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Catholic Parish Toukley/Lake Munmorah

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To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C

6th April, 2024



Gospel Reflection

Neither do I condemn you, go and do not sin again

In the first reading prophet Isaiah assures the Jews who were exiled in Babylon that there will be a new exodus, and the Lord God will bring deliverance for them. He encourages them and invites them to concentrate on the present and trust in the promises of the Lord God who is always with them and cares for them.

Last Sunday in the Gospel reading we listened to the parable of the prodigal son which expressed God's love and mercy for the repentant sinner. In today's Gospel we have the real-life story of the prodigal daughter - a woman caught in the act of adultery. Some people brought this unfortunate woman to Jesus. Practically everyone present at the scene wants her to be condemned to death by stoning according to the law of Moses. But Jesus shows her mercy and forgives her and gives her a new life. Jesus grants her forgiveness not because what she did was not against the commandment of God but because He loves her despite her sinful past. Jesus forgives her and tells her to go in peace and from now on she should not be enslaved by sin. Hence Jesus the Son of God dispenses the generosity of God's forgiveness. The woman's many sins which the public condemned and others wanted to kill her for are totally and dramatically forgiven by Jesus.

Jesus tells not only the sinful woman but each one of us to go in peace and not to sin again. Jesus shows us that the greatest law is the law of love, and every other law should be complementary to it. During this Lent let us respond to the forgiving love of the heavenly Father positively and decisively. By appealing to the Justice of God and the injustice of humans, Jesus upheld God's mercy. The moral of the story is not that sin is of no importance, or that God does not punish sin, but that God extends mercy to repentant sinners in order that they may turn from their sins.

"In the end only two persons remained representing misery and mercy, and mercy won that day." - St. Augustine

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



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 will lead the Stations. **The Light is On at St Mary's with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions 7-7:30pm** every Friday evening.



Welcome to our new Office Assistant Bramer Ramasamy! Please welcome our new office Assistant "Brem" to our Parish Community. Brem started in the Parish office this week.

A Journey Through Lent - please join us on **Thurs evenings at 5 - 6pm in the Parish Centre** with Lectio Divino group to share and enrich our Lenten Journey of Hope. All are most welcome.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting will take place 8th April 6pm.

St Mary's Jubilee Year Pilgrimage - Our parish is organizing a Local Pilgrimage to the Shrines within the Diocese of Broken Bay. We will visit four churches: the Shrine of Blessed Carlo Acutis at Our Lady of Dolours, Chatswood; the Shrine of St. John Vianney at Mary Immaculate, Manly; Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Cathedral, Waitara; and the Shrine of St. John Paul II at St. Patrick's, Gosford. The pilgrimage is set for Monday, April 7, 2025. If you would like to join us, please contact the parish office to reserve your seat on the parish bus.

Annual Holidays for Fr Tomy - Fr Tomy will be away for holidays in India from 21st April-23rd May. During this period we have communion service on **Weds at St Brendan's 9am & Thurs at St Mary's 9am.**



Baptism Congratulations to the Chapman, Kopp, Glead, Kirk & Gaspari children who received the Sacrament of Baptism at St Mary's on Sunday 6th April. May God bless you and your families

RCIA Catechumens - Please pray for our 3 RCIA catechumens and candidates who are making final preparations to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil Mass at St Brendan's. **Michele Laing, Amanda Bell & Ramone Ennis.**

Sacramental Program 2025

***First Holy Communion, Term 2:**

For children in Year 4 and above who have made 1st Reconciliation. Enrolment is from 3rd Apr-14th May via trybooking. Sessions starts on 19th May. 21st June, Sat Vigil Mass- St Brendan's, 5PM
22nd June, Sunday Mass- St Mary's, 9AM

***Confirmation, Term 3:** -For children in Year 3 and above who have been Baptised Catholic. It is REQUIRED one parent/ guardian to attend the Parent Information before enrolment starts. For expression of interest please complete the online form below using the link or scan the QR Code. <https://forms.office.com/r/YFpfSk2YWe>



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Parish Morning Tea - There will be a morning tea on **Sunday 13th April** at St Mary's and will be organized by St Joseph's Men's Ministry after 9am Mass.



Congratulations! To all 45 children who made their first Reconciliation during the week. The Parish office thanks Sr Jennifer,

the Sacramental team, teachers, PECS & RECs for their support and hard work. God bless you all.

St Brendan's Holy Week Volunteer sheets for Easter are at the back of the Church commencing with Palm Sunday. Please enter your details for the day and time of your commitment.

Rosters for May-July at St Brendan's - Rosters are now being prepared for May-July, we are always in need of Volunteers to fill positions on the Liturgy roster. If you are interested in joining please add your details to the sheets at the rear of the Church. Training is provided for all positions.

