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Catholic Parish Toukley/Lake Munmorah

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To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community

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EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

2nd March, 2024



Gospel Reflection

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2025

Let us journey together in hope

Dear brothers and sisters,

We begin our annual pilgrimage of Lent in faith and hope with the penitential rite of the imposition of ashes. The Church, our mother and teacher, invites us to open our hearts to God's grace, so that we can celebrate with great joy the paschal victory of Christ the Lord over sin and death. Indeed, Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is the heart of our faith and the pledge of our hope in the Father's great promise, already fulfilled in his beloved Son: life eternal.

This Lent, as we share in the grace of the Jubilee Year, I would like to propose a few reflections on what it means to journey together in hope, and on the summons to conversion that God in his mercy addresses to all of us, as individuals and as a community.

First of all, to journey together, the Jubilee motto, "Pilgrims of Hope", evokes the lengthy journey of the people of Israel to the Promised Land, as recounted in the Book of Exodus. A first call to conversion thus comes from the realization that all of us are pilgrims in this life; each of us is invited to stop and ask how our lives reflect this fact. Am I really on a journey, or am I standing still, not moving, either immobilized by fear and hopelessness or reluctant to move out of my comfort zone?

Second, to journey together. The Church is called to walk together, to be synodal. Christians are called to walk at the side of others, and never as lone travellers. The Holy Spirit impels us not to remain self-absorbed, but to leave ourselves behind and keep walking towards God and our brothers and sisters. Journeying together means consolidating the unity grounded in our common dignity as children of God. Let us all walk in the same direction, tending towards the same goal, attentive to one another in love and patience. Sisters and brothers, thanks to God's love in Jesus Christ, we are sustained in the hope that does not disappoint. Hope is the "sure and steadfast anchor of the soul". May the Virgin Mary, Mother of Hope, intercede for us and accompany us on our Lenten journey.

Fr. Tomy

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church Toukley

Saturday: Vigil 6:00pm Fr Baby
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 Tomy
Sunday: 8:00am Fr Tomy

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church Toukley

Monday 9:00 am
Tuesday 9:00 am
Wednesday 9:00 am
Thursday 9:00 am
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

Thursday 9:00am

EXPOSITION BLESSED SACRAMENT

St Mary's Church Toukley

Every Saturday – after Morning Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Mary's Toukley

Saturday 9.30am –10am (by appointment 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 12.30am

Children's Liturgy

1st & 3rd Sundays 9am at St Mary's
1st Saturday 5pm at St Brendan's



We welcome all of our parishioners, especially any new parishioners to the area and those of you who have been away on holidays. We also welcome any visitors who have joined us for the celebration of Holy Eucharist this weekend.

Upcoming Parish events - Save the Date:

Sat 1st/2nd March: Catechist Sunday and Commissioning Rite

Sun 2nd March: Parish morning teas/Kinder/Yr6 Mass @ St Mary's

Tues 4th March: Shrove Tuesday

Wed 5th March: Ash Wednesday 9am & 6pm Masses both churches

Fri 7th March: World Day of Prayer St Brendan's

Attention Choir - During the time of Lent please note there is NO Alleluia or Gloria and we use the Apostles Creed.

Visit from India - Dear Parishioners and friends, this weekend we have the visit of **Fr. Varghese Kochuparambil (Provincial) and Fr. Denny C.M (Councillor)** from CFIC Indian Province. They are in the Parish to visit CFIC Priests Fr Tomy, Fr Baby and Fr Joshi. We welcome them to our Parish and may they have a wonderful time here in this Parish community.



Thank you from Heather Baker - I wish to sincerely thank all those for their good wishes and prayers while I was in hospital and it was most appreciated. Please take this as my personal thank you.



Shrove Tuesday - In Australia the day before Ash Wednesday is popularly known as Shrove Tuesday. It is also frequently called Pancake Tuesday. As a Parish community we organise 'Shrove Tuesday' on **4th March after 9am Mass at St. Mary's**. Please provide a gold coin donation.



Ash Wednesday - 5th March - We will be celebrating **Ash Wednesday 9am & 6pm Mass at St Mary's & St Brendan's**. As Ash Wednesday approaches, **please bring the blessed palms of last year by the weekend of 1st/2nd March & drop it at the front foyer of both churches**. The Burial of the Alleluia banner which was decorated by the children will occur at 5.45pm before the Mass at St Mary's Church Toukley. All are welcome to gather in the garden next to the church for this ritual before Mass.



Upcoming events - Fridays in Lent:

Stations of the Cross - during Lent we have the Stations of the Cross on every Friday at St Mary's 8:30am (before 9:15am Mass).

This week the Readers/Servers will lead the

Stations. The Stations on the first Friday of the month is at 10:30am before healing Mass. **The Light is On at St Mary's with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions 7-7:30pm** every Friday evening.



St Brendan's Coffee & Chat - St Brendan's Social Group invite friends and newcomers to join them on the first Wed of the month. Everyone is welcome. **Wed 5th March 10am-12pm at the Doylo**.



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Toukley/Lake Munmorah Parish is seeking a Parish Administrative Assistant to support office operations and parish activities. For details or to apply, contact the Parish Office on 43964455 or toukleyparish@bbcatholic.org.au Applications close on Friday 7th March.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2025 - is being hosted by our Parish and will take place at **St Brendan's Church Lake Munmorah on Friday 7th March beginning with Morning Tea at 10am with the Service to follow at 10.30am** The country of origin is the Cook Islands. Please make a note of this Service which is hosted by our parish only every 11 years. The Ecumenical Service is attended by 11 churches from various denominations and gives us an opportunity to share in fellowship with those of other faiths. Contact Carolyn Metcalfe on 0421 838 014.

