

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Catholic Parish Toukley/Lake Munmorah

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St Brendan's Mass Centre 29 Carters Rd Lake Munmorah



Vision

To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C

8th December, 2024



Gospel Reflection

The word Advent comes from "Adventus" in Latin means arrival or coming. Advent indicates the threefold coming of the Lord Jesus: the past, the present and the future. 1. The past: We remember the Lord's humble first coming which took place more than 2000 years ago at Bethlehem. 2. The present: We experience His present and continual coming through the Word of God and through the sacraments. 3. The future: We look forward to the final coming of the Lord in His glory.

In first reading Prophet Baruch gives a message of hope and gladness for the people of Israel who were under the slavery of Babylon. He assures them that they will return to Jerusalem in glory. Every mountain and hill will be levelled, and valleys will be filled up for their return.

In today's Gospel we have John the Baptist's invitation to prepare the way of the Lord is narrated. In view of the Lord's coming, John urges us to prepare the way for Christ by giving our lives a new orientation - a complete turnabout. The repentance that is asked of us is not merely a turning away from sin but rather a change of heart. Hence to repent would mean that we recognize our brokenness and our need for redemption by turning to God. John proclaims Jesus to be the one who will fulfill the prophecy of Prophet Isaiah that all humankind will see the salvation of God. To prepare for His coming John invites us to prepare the way of the Lord: by making His paths straight. All that prevents us from His smooth coming must be done away with - valleys shall be filled, mountains and hills shall be levelled and crooked ways have to be made straight. The voice of the great Prophet asks us to prepare the way for the coming of the Lord in the deserts of today, internal and external deserts, thirsting for the water of life which is Christ." - Pope Benedict XVI

"Advent is the perfect time to clean and prepare the way." Edward Heys

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 and visitors who have joined us for the celebration of Holy Eucharist this weekend.

Parish events - Save the Date:

Mon 9th Dec: St Brendan's Yr 6 Graduation Mass 5pm

Thurs 12th Dec: St Mary's Yr 6 Graduation Mass 5pm

Thurs 12th Dec: St Brigid's School Mass 11.15am St Brendan's Church

Mon 16th Dec: Prayers & Carols at St Mary's 6pm

Tues 24th Dec: Children's Christmas Mass 6pm St Mary's and 5pm St Brendan's

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DATES: Mon 9th, Tues 10th & Thurs 12th December Mon 16th, Tues 17th & Wed 18th December

Renewal of Religious Vows - On Sunday 8th Dec, Fr Tomy, Fr Baby & Fr Joshi will renew their religious consecration on the Feast Day of Immaculate Conception during 9am Mass at St Mary's. We congratulate them for their service and friendship in our Parish. Morning tea shall follow to mark the special day.

Bus Drivers Needed!! We are in need of drivers to drive the Parish Bus on Sunday mornings. You need the correct commercial license and it's a manual bus. To do this requires approx. 4 hours on a Sunday morning to pick up and drop off Parishioners before and after Mass. Please call the Parish office if you can help.

Advent Books now available in the church foyer - Please take one of these beautiful free books provided by our Diocese of Broken Bay to assist you on your spiritual journey during the time of Advent.



Parish Christmas Carols & Prayer Evening St Mary's Monday 16th Dec 6pm - All are invited to come together at St Mary's on Monday 16th Dec at 6pm for a beautiful night of carols and prayers. Please spread the word and invite family & friends.



Christmas Handicrafts Sale - There will be beautiful handmade craft items for sale at **St Brendan's Church on 8th Dec after 8am Mass.** All proceeds will be donated towards the new photocopier required for the Parish Office. Thank you!!

Children's Nativity Story - Children are all welcome to join.

St Mary's: If you are attending the Mass at St. Mary's and if you can't make it for 2 Fridays for the rehearsal, we still have the 21st Dec for the final rehearsal. Otherwise, you can turn up on the 24th Dec and dress up like an angel or one of the shepherds or sheep, just be there by 5:30pm and look for Sr Jennifer.

St Brendan's: rehearsal schedule to be announced soon. Check Parish Facebook/School Compass for updates. See our Bulletin Board to complete the form by scanning the QR Code or you may contact our Parish Office, SRE teacher or REC in your school.



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Advertisement Space Available in weekly Bulletin

If you would like to advertise your business in our weekly Parish Bulletin, please contact the Parish office for details. We would like to thank Doug and Helen Cashin and their family for supporting our Parish for many years. Thank you so much!