Good Friday Holy Land Collection - On Good Friday 18th April we will be having the Good Friday Holy Land Collection. Envelopes will be available in both churches.

SCHEDULE FOR THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM:

PALM SUNDAY- Parishioners are encouraged to bring their own palms for the blessings.

Holy Thursday- NO MASS in the Morning.

*Mass of the Last Supper & Washing of the Feet

5PM- St Brendan's

6PM- St Mary's

Good Friday- NO MASS in the Morning

*Station of the Cross- 9AM both Churches

*Passion of the Lord- 3PM both Churches

Holy Saturday- NO MASS in the Morning

Easter Vigil (Saturday Evening)

5PM- St Brendan's

6PM- St Mary's

Easter Sunday Mass Schedule:

St Brendan's- 8AM

St Mary's- 7:30 & 9AM; NO Evening Mass

VOLUNTEERS FOR HOLY THURSDAY- We need volunteers for the Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday. A sign-on sheet is available at the foyer. For these volunteers, there will be a formation & information night on the 14th April, Mon at 6PM, Parish Centre.



Palms for Palm Sunday - With Palm Sunday approaching on Sunday 13th April, donations of palms would be appreciated. Please leave palms at the Parish Office by Friday 10th.

Chrism Mass Tuesday 15th Waitara - The Parish Bus will leave St Mary's Church at 5.30pm. Limited seats available. Please call the Parish office to put your name down early if you would like to attend.

Giving Envelopes 2025 - Planned giving envelopes are available in both churches. To use up old envelopes numbers have been changed for some. **Please write the number that was written on the box on your envelopes.** Call the office for any enquiries.

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



Recently Deceased:

Baby Alice Stanford, Gwendoline Griffin, Valerie Kennedy, Matt Cruise, Frank Grobb, Carmel Maloney, Mavis Dawn Dyke & Malvina Keller

Anniversaries:

Carmel Hancock, Stephens Cappa, Ingrid Hamer, Goreg Caruana, Greg Irvine, Frank Sinclair, Toni Despoges, George, Tony, Marija Ante Mara, Ante Adam, Ampie Madden, George & Tony Gavranic, Marija & Ante Petkovich, Barbara Cuthbert

Remembrances:

Lorna, Peggy Batchelor, Barbara Dawes, Mary Jane Jurd, Katy Ng, Marie O'Keefe, Valami Joseph & Stark Family & Wendy Woodhouse

Please Pray for the Sick: Ruben Fernandez Velasco, Ivy Teo, Brian Brame, Irene Tognito, Avis Sullivan, John Muir, Baby Hamilton-Ford, Mairead Moulder, Finn McConnon, John Hamilton Snr, John Hamilton Jnr, Kel Outlaw, Kevin Roy, Kathy Casey, Elaine Horton, Jane, Allen, Helen Sewell, Liz Kellman, Lacey, Chelsea Brame, Nicholas Sheehy, Nicholas Brien, Hunter, Peter De Lacy Peek, Patrick Hobson, Jessica & Lee Abott, Baby Nora, Denis Tansey, Lucky Bowen, Sergio, Maxwell, Nacua Sedicol, Sue Reardon, Sandra Turl, Mia & Johanna Harries, Ana das Gracas, Zona Kable, 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

Funeral for the late Valeri e Kennedy

Will be held at 11am on Thurs 10th April at St Mary's Church

April Birthdays

Manny Debono (5th Apr)
Rawson Blackwood (10th Apr)
Angeli Lavada (12th Apr)
Cenon Mabini (12th Apr)
Angel Gaoiran (17th Apr)
Naomi Lavada (17th Apr)
Kate Drake (19th Apr)
Shirley Campbell (23rd Apr)
Mary Debono (28th Apr)



Pope Francis' April Intention

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That the use of new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person and will help us face the crises of our times.

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Male & Female

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First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.

Thus says the Lord,
who made a way through the sea,
a path in the great waters;
who put chariots and horse in the field
and a powerful army,
which lay there never to rise again,
snuffed out, put out like a wick:
No need to recall the past,
no need to think about what was done before.
See, I am doing a new deed,
even now it comes to light; can you not see it?
Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness,
paths in the wilds.
The wild beasts will honour me,
jackals and ostriches,
because I am putting water in the wilderness
(rivers in the wild)
to give my chosen people drink.
The people I have formed for myself
will sing my praises.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 125

**R. The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.**

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. **R.**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. **R.**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. **R.**

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing;
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. **R.**

Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

*Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless
in order to gain him.*

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have

Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Joel 2:12-13

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
With all your heart turn to me,
for I am tender and compassionate.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel John 8:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

**Next Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Luke 22:14 - 23:56