Sacramental Program 2025

Reconciliation, Term 1

1 Apr, Tue- St Mary's, 3:30pm
3 Apr, Thu- St Brendan's, 2:45pm

First Holy Communion, Term 2

21 June, Sat- St Brendan's, 5pm
22 June, Sun- St Mary's, 9am

Confirmation, Term 3

30 Aug, Sat- St Mary's, 11AM*

*for Y3 and above already received Sacrament of Baptism. The Sacrament of Reconciliation classes will commence 3rd March. Please include in your prayers our candidates and parents in their preparations.

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Renewal 2025 - We invite parishioners who would like to join the PPC and help Pastoral life in the Parish to please contact the Parish office or talk to the Priests.

Frist Friday Anointing Mass is on **Fri 7th March at 11am** at St Mary's and will be held at St Brendan's on **Thurs 6th March at 9am**.



Congratulations to the Glabus family on the Sacrament of Baptism for your daughter and we welcome you to our Parish Community.

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 around the world. Thank you for your support.



Catechist Sunday We celebrate Catechist this Sunday during **5pm** Mass at St Brendan's and **9am** Mass at St Mary's. We commission and bless the Catechists and teachers of our Catholic schools. We appreciate their hard work & support and invite all our Catechists and teachers to join us in our Eucharistic Celebration as we commission them for the school year of 2025. Invite your family & friends to be a part of our once a year commissioning with our Parish community.

Volunteers needed for Parish morning tea at St Mary's for the months of April and December. Without volunteers there will be no morning tea held those months.

Please pray for those who have died and those who are sick

Recently Deceased: Malvina Keller, Charlie Keller, Philip Hanlen, Jean Birkin, Paul Mizzi, Tony Morath & Dr Michael Tsouroutis



Anniversaries:

Stephens Cappa, Gerard De Zilva, Margie Hamer, Gerindia Castanares, Alice Castanares, Jose Castanares, Luz Pineda, Greta Hackett, Frater family, Bill Tyson, Henry Cahill & Catherine Murphy

Remembrances: Frank Costa, Mary Rose Buttigieg, George Castle, Tita & Teodoro, Daisy, Norberto Reale, Thyra King, Lisa Marie Grenot, Gilbert Don Calette, Marie O'Keefe, Valami Joseph & Stark Family & Wendy Woodhouse

Please Pray for the Sick: Finn McConnon, John Hamilton, Kel Outlaw, Kevin Roy, Kathy Casey, Elaine Horton, Jane, Allen, Helen Sewell, Liz Kelman, Lacey, Chelsea Brame, Nicholas Sheehy, Nicholas Brien, Hunter, Peter De Lacy Peek, Patrick Hobson, Jessica & Lee Abbott, Baby Nora, Denis Tansey, Joy Hemera, Lucky Bowen, Sergio, Maxwell, Nacua Sedicol, Sue Reardon, Sandra Turl, Mia & Johanna Harries, Ana das Gracias, Zona Kable, Elaine Horton, Jose Adelino, Barry Egan, Rose Booth, Suzanne Webb, Judy Kay, Ray Crocker, Patricia, Warren Pope, Elaine Scrivener, John Stuart, Stefano & Paolo Macchi, Stephen Jeffrie, Paul Mizzi, George, Sylvia Hudson, Bill O'Keefe, Michelle Maroon, Mick G & Robbie Depares

March Birthdays

Ivy Rosen (1st)
Islay Mahoney (1st)
Brianna Fry (5th)
Connie Camilleri (11th)
Terry Reid (14th)
Elsa Rosen (17th)
Jacqui Fletcher (17th)
Jo Spek (19th)
Sister Josie (19th)
Dan Buckman (21st)
Rose Huby (24th)
Gail Mainwaring (25th)



Pope Francis' March Intention For Families in Crisis



Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

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Volunteer Angels

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Do you have a caring heart & time to become a friend to a lonely person in an Aged Care Facility

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4396 1555

First Reading: Sirach 27:4-7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Do not praise someone before they have spoken.

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,
so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.
The kiln tests the work of the potter,
the test of a man is in his conversation.
The orchard where the tree grows is judged on
the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words
betray what he feels.
Do not praise a man before he has spoken,
since this is the test of men.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 91:2-3, 13-16

R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night. **R.**

The just will flourish like the palm-tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R.**

Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the
Corinthians

*Victory has been given to us through Jesus
Christ.*

When this perishable nature has put on imperish-
ability, and when this mortal nature has put on
immortality, then the words of scripture will
come true: Death is swallowed up in victory.
Death, where is your victory? Death, where is
your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin
gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God
for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus
Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never ad-
mit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work
always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be
labouring in vain.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Philippians 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 6:39-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Luke

A person speaks from what is in his heart.

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one
blind man guide another? Surely both will fall
into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his
teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be
like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter
in your brother's eye and never notice the plank
in your own? How can you say to your brother,
"Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in
your eye," when you cannot see the plank in
your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of
your own eye first, and then you will see clearly
enough to take out the splinter that is in your
brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit,
nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit.
For every tree can be told by its own fruit: peo-
ple do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather
grapes from brambles. A good man draws what
is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a
bad man draws what is bad from the store of
badness. For a man's words flow out of what
fills his heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Next Sunday: First Sunday of Lent Year C

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13