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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 23rd July, 2023



THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Baptism, Confirmation and the Holy Eucharist together constitute the "sacraments of Christian initiation,". Confirmation is the Second Sacrament we receive.

CONFIRMATION IN THE ECONOMY OF SALVATION: In the Old Testament the prophets announced that the Spirit of the Lord would rest on the hoped-for Messiah for his saving mission. Jesus at his baptism by John was the sign that this was he who was to come, the Messiah, the Son of God. On several occasions Christ promised outpouring of the Spirit, a promise which he fulfilled first on Easter Sunday and then more strikingly at Pentecost.

THE SIGNS USED IN CONFIRMATION: Anointing, in Biblical and other ancient symbolism, is rich in meaning: oil is a sign of abundance and joy; oil is a sign of healing, since it is soothing to bruises and wounds; and it makes radiant with beauty, health, and strength. By anointing, the confirmand receives the "mark," the seal of the Holy Spirit. A seal is a symbol of a person, a sign of personal authority, or ownership of an object. This seal of the Holy Spirit marks our total belonging to Christ. In the Latin rite, "the sacrament of Confirmation is conferred through the anointing with chrism on the forehead, which is done by the laying on of the hand.

THE EFFECTS OF CONFIRMATION: the effect of the sacrament of Confirmation is the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit as once granted to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. Confirmation brings an increase and deepening of baptismal grace. It roots us more deeply in the divine filiation which makes us call, "Abba! Father!" It unites us more firmly to Christ. It increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us, renders our bond with the Church more perfect, gives us a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ. Confirmation is given only once, for it too imprints on the soul an indelible spiritual mark, the "character.

WHO CAN RECEIVE THIS SACRAMENT? Every baptized person not yet confirmed can receive the sacrament of Confirmation. In Broken Bay diocese, any baptised child in year 3 (School) or above can receive Confirmation. Candidates for Confirmation, as for Baptism, fittingly seek the spiritual help of a sponsor. To emphasize the unity of the two sacraments, it is appropriate that this be one of the baptismal godparents.

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church Toukley

Saturday: Vigil 6:00pm Fr Tomy 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 Church Lake Munmorah

Saturday: Vigil 5:00pm Fr Joshi Sunday: 8:00am Fr Joshi

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 Church 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

8:20 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 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.** We welcome you to our Church & are very pleased to see you here.

Upcoming events - Save the Dates:

Mon 24th July - Conversations about Catholics at St Brendan's School 1.30pm - 2.25pm Wed 26th July - Grandparent's Day St Brendan's School Eri 28th July - Grandparent's Day St Mary's School

Fri 28th July - Grandparent's Day St Mary's School Sat 29th July - Tongan Mass 4-5pm St Mary's Church Mon 31st July - Alpha St Mary's Parish Centre 7pm Wed 2nd August - World Youth Day



<u>Confirmation Sacramental Program</u> We are in the process of organising our next Sacramental Program, which is Confirmation. All Baptised children in Yr 3 (or above) are able to enroll in this program. Enrolments will open early August with Parent Information Sessions being held

23rd & 24th August, and preparation classes commencing 28th August. The Confirmation ceremony is planned for Sat 14th October. This year there will only be one ceremony at St Mary's Church at 11am

Dear Parishioners and friends,

We shall be publishing articles on sacraments in the upcoming weeks of the Parish Bulletin. Today we reflect on Baptism which we all received long ago. It would be a great reminder for all of us to refresh our thoughts and ideas about sacraments we celebrate in the church and a great opportunity to know them better.

<u>Next meeting of Spirituality in the Pub</u> - SIP next meeting is on 7.30-9.00pm on Tuesday 1st August at the Grange Hotel, Wyoming. Guest speakers are Richard Thornton and Judy Thornton both heavily involved in spiritual guidance in rural townships where they lived. Hotel bistro opens at 5.30pm. PH 0415 129250 or 0439 678608.



<u>Mary Magdalene</u>, who reminds us of the power of repentance and transforming power of encountering Christ's love. Through her faith and devotion, she witnessed the resurrection and became one of the most devoted disciples. Today,

let us seek Saint Mary Magdalene's intercession to grow in our personal encounters with Christ, to embrace His forgiveness, and to respond with fervent devotion. Saint Mary Magdalene, pray for us!







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In the Latin Rite, the ordinary minister of Confirmation is the bishop. If the need arises, the bishop may grant the faculty of administering Confirmation to priests. If a Christian is in danger of death, any priest can give him Confirmation. Confirmation perfects Baptismal grace.

Confirmation, like Baptism, imprints a spiritual mark or indelible character on the Christian's soul; for this reason, one can receive this sacrament only once in one's life.

