deposit, or credit card. Complete one of the blue cards found in the foyer, and hand it to the Priest, warden or Parish Office.

First Friday of the Month—Fri 4th March


Join us for the Reparation vigil to the Sacred Heart and Immaculate Heart from 7pm Friday 4th March—1.30am Saturday. With suppli-

Catechist Corner

Thank you to those who helped us celebrate Catechist Sunday last weekend and to our Catechists who presented at Masses. We are excited to have heard from some parishioners who are interested in this ministry. Why don't you consider joining the team too?! Another 2 catechists would be ideal to cover all classes in the 6 public schools we teach at. To get started, Catechists need to be fully-vaccinated (Dept of Education requirement), obtain a WWCC (free for volunteers) and complete some training, which the Parish Office can help to organise. The Public schools where we teach are: Lake Munmorah (Wed), Northlakes (Tues), Mannering Park (Wed), Blue Haven (Tues), Gorokan (Thurs), and Gwandalan (Fri). Wouldn't it be great to help Catholic students in these schools learn more about Jesus? Classes run for 30 minutes, once a week. Full training & support is provided. Please call the Parish Office for more information. We'd love to hear from you!



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Safeguarding – Places of Worship Diocese of Broken Bay

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 the culture of safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. If you have something you would like to discuss about safeguarding please contact **Lorraine Dunn on 43593503**

Upcoming events—Fridays in Lent:

Stations of the Cross—St Mary's 8:30am (before 9:15 Mass)

First Friday 10:30am before healing Mass

The Light Is On - St Mary's Adoration and Reconciliation 7:00-7:30pm.

Commencing 24th February, 2023



Upcoming events - Save the Dates:

- ♦ Sun 5th March 5pm - Youth/Welcoming Mass. St Brigid's College will lead the Mass & there will be a BBQ afterwards
- ♦ Sat 25th March 5pm - St Brendan's Family Mass
- ♦ Lectio Divina has resumed on Thursday afternoons. Contact the Parish office for details

1st Reconciliation Celebration of Sacrament

- ♦ Tues 28th March 3pm - St Brendan's
- ♦ Wed 29th March 3.30pm - St Mary's
- ♦ Thurs 30th March 3.30pm - St Mary's

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

We will have the first youth welcoming Mass of the year on 5th March at **5:00pm**. St Brigid's College will lead the Mass & there will be a BBQ afterwards. Please take note of the change of time.

Bishop Anthony's Lenten Penance 2023 message

available on the noticeboards or call the Parish office for a copy.

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

Children's Worksheets

Worksheets and pencils are available at the church doors.



Ministries Survey

We are giving you the opportunity to enhance your parish life. On the weekend of the 11th & 12th March there is an opportunity to express your interest in the various ministries & Groups in our Parish. Forms will be handed out and collected during Mass.

Youth Coordinator - Wyong Catholic Church

The Wyong Catholic Parish is seeking to recruit a Youth Coordinator working up to 4 hours per week. The role does allow for flexibility with the working schedule, however you'll need to have availability for weekends and evenings. For enquiries contact Wyong Parish by email wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au Applications close **Friday 3 March**.

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



Recently Deceased

Lis Fischer, Josefina Sedicol, Eddie Proudfoot, Lorenzo Mazzitello, William (Bill) Martin

Anniversaries

Gerundia Castanares, Edward Redman, Victor Moir, Lisa Grenot, Lorraine Anderson, Vicente, Gliceria, Lorenzo, Arsenio, Rafael, Alice Suico

Remembrances

Ronald Pingo Roach, Donald Lewis, Carol Brown & Brown Family, , Noel & Maura O'Reilly, Hickey Family, Carter Family, Geale Family, Tyra King, Pat & Bonnie Meier, Kenneth George Durley, Valmai Joesph & Stark Family, Miller Family, Anselmo, Paulita, Enrico Arturo, Zenada, Edwin Carelita, 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, Sabu Kuruvellil, Sr Tincy, Noel McCool

Please call or email the office to have your love loved one's name included above. All names appear for 3 weeks, except the sick list which appears for 6 weeks. Please call to extend.

February Birthdays

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

Call or email the office to have your birthday included!



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February

We pray that Parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.



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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

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

Creation of our first parents, and sin.

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden. The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 50:3-6, 12-14, 17

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.

In your compassion blot out my offence.

O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

My offences truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.

Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done. **R.**

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me.

O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise. **R.**

Second Reading

Romans 5:12-19

Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *Matthew 4:4*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone,

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel *Matthew 4:1-11*

Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge,
and they will support you on their hands
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,

and serve him alone.' Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Next Sunday - Second Sunday of Lent, Year A

First Reading - Genesis 12: 1-4

Second Reading - 2 Timothy 1:8-10

Gospel - Matthew 17:1-9