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Catholic Parish Toukley/Lake Munmorah

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To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENTTIME YEAR C

9th March, 2024



The temptations faced by Jesus in the desert

Gospel Reflection

Today's Gospel gives detailed account of the temptations of Jesus at the beginning of His public ministry. Jesus spent forty days fasting and praying in the wilderness. After that the devil appeared and tempted Him. The temptations were of three kinds. The first temptation was to change stones into bread. A temptation that He could satisfy His hunger and the hunger of the people around Him. The devil tempted Jesus in a very subtle way and asked Jesus to be a miracle worker who will remove the hunger of the masses. But Jesus firmly rejected this temptation. He sternly told the devil: "Man does not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

The second temptation took place on a high mountain. The devil showed Jesus the glory of the kingdoms of the whole world and promised Him that he would give Him all the glory and power in the world if Jesus worshiped the devil. Jesus rejected this temptation too by telling the devil: "You shall worship the Lord your God." Thus, Jesus affirmed that worship is only for God and worldly possessions, power, positions and all that belongs to the devil are not to be worshiped.

In the third and final temptation, the devil asked Jesus to throw Himself down from the pinnacle of the Jerusalem temple. Jesus was assured that the angels would protect Him from any harm. Jesus rejected this temptation too. It was a temptation to test the power of God. Jesus made it clear to the devil that we have no reason to put God to test in any matter. God is not the cause of man-made disasters, calamities and wars. Lent is a God given time to overcome our many temptations (weaknesses) through fasting and prayer as Jesus did in the desert.

Jesus overcame these temptations through his knowledge of his identity, his purpose, and God's plan for human salvation. Satan will tempt each of us to doubt God's love, providence, and power. Here we are taught to follow Jesus' example and respond to temptation as he did (CCC #2119). Let us also remember that we are not tempted because we are evil; we are tempted because we are human.

"You cannot stop birds flying over your head but you can prevent them from nesting in your hair." - A Chinese Proverb (true with regard to our temptations)

Fr Tomy

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church Toukley

Saturday: Vigil 6:00pm Fr Baby

Sunday: 7:30am Fr Tomy
9:00am Fr Varghese & Fr Denny
6:00pm Fr Baby

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

St Brendan's Church Lake Munmorah

Saturday: Vigil 5:00pm Fr Varghese & Fr Denny

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
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 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 Catholic Women's League (CWL) 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.

The Jubilee Candle is lit ONLY during weekend Masses

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

Please note the Priests will be away from Monday 10th March to Friday 14th March. The Parish Office will also be closed on **Tuesday 11th March** due to staff seminar in Diocese.



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.

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.

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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

Parish Volunteers Needed!

We are in search of Volunteers. Cleaners, counters, morning tea roster, choir, catechists and many other important volunteer roles that keep the Parish going. If you feel this is something you could spare some of your time for please contact the Parish office to discuss the details further.

Bibles in the Piety Stall - We currently have a nice selection of adult's and children's Bibles for sale in our stall for \$20 each. This is a discounted price and they would make a special gift or you might be in need of one yourself to call in and take a look before or after Masses.

✦ Youth Group Our Lady of the Rosary Parish The Entrance! 239-243 The Entrance Road, The Entrance Calling all Youth! This is for you!

Join us after the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday, 8th March for an evening of faith, fun, and fellowship! We'll learn about the life of Mother Teresa, her calling, and the founding of the Missionaries of Charity, while also continuing our work in shaping the identity of our parish youth group. We'll then explore her journey of light through darkness and prepare for Lent with a meaningful commitment activity. Dinner (pizza) provided!

- ☐ When: Saturday, 8th March, after 5:00 PM Mass
- ☐ Where: The Upper Room
- ☐ Who: Youth aged 12-17years

Come and be inspired as we walk together in Christ's light! ✦

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.

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.

The Vianney Circle - An opportunity for parishioners and supporters of vocations to commit to daily prayer and follow the example of Mary of Bethany, who sat at the feet of Jesus, listening and responding with a heart fully open to Him. Just as Mary prioritized being present with Christ, we are invited to deepen our prayer life and support vocations by creating a space where more young people can hear and respond to God's call.



24hrs Adoration for the Lord at St Mary's this Lent 5-6th April...more details to follow soon.

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



Recently Deceased: Carmel Maloney, Mavis Dawn Dyke, Malvina Keller, Charlie Keller, Philip Hanlen, Jean Birkin, Paul Mizzi, Tony Morath & Dr Michael Tsouroutis

Anniversaries: Bridie Post, Diane Booth, John Booth, Arturo Canillas, Rosario Charing Davies, Margaret Barr, Greg Irvine, John Davies, Eddy Redman, Danny Kay, Stephens Cappa, Gerard De Zilva, Margie Hamer, Gerindia Castanares, Alice Castanares, Jose Castanares, Luz Pineda & Greta Hackett

Remembrances: Scott Kay, 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: Baby Hamilton Ford, Mairead Moulder, 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 Abott, 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)
- Gordon Cheetham (22nd)
- Rose Huby (24th)
- Gail Mainwaring (25th)
- Charlotte Cheetham (31st)



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.

Mackay Family Funerals

In Association with Mackay Family Crematorium
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PO Box 89 Ourimbah NSW 2258.
Phone: (02) 4362 2733 Fax: (02) 4362 2899



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: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

The confession of faith of the elect.

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 90:1-2, 10-15

R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' **R.**

Upon you no evil shall fall,
no plague approach where you dwell.
For you has he commanded his angels,
to keep you in all your ways. **R.**

They shall bear you upon their hands
lest you strike your foot against a stone.
On the lion and the viper you will tread
and trample the young lion and the dragon. **R.**

His love he set on me, so I will rescue him;
protect him for he knows my name.
When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.'
I will save him in distress and give him glory. **R.**

Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are

made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.

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 Luke 4:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said to him, 'throw yourself down from here, for Scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again:

They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him to return at the appointed time.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Next Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent Year C

First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17 - 4:1

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36