Fr. Tomy

World Youth Day - A Blessing Mass was held with Bishop Anthony at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara, on Friday 14th July before the departure of everyone from Broken Bay Diocese who will be travelling to the event. The first groups commence departure July 21, with the Direct group leaving 29 July. We invite communities across the Diocese to pray for our pilgrims and leaders, throughout the pilgrimage for an amazing experience and safe return. Representing our Parish are Sr. Josie, Sr. Jennifer, teachers from St Brigid's College Mr Barnett, Mr Devlin and Mrs Foo along with students Chole, Holly, Indy and Tom.

The Lakes Catholic Parish – Parish Secretary vacancy

The Lakes Catholic Parish, situated at Collaroy Plateau, is seeking to recruit a permanent part-time Parish Secretary, working four days per week. This role plays an important part in the Parish team, providing support for Parish communications, administration, financial processes, Parish property, compliance and Diocesan support. There is some flexibility with the working schedule, however the role does require a physical presence in the office, with a preference for the working schedule to be Monday to Thursday. The ideal candidate will have a comprehensive knowledge of office administration processes and procedures and a sound understanding of Microsoft Office Suite, MYOB, bookkeeping or accounting practices and as you will often be the first point of contact for our parish, well-developed communication and interpersonal skills are crucial. An ability to work autonomously while remaining a team player, with a commitment to be accountable for performance, and an ability to work collaboratively across a wide spectrum of stakeholders, supported by a good understanding of, and commitment to, Catholic values and teachings will be crucial to your success. If this role interests you, please email a brief cover letter and CV to Lakesparishoffice@bbcatholic.org.au. Applications close Wednesday, 2 August

Annual Seminarian Benefit Dinner -

Calling all #BrokenBay faithful! Come join us for an amazing evening Saturday, September 2nd 2023. Enjoy delicious food, friendly company and musical performances put on by our very own seminarians. Most importantly, support our diocese's commitment to inspiring vocations! Seats are limited. Tickets are \$60pp, all are welcome! Secure yours now at the link. Date: Saturday, September 2, 2023, at Time: 6:30pm, after the 5pm Vigil Mass. Venue: Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood Parish – Harrington Hall, 94 Archer Street, Chatswood Tickets: \$60 per person

In your charity, please pray for those who have died and those who are sick **Recently Deceased -**



Morma Faehrmann, Kerry Pintado, Marian Gorman, Noel McCool, Pauline Landrigan, Patrick Somers, Ronald Elphick, Thomas Kiely, Marie Lazarus, Fr. Carl Ashton, Maria Caruso, Simon Butcher, Kathleen Cassidy, Fred Borg, Gwen Bates, Pat Kirkin, Sr. Mary Rita Cortis, Barbara Champley, Keith Fealy

Funerals:

The Late Mr Patrick Somers 19/7 The Late Mr Ronald Elphick 25/7 11amSt Mary's The late Mr Noel McCool 27/7 11am St Mary's

Anniversaries - Patricia Phillips, John & Sammy Zepafa, Frederick Jurd, Ignatius Lavin, Maree Dening, Phil Murphy, Eileen Thorpe, William Henry Baker

Remembrances - Nicholas McGloin, James William Baker, Brown & Miller families, Stanley Nolan & Nolan families, Sr. Monica Nadurata OSA, Sr. Aqulina de Rueda OSA, Valmai Joseph & Stark Family, Kenneth George Durley, Wendy Woodhouse, Carol Brown, Ronald Pingo Roach

Please Pray for the Sick - Liz Kelman, Josh. R, Robyn Brand, Susan Simmons, Baby Dottie, Denis Tansey, John van der Kroft, Dawn, Jenna Stoffel, Montaro family, Celly Wakeman, Sheila Rose, Michele Maroon, Oskar Calvi, Gregory Clark, Hector, Robyn Broad, Dylan & partner, Charlie & Nina Micahllef, Joe, Graham Moir, Diane Booth, Miklos Beothy, Eric Peck, Salomie, Robbie Depares, Shirley Campbell, Daniel Schultz, Eva Cusick, Maureen Price, Liz Kelman, Rhondda Rey, Kerrie Lennard, Florian Stoffell, Ken Hancock, Heatherbell Baker, Alicia Haynes, Robyn Broad, Marcos, Bill & families, McClusky, Vaughn Haynes, Sabu Kuruvelil, Sr Tincy

JulyBirthdays

Jehezkiel Lambaran (1st July) Christine Buckman (5th July) Norma Galea (16th July) Liz Kelman (21st July) Jan Vydiniotis (27th July)



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for July For a Eucharistic life:

That Catholics may place Holy Eucharist at the heart of their lives



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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

First Reading Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 A reading from the book of Wisdom *In the place of sin, you give repentance.*

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.

Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.

You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my voice. R.

All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord: for you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who alone are God. **R.**

But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, O Lord, abounding in love and truth, turn and take pity on me. R.

Second Reading Romans 8:26-27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation of Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 13:24-33 (shorter form) *Let them grow together until the harvest.*

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom' of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Next Sunday Seventeenth Sunday Ordinary Time First Reading - 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 Second Reading - Romans 8:28-30 Gospel - Matthew 13:44-52