

First Reading

A reading from the second book of the Kings
2 Kings 5:14-17

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 97:1-4

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. **R.**

The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. **R.**

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy
2 Timothy 2:8-13

Remember the Good News that I carry, 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal - but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.

If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.

If we disown him, then he will disown us.

We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful,
for he cannot disown his own self.
The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

For all things give thanks to God,
because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.
Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



Next Weeks Readings:

First Reading	Ex 17:8-13
Second Reading	2 Tim 3:14-4:2
Gospel	Luke 18:1-8

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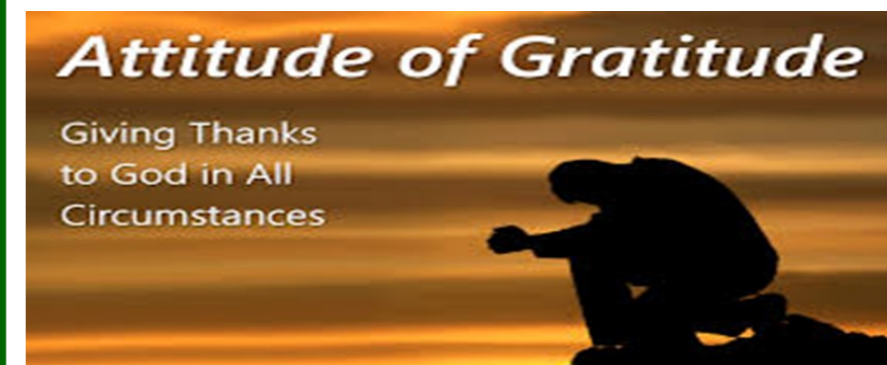
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Twenty Eighth Sunday Ordinary Time Yr C 13th October 2019



The poet George Herbert wrote: "O God you have given us so much. Give us one more thing – a grateful heart."

The gospel and the other readings teach us a lesson about gratitude or giving thanks. Gratitude is a natural virtue. It is the most exquisite form of courtesy. You can't extract gratitude as you would extract a tooth. Hence it must be as spontaneous as our heartbeat. It is human to lament and to complain but it is divine to give thanks and it is seldom being done.

So, let us be grateful for everything. First, let us be grateful to God. It is because we pray to Him and he granted to us what is fitted to us, either positive or negative response. We give thanks to God for He created us in His image and likeness.

Secondly, let us be grateful to our parents. It is because there were years when we were dependent on our parents for literally everything. And yet if we can stand on our own, it happens that we neglect them especially in their old age.

Thirdly, let us be grateful to our fellow human beings. It is because we owed them too in some great deal. There are sometimes that a friend or anybody does something for us that it is impossible to repay but the tragedy is that we often do not even try to repay it.

All what Jesus asks, today, is that we recognize what we have been given and be grateful for the gifts.

Let's think about what we have been given and let us follow the example of the Samaritan. What did he do? "Realizing he had been healed, he returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked Him." If we examine our lives, we can see God's hand in so many instances. We all have been touched by Jesus. Have our lives changed as a result of the encounter? Are we like one of the nine: superficial in our relationship with Christ except when we think we really need him? Or have we responded like the Samaritan: our life utterly changed and devoted to Jesus?

"Developing an attitude of Gratitude is one of the simplest ways to improve your satisfaction with life." AMY MORIN.

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 St Teresa of Jesus

Wednesday 7:45am

Thursday 7:45am St Ignatius of Antioch

(Ordinarite of Our Lady of the Southern Cross)

Friday 9:15am St Luke

(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 St Ignatius of Antioch

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

Saturday 4:30—5:00pm

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.



Our Long Wait is Over !

On Monday night, 7th October, Pope Francis appointed Most Rev Anthony Randazzo as the fourth Bishop of Broken Bay.

In making this announcement to the people of Broken Bay Fr David Ranson, our Diocesan Administrator said "How extraordinary that this would occur on the 7th October, the patronal feast day of our Cathedral of Our Lady of the Rosary". He went on to say "With open arms and hearts we welcome Bishop Anthony to our diocesan family!"

Bishop Anthony in his letter to the clergy and people of the Diocese said "I am honoured and humbled by this appointment, and grateful to the Holy Father for the confidence he has shown by entrusting me with the privilege and responsibility of being the fourth Bishop of the Diocese of Broken Bay.

Ultimately, this appointment is not about me; it is about Jesus Christ, and about how we, as living members of the Body of Christ, bring Him to the world by the way we live out our baptismal vocation with love. We are instruments in His hands.

Bishop Anthony went on to say "I look forward to being officially installed as your Bishop, but please know that you are already in my heart and in my prayers during this time. Along with the priests and deacons of the Diocese, I am eager to walk with you, imitating Christ as the Good Shepherd who is always present amongst His flock."