Annual Christmas Crib Event - The Theme for this years Crib will be "Jesus the light of the world" and Star. Families or individuals who would like to sponsor the crib this year, please let the Priests or Parish office know.



Thanksgiving Prayer

Dear Heart of Jesus,

In the past I have asked for many favours! This time I ask you this very special one! Here pray for your intention! Take it dear Jesus & place it within your own broken heart where your Father sees it! Then in your merciful eyes, it will become your favour, not mine! Amen

Christmas Mass Times

St Mary's Toukley

Christmas Eve 6pm including Children's Nativity

Carols 11.30pm & Midnight Mass

Christmas Day 7.30am & 9am

No Evening Mass

St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

Christmas Eve Vigil and Children's Nativity 5pm

Christmas Day 8am



PWBB Appeal - The total amount raised including online giving was **\$6463.02**. Thank you so much to everyone who generously donated.

Diocesan Mass Count ended. We have six weekend Masses including both churches. We have an average of **560 people** attend weekend Masses in our Parish. There is a great jump in numbers comparing with other years. Please invite families and friends to join us in our journey of faith and weekend Masses.

Parking Access for St Brendan's Church - If you require access for the gates to be able to park close to church for the elderly or disabled, please take one of the laminated cards at the back of the church with the telephone numbers to call the school if you are attending Mass during the week.

Accommodation Required - we have a few people requiring accommodation. One is looking for permanent accommodation and another just for one night a week. If you are looking for someone to rent a room please contact the Parish Office.



St Vincent De Paul Giving Tree & Christmas Appeal

The Vinnies Christmas Appeal is on **7/8 Dec**. Envelopes are available in the church. The Vinnies Christmas Tree is also available for donations of gift cards. We thank you for your support.

Mackay Family Funerals

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

Recently Deceased: Fr Dennis Conway, Vince Debono, Fr. Michael O'Toole, Joe Bridgett, Rocco Montoleone, Ed Perrott & Dallas Reichel

Anniversaries: Denis Newey, Josephine Langton, Pelesala & Pelenatete Tuaimou, Lena May Mahon, Alfred Mitchell, Vincenza Debono, Salvina Caruana, Cecilia Samaniego, Edna Bath, Lorraine Anderson, Doreen Goonan, Wayne Puckeridge, Vicky Debono, Isabel Ridgeway, Kathleen Nolan & John Glennen

Remembrances: Vince Debono, Wade, Ross, Mitchell & Dennis families, Marie O'Keefe, Stephens Cappa, Margie Hamer, Valmai Joseph & Stark Family & Wendy Woodhouse

Please Pray for the Sick: Harvey Fisk, Judy Batson, Kathy Casey, Elaine Horton, Jane, Allen, Helen Sewell, Liz Kelman, Lacey, Chelsea Brame, Nicholas Sheehy, Nicholas Brien, Hunter Peter De Lacy Peek, Patrick Hobson, Rita Edge, Jessica & Lee Abott, Baby Nora, Denis Tansey, Joy Hemera, Lucky Bowen, Sergio, Maxwell, Nacua Sedicol, Sue Reardon, Rita, Sandra Turl, Mia & Johanna Harries, Ana das Gracas, 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, Finn McConnon, Sylvia Hudson, Bill O'Keefe, Michelle Maroon, Mick G & Robbie Depares

Funeral Service for the late **Dallas Reichel** will be on **Wed 11th Dec at 1pm, at St Marys'**

Diamond Wedding Anniversary Congratulations to **Raymond & Vivienne Jones** on their Diamond Wedding 15th December



December Birthdays

Isabel Fiedler (6th Dec)
Melba Voigt (10th Dec)
Christopher Crocker (12th Dec)
Charlie Saliba (17th Dec)
Paul Moir (20th Dec)
Yvonne Griffin (23rd Dec)
Kye Sutherland (26th Dec)
Emily Bridgett (27th Dec)



Pope Francis' December Intention For pilgrims of hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.



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: Baruch 5:1-9

A reading from the prophet Baruch

Jerusalem - God will show you splendour.

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'.

Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory.

For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

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 1:4-6, 8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Show yourself sinless and without blame in the day of Christ.

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy,

remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Luke 3:4, 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 3:1- 6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

All people shall see the salvation of God.

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Next Sunday - Third Sunday of Advent Year C

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18