

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Catholic Parish Toukley/Lake Munmorah

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Vision

To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

12th January, 2025



Gospel Reflection

The baptism of Jesus by John at the river Jordan is highlighted in the gospel today. The baptism of Jesus gives us the following messages: 1. Jesus identifies Himself with the sinful humanity although He is sinless. 2. Jesus totally submits Himself to the will of the heavenly Father. 3. God the Father approves the ministry of Jesus by empowering Him with the power of the Holy Spirit. Our baptism is very much related to the baptism of Jesus. For us, baptism is a door and as we go through this door, our lives are never the same. Most of us were baptized when we were infants and did not really understand the depth, the meaning and its significance at the time of our baptism. By our baptism, we become members of God's community. Hence, by baptism we are choosing a life like that of Jesus. Like Jesus, by our baptism, we too become sons and daughters of the heavenly Father.

Fr. Tomy

There will be only Communion service at St Mary's Tues Jan/Feb & St Brendan's on Wed & Thurs this week

Confessions - On Saturdays will be only until 10am at St Mary's. Please contact the Parish office for a private appointment for confession.

Ordination Anniversary Fr Tomy celebrated his **Ordination Anniversary on 9th Jan**. Let us keep him in our prayers. Congratulations Fr Tomy!

St Brendan's Rosters Feb to Apr 2025

Rosters are now being prepared for Feb to April. We need volunteers for all positions on the roster, training will be provided. Please add your details to the sheets at the back of the Church.

Congratulations Paul & Pam Moir!

The Parish Community would like to thank Paul & Pam for their service, support and friendship. We wish them all the blessings.

Thank you - Thank you to Fr Brian & Fr Joshi for helping us with weekend Masses at St Brendan's Church while Fr Baby is away.

Ministry & Group Calendar 2025:

Dear friends, the Parish Pastoral Council & Parish Office request different ministries & group leaders in the Parish to come up with their activity programme

for the year. We shall be grateful if they are available by mid Feb. More information will be followed next week.

Recently Deceased: Mary Smith, Bill Goulding, Joyce Walker, Therese McFadden & Vince Gatt

Anniversaries: Mario Azzopardi, Carlo Vella, Glen O'Connor & John Dormer

Remembrances: Ingrid Hamer, Stephens Cappa, Serafin Anosa Senior, Auiceto Caboboy, Frank Costa, Marie O'Keefe, Valmai Joseph & Stark Family & Wendy Woodhouse

Please Pray for the Sick: Irene Tognetti, Barry Egan, Brian Brame, Kel Outlaw, Kevin Roy, Kathy Casey, Elaine Horton, Jane, Allen, Helen Sewell, Liz Kelman, Lacey, Patrick Hobson, Rita, Judy Kay, Ray Crocker, Elaine Scrivener, Bill O'Keefe, Michelle Maroon, Mick G & Robbie Depares

Memorial Mass for Mario Azzopardi 6pm Mon 13th Jan at St Brendan's

Funeral For the late Mary Smith

The funeral for Mary will be held on **Sat 18th Jan 11am at St Mary's.**

January Birthdays: Fr. Baby (26th), Rita Jeffries (26th) & Max Jurd

First Reading *Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11* **The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it.**

'Console my people, console them,'
says your God.
'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem
and call to her
that her time of service is ended,
that her sin is atoned for,
that she has received from the hand of the Lord
double punishment for all her crimes.'

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness
a way for the Lord.

Make a straight highway for our God
across the desert.
Let every valley be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
let every cliff become a plain,
and the ridges a valley;
then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed
and all mankind shall see it;

for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Go up on a high mountain,
joyful messenger to Zion.
Shout with a loud voice,
joyful messenger to Jerusalem.

Shout without fear,
say to the towns of Judah,
'Here is your God.'

Here is the Lord coming with power,
his arm subduing all things to him.

The prize of his victory is with him,
his trophies all go before him.

He is like a shepherd feeding his flock,
gathering lambs in his arms,
holding them against his breast
and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 28:1-4, 9-10*

R. Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

O Lord God, how great you are,
clothed in majesty and glory,
wrapped in light as in a robe!
You stretch out the heavens like a tent. **R.**
Above the rains you build your dwelling.
You make the clouds your chariot,
you walk on the wings of the wind,
you make the winds your messengers
and flashing fire your servants. **R.**

How many are your works, O Lord!
In wisdom you have made them all.
The earth is full of your riches.
There is the sea, vast and wide,

with its moving swarms past counting,
living things great and small. **R.**
All of these look to you
to give them their food in due season.
You give it, they gather it up:
you open your hand, they have their fill. **R.**
You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. **R.**

Second Reading *Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7* **He saved us through the water of rebirth and renewal in the Holy Spirit.**

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good. When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *cf Luke 3:16*

Alleluia, alleluia!
John said: He who is to come is mightier than I;
he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.
Alleluia!

Gospel *Luke 3:15-16, 21-22* **When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him.**

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.' Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

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

Next Sunday - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading - Isaiah 62:1-5

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 Gospel - John 2:1-11