

# Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Catholic Parish Toukley/Lake Munmorah

St Mary's Church 458 Main Rd Norville

St Brendan's Mass Centre 29 Carters Rd Lake Munmorah



## Vision

*To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community*

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### SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

**23rd February, 2024**



### LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

#### Gospel Reflection

First reading explains how King Saul becomes jealous of David, and he seeks to kill David. One night David sneaks into the camp of Saul while everyone was asleep. David has a golden opportunity to kill Saul. But he does not do it because he realizes that it is a crime to kill a person anointed by the Lord God. Here we see the forgiving attitude of David despite his enmity with King Saul.

In today's Gospel Jesus throws some radical challenges to His disciples and to us. He makes it very clear that revenge and retaliation has no place in His kingdom. Jesus gives the following action plan for His followers: Love your enemies and do good to those who hate you. Bless those who curse you and pray for those who abuse you. Give to everyone who asks from you. Do to others as you would wish them would do to you. Do not judge and you will not be judged. Forgive and you will be forgiven. The measure you give will be the measure you get back. Hence a disciple of Jesus should have this attitude in all circumstances of life.

If we follow these precepts of Jesus, the world would be a better place to live in. Jesus promises that we would truly become sons and daughters of the Heavenly Father. We see a reversal of values in the kingdom of Jesus. Instead of an eye for eye and a tooth for a tooth as told in the Old Testament, Jesus tells us that when someone strikes you on your right cheek you should offer the other too. He concludes by instructing us to stop judging others and start forgiving all who offend us. In other words, Jesus expects us to rise above our human instincts and imitate the Goodness and Generosity of God.

"Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend." - Martin Luther King Jr.

*Fr Tomy*

## WEEKEND MASS TIMES

### St Mary's Church Toukley

Saturday: Vigil 6:00pm Fr Joshi  
Sunday: 7:30am Fr Joshi  
9:00am Fr Joshi  
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:**

**Tues 25th Feb:** Catechist meeting 4pm Parish Centre

**Thurs 27th Feb:** St Brendan's Year 5 Mass 9am

**Thurs 27th Feb:** Lectio Divina Parish Centre 5pm

**Fri 28th Feb:** St Mary's Opening School Mass 9.15am

**Fri 28th Feb:** St Joseph's Men's BBQ 7-8.30pm Parish Centre

**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 in both churches

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

**Communion Service** - There will be only Communion Service at St Mary's on **27th Feb at 9am**. St Brendan's will still be only Communion Service on **Wed**s during the month of Feb while Fr Baby is away.

**Visit from India** - Dear Parishioners and friends, 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.

**First Fruits Offering February 2025** - God calls us to be generous with all our gifts. Stewardship means giving back to God in gratitude for all He has given us, including giving from our treasure. Our First Fruits Offering starts this weekend. This program is essential to support funding our maintenance and other special projects **to our Parish**. Thank you for your interest in serving our Parish. God bless you. And we thank a generous parishioner who **donated \$1000** towards this appeal.



**Ash Wednesday - 5th March** - We will be celebrating **Ash Wednesday with 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.**



**Shrove Tuesday** - In Australia the day preceding Ash Wednesday is popularly known as Shrove Tuesday. It is also frequently called Pancake Tuesday. As a Parish community we organise 'Shrove Tuesday or Pan cake Tuesday' on **4th March after 9am Mass at St. Mary's**. This will mark a new beginning of Journey through Fasting, Prayer and Almsgiving during Lent .



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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.**

**Sacramental Program 2025**

**Reconciliation, Term 1**

1st April- St Brendan's, 2:45pm

3rd April- St Mary's, 3:30pm

First Holy Communion, Term 2

21st June- St Brendan's, 5pm

22nd June- St Mary's, 9am

**Confirmation, Term 3**

**30th August- St Mary's, 11AM**

Further information will be released before the end of Term 2.



**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. We will keep you informed over the next few weeks and hope that you will note the date and time in your diaries. This is a Parish function and we do so hope you will support us at this time. If there is anyone in the Parish from the Cook Islands or who has visited, could you contact Carolyn Metcalfe on 0421 838 014.

**St. Joseph's Men's BBQ 28th Feb 7 -8:30 pm** Who: Men 18+ Good food. Good company. A chance to grow in faith and brotherhood. Join us for an evening of real conversation and genuine fraternity as we explore what it means to live authentic Catholic masculinity. We're honoured to welcome Shayne D'Cunha as our guest speaker. Born in Mumbai, India, raised in Sydney, Shayne pursued a professional soccer career, playing as a defender for the Western Sydney Wanderers A-League and representing Australia at the under-20 level. In 2019, he answered a higher calling and entered the Seminary to study for the Catholic priesthood for our Diocese of Broken Bay. Shayne's journey from the soccer field to the seminary offers profound insights into faith & purpose. "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." Proverbs 27:17 Come, connect, and be strengthened.

**Catholic Women's League** will resume their meetings on **Mon 24th Feb.** We will gather for 9am Mass with the meeting commencing at 10am. This meeting will be followed by our AGM. I look forward to catching up with members for this year and welcome any new members who would like to join us. From Carolyn Metcalfe



**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). Each week a different group 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.

**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, Mary Smith

**Anniversaries:** Gerindia Castanares, Alice Castanares, Jose Castanares, Luz Pineda, Greta Hackett, Frater family, Bill Tyson, Henry Cahill, Catherine Murphy, Millicent Zietsch, Lorenzo Mazzitello, Coy Rugers & Manuel Santos Sr

**Remembrances:** George Castle, Tita & Teodoro, Daisy, Norberto Reale, Thyra King, Lisa Marie Grenot, Gilbert Don Calette, Stephens Cappa, Saviour & Renu Debono, Manuel Tana, Marie O'Keefe, Richard & Margie Hamer, 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 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

**February Birthdays**

- Carolyn Metcalf (4th Feb)
- Alison Newell (15th Feb)
- Christine Mickelsen (17th Feb)
- Rachelle McConnon (18th Feb)
- Margaret Cashin (20th Feb)
- Melinda Sullivan (20th Feb)
- Bob Steele (21st Feb)
- Elaine Scrivener (22nd Feb)
- Daryl Grime (22nd Feb)
- Pat Glennen (23rd Feb)
- Lavender Piula (24th Feb)
- Anthony Newell (26th Feb)



**Pope Francis' February Intention For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life**

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood

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**First Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23**

A reading the first book of Samuel

*The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you.*

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God****Responsorial Psalm Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13****R. The Lord is kind and merciful.**

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,  
all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

The Lord is compassion and love,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repays us according to our faults. **R.**

As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins.  
As a father has compassion on his sons,  
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **R.**

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49**

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

*Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.*

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God****Gospel Acclamation John 13:34**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment;  
love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

**Gospel Luke 6:27-38**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*Be merciful as your Father is merciful.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. 'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ****Next Sunday: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C****First Reading: Sirach 27:4-7****Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58****Gospel: Luke 6:39-45**