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Catholic Parish Toukley/Lake Munmorah

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To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

16th February, 2024



Gospel Reflection THE BLESSED IN THE KINGDOM

In the first reading prophet Jeremiah speaks about two types of people - the first those who trust in man and the second those who trust in the Lord God. He explains to us that the life of those who trust in man is as precarious as that of a shrub growing in the desert whereas the life of those who trust in the Lord God is as sure as that of a tree growing by the waterside. Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord God.

St. Paul emphatically affirms in second reading that Christ's resurrection is a symbol and a guarantee that all the faithful who have died and who will die will be raised up by God as Jesus was raised. The resurrection of Jesus hence confirms our faith and reinforces our hope of a life after our earthly life.

Today's Gospel reading is from St. Luke. In the first part of this passage Jesus enumerates various blessings for those who trust in the Lord. Fourfold blessings are mentioned: 1. Blessings for those who are poor. 2. Blessings for those who are hungry. 3. Blessings for those who weep. 4. Blessings for those who are hated and despised because they are followers of the Lord. In the second part we have fourfold woes (curses): 1. Woe to those who are rich. 2. Woe to those who are full. 3. Woe to those who laugh. 4. Woe to those who are well spoken of by others. Through these blessings and woes, we are made to understand the reversal of values in the kingdom of God as opposed to those who follow the values of the world. Hence the beatitudes graphically explain to us that a follower of Christ must trust in God in all situations of life rather than trusting in worldly riches and possessions. The Beatitudes teach us how we should live, and what we should do. What makes one blessed is not simply poverty or hunger or sadness or suffering for the Faith but living these in the context of our commitment to Jesus and in His spirit of sharing.

Fr. Tomy

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church Toukley

Saturday: Vigil 6:00pm Fr Tomy
Sunday: 7:30am Fr Tomy
9:00am Fr Tomy
6:00pm Fr Joshi
Children's Liturgy 1st & 3rd Sunday at 9:00am
Mass (except school holidays)

St Brendan's Church Lake Munmorah

Saturday: Vigil 5:00pm Fr Joshi
Sunday: 8:00am Fr Joshi

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:

Sun 16th Feb: First Fruits Offering
Thurs 20th Feb: Lectio Divina Parish Centre 5pm
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
Sun 2nd March: Parish morning teas/Kinder/Yr6 Mass @ St Mary's
Tues 4th March: Shrove Tuesday
Wed 5th March: Ash Wednesday
Fri 7th March: World Day of Prayer St Brendan's

Communion Service - There will be only Communion Service at St Mary's on **THURSDAYS 20th & 27th Feb at 9am**. This is due to Deanery meeting and safe guarding programme for Clergy. St Brendan's will still be only Communion Service on **Weds** during the month of Feb while Fr Baby is away.



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.

Letter of Thanks - Fr. Varghese Kochuparambil and CFIC Indian Province thank Toukley Lake Munmorah Parish for your generosity and support during the CFIC special appeal last year. Your kindness and generosity will help the education of orphans and street children and their future. The letter is available on the notice board.

Could this be the role for you?

Do you enjoy working with children and love giving back to your community? We are looking for some new Catechist volunteers in our Parish, to either lead a class or be a helper, teaching Catholic scripture in our local public schools. These are the public schools that our Parish looks after: Lake Munmorah PS, Northlakes PS, Mannering Park PS, Blue Haven PS, Gorokan PS and Gwandalan PS. Perhaps one of these is your local school? Or you know a student there? Wouldn't it be great to help the Catholic students in these schools learn more about Jesus? We provide full training & support. Call the Parish Office for more information. We'd love to hear from you!



Calling all Coin Collectors! If you have an interest in coin collecting for the fun please contact the Parish office. We have some old coins that were in the collections over the years that are unusable as currency.

There are some old/interesting types if you are interested.



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Sacramental Program 2025

* Candidates from Year 4 and above have already received the Sacrament of Baptism & Confirmation, these will be your next Sacramental preparation.

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

*Candidates from Year 3 & above have already received the Sacrament of Baptism.

30th August- St Mary's, 11AM

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



Thank you! - The Parish community would like to thank **Andrew & Maria Bates** for gardening and cleaning the church premises of St Mary's. It is much appreciated. We would also like to thank **Jan, John, Cathy & Emy** who helped clean the church on Thurs.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2025 - will be hosted by our Parish at **St Brendan's Church Lake Munmorah on Fri 7th March**, time to be advised. Please make 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 hope that you will note the date and time in your diaries & hope so much you will support us at this time. **Also, if there is anyone in the Parish from the Cook Islands or who has visited the Islands could they contact Carolyn Metcalf 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. No pressure, just men striving for more.

Ministry & Group Calendar 2025 - Dear friends, the Parish Pastoral Council & Parish Office request different ministries & group leaders to provide their activity programme for the year by mid Feb for the following groups: Mission Council (both churches), Parish Finance Committee, Liturgy Committee, St Joseph's Ministry, First Friday – Alliance of Two Hearts, Catholic Women's Group, Children's Liturgy, School Masses, Family Masses, Catechists & Morning Tea Roster.

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



Recently Deceased: Philip Hanlen, Jean Birkin, Paul Mizzi, Tony Morath, Dr Michael Tsouroutis, Mary Smith, Krystina Glabus, Tony Demanuele, Gamri Agius, Rita Edge, Vince Debono, Vince Gatt & Manuel Caruana

Anniversaries: Frater family, Bill Tyson, Catherine Murphy, Millicent Zietsch, Lorenzo Maz-zitello, Coy Rugers & Manuel Santos Sr

Remembrances: 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 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

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)
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



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

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First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.

The Lord says this:

'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man,
who relies on things of flesh,
whose heart turns from the Lord.

He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:
if good comes, he has no eyes for it,
he settles in the parched places of the wilderness,
a salt land, uninhabited.

'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord,
with the Lord for his hope.

He is like a tree by the waterside
that thrusts its roots to the stream:
when the heat comes it feels no alarm,
its foliage stays green;
it has no worries in a year of drought,
and never ceases to bear fruit.'

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 1:1-4

R. Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Happy indeed is the man
who follows not the counsel of the wicked;
nor lingers in the way of sinners
nor sits in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is the law of the Lord
and who ponders his law day and night. **R.**

He is like a tree that is planted
beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season
and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that he does shall prosper. **R.**

Not so are the wicked, not so!
For they like winnowed chaff
shall be driven away by the wind.
For the Lord guards the way of the just
but the way of the wicked leads to doom. **R.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there

is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people. But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Luke 6:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;
your reward is great in heaven.
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 6:17, 20-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Woe to the rich!

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor; yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied. Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now. Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry. Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Next Sunday: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

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

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38