May we pray for Bishop Anthony, that the Holy Spirit will watch over and guide him in his ministry as our new Shepherd, particularly at this time as he assumes the complex task of leadership of our Diocese.

You can view Bishop Anthony's full message to the people of Broken Bay using the link <https://youtu.be/i71flsuWvcA>

All Saints Day – Friday 1 November

St Mary's Mass 9:15am

There will be No Anointing Mass the First Friday in November.

All Souls Day – Saturday 2nd November

Vigil Mass Friday 1 November

St Marys 6:00pm and St Brendan's 6:00pm

St Mary's Mass 7:45am Saturday

Next Anointing Mass - 11am Friday 8th November

Blessing of Graves

Fr Tomy and Fr Baby are offering to bless graves in the cemetery during the month of November. Please speak to either one of them, or contact the parish office.

Upcoming Parish Events

October—Month of the Holy Rosary

Our 10 day Rosary Novena commences this week 12/13 October at **St Brendan's**—in the Mass Centre commencing 30 minutes prior to Mass and will continue, prior to each weekend and weekday Mass until Sunday 27th October.

And at St Mary's—at the Grotto at 5.30pm each day commencing Friday 18th October until Sunday 27th October.

Catholic Mission Appeal Next weekend 19th & 20th October

Please come prepared to support this appeal for the Missions in Ghana, for programs to help the people to have a brighter future.

Parish Safeguarding Presentation

All Parish Staff, Volunteers and those interested in learning more about Safeguarding are invited to attend this presentation on: -

Saturday 19th October 10am to 12 noon **or** Wednesday 23rd October 11am to 1pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Hall, 241 The Entrance Rd, The Entrance. Please register via email safeguarding@bbcatholic.org.au or phone Anita 02 83791605

Churches Together

On Wednesday 27th November at 7 pm, our Parish will host the next ecumenical gathering of Churches Together at St Mary's. The Parish Council hopes that parishioners will make a special effort to support this important ecumenical prayer gathering.

Home Visits

Fr Tomy and Fr Baby desire to know you more and to help grow in faith. They also encourage you to request a home mass for the celebration of major anniversaries. If you wish them to visit to bless your home or celebrate mass please speak to them or phone the parish.

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

Invitation

Fr Tomy and the Pastoral Team, wish to invite all parishioners to celebrate this wonderful milestone, on Saturday 30th November 2019, with Mass at 11:00am followed by lunch in the Fr Fitzgerald Parish Hall. We look forward to a wonderful celebration of this occasion in our Parish.

We would be grateful if you could please assist with catering by bringing a plate to share. Please advise the parish office no later than 14th November, if you wish to join us in this celebration.

We are still interested in photos or memorabilia from the last 50 years.

Volunteers' Thank You Dinner

All volunteers, who are involved in any parish ministry, are invited to attend a thank you dinner at Toukley Golf Club on Thursday 5th December at 6pm for 6.30pm. Please advise the parish office no later than Friday 29th November, if you wish to attend.

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

Recently Deceased

Phyllis O'Leary, Valerie Auton, Alison Mortiss, Marie Stewart, Della Mary Kelly, Geoff Playdon, Mark Kovacic, Maxwell Lynch, Laurence Coote, Norma Stanwell.

Anniversaries

Fred & Ann Stephens, Lisa Marie Grenot, Don Metcalf, Sally Rosemary Mulvany, Virginia DeSouza, Neil Voight, John Glennen, Raymond Creighton, Kathleen Reid, Swee Gim Khoo, John Sullivan, Eileen Ryan, Bruce Ross, Thomas & Ellen Sheerin, Tony Gavranic, Kevin Sykes,

Remembrances

Maurie Cohen, Lynn & Raphael Cohen, Maureen Riley, Mary & Jack Webb, John Webb, Vic Hrichu, Fred Jeffries, Yook Chee Ng, Timothy Maher, Marija Petkovic, Mara Peric, Anton Peric, Marija Gavranic & Anton Gavranic, Carol Brown, Fr Ian Abbott, Irene Martin, Valmai Joseph, Bob Higgins, Anselmo, Paulita, Enrico, Pio Edwin Ambait, Elma Capacite, Romualda and Hermigildo Giba, Pantaleon & Temotea Ambait, Bugeja & DeGabriel families, Stark, Moore, Langley families, Wade, Ross, Mitchell and Dennis families and the Holy Souls

Please Pray for the Sick

4 year old Ethan, Brendon Andrews, Brett Harkins, Ron McDonough, Brian Torrington, John Daniel, Teresa Wegrzyn, Maureen Baxter, Shanon Bradler, Luc Bouquet, Margaret Downing, Daisy Realo, Donatus Morrison, John and Helen Loader, Maria Loisa Etello, Kevin and Therese Harvey, Jeff Henshaw, 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 Tattersall.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for October

A Missionary "Spring" in the Church

That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary "spring" in the Church.



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