

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Catholic Parish Toukley/Lake Munmorah

St Mary's Church 458 Main Rd Noraville

St Brendan's Mass Centre 29 Carters Rd Lake Munmorah



Vision

To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C

1st December, 2024



Gospel Reflection

Be vigilant at all times

During the Season of Advent, the most salient interpretation of the phrase "be vigilant and pray at all times" is one of "paying attention" - that one be attentive to the presence of God at each moment of life, make the most of all opportunities, and prepare for the Kingdom already present in this world. In Jesus' view, the Kingdom is always near, ready to break through the barriers of every day, to take hold of us, impel us, embrace us, challenge us - and if we pay attention, and if we are "vigilant," we will be able to find evidence of His all-encompassing Love in the simple, ordinary, and sometimes tragic events that go to make up our daily lives.

Advent is a time of expectation, a time of preparation, a time of urgency. Scripture reminds us during this first week that Advent is also a time of warning. We must not allow ourselves to slip into the routine of ordinary life and to miss the opportunities that life presents to us. Advent is a time for us to recall lost opportunities, and of determining to take steps to miss fewer opportunities in the days ahead. It's a time for us to pay attention, to be watchful. We need to prepare ourselves to live effectively and lovingly with life's tensions, and not only to be aware of our needs but also to the needs of others. "May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all..." - 1 Thessalonians 3:12.

This is the gift of Christmas - the gift that speaks of Light dispelling the Darkness. Much of the world today continues to be confused about this gift and refuses to accept it. The Light that has entered the darkness is one born in a stable, and whose earthly life ended on a cross. The babe of Bethlehem 2000 years ago has given us a legacy and a mission: "Love as I have loved. Live as I have lived." This is His Christmas gift to us.

Fr. Baby

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

Parish events - Save the Date:

Wed 4th Dec: St Mary's School Thanksgiving Mass **9.15am**
Thurs 5th Dec: Volunteer Mass and BBQ at St Mary's 5pm
Mon 9th Dec: St Brendan's Yr 6 Graduation Mass 5pm
Thurs 12th Dec: St Mary's Yr 6 Graduation Mass 5pm
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



24 Hours for The Lord

This Advent, we invite you to a special opportunity for peace, reflection, and spiritual renewal: 24 Hours for The Lord. Come and spend time in the presence of Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration as we prepare our hearts for Christmas.

Join us for 24 hours of perpetual Adoration from 9:00 AM on the 7th

of December to 9:00 AM on the 8th of December. This is a sacred time to pause, draw closer to Christ, and find the peace that only He can offer in the busyness of the season. Whether you can stay for a few minutes or commit to a full hour, your time with the Lord is a gift to both you and our parish community. We encourage everyone to participate! **How to Sign Up** - Please sign up for an hour on the sheet at the church door or call the parish office to reserve your time slot. "Could you not watch with me one hour?" – Matthew 26:40 "Through adoration, the Christian mysteriously contributes to the radical transformation of the world and to the sowing of the Gospel. Anyone who prays to the Saviour draws the whole world with him and raises it to God. Those who stand before the Lord are therefore fulfilling an eminent service." - Pope St John Paul II. God bless!

On Wednesday 4th December Mass will be at 9.15am at St Mary's for the school Thanksgiving Mass

St Mary's Rosters - These are now available in the Church foyer for Dec/Jan along with the Christmas roster.

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.



First Friday Anointing Mass & Reparation Vigil

Fri 6th Dec - The Anointing Mass is 11am, St Mary's. Join us for the Reparation Vigil to the Sacred Heart and Immaculate Heart from 7pm Fri 6th Dec 7pm - 12.30am Saturday. Come and spend some time with our Lord.

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

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PARISH VOLUNTEERS MASS & THANK YOU BBQ

Fr Tomy, Fr Baby, Parish Pastoral Council & Parish Finance Committee are inviting all our amazing Parish Volunteers from both churches to a Volunteer Mass & BBQ on **THURS 5TH DEC 5pm**. Contact the Parish office **urgently to RSVP for catering purposes**. Could all volunteers please wear your name badge and if you require one let the Parish office know.



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. 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



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.

St Brendan's Coffee & Chat - Please come along on **Wed 4th Dec 10am - 12pm** at The Doylo. Everyone is welcome!



Christmas Handicrafts Sale - There will be beautiful handmade craft items for sale at **St Mary's Church on Sun 1st Dec** after 9am Mass and 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!!

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.

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.

Junior Altar Server Ministry - Congratulations to **Elise, Eli and Archie** as newly commissioned as Altar Servers. Thank you to their parents and teachers who supported them. We invite Y4 to Senior Students who are interested to be an Altar Servers, if you are interested and want to learn more about this ministry please contact our Parish Office. We will give you a free training and formation.

Children's Liturgy of the Word at St Brendan's Parents we invite your children to come and join us this 7th Dec at 5pm for our monthly CLOW. We are excited to see you and together we walk with Jesus. For queries please contact Nicole or the Parish Office.

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

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

Anniversaries: Dennis Newey, Cecilia Samaniego, Edna Bath, Lorraine Anderson, Doreen Goonan, Wayne Puckeridge, Vicky Debono, Isabel Ridge-well, Kathleen Nolan & John Glennen

Remembrances: 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 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, Finn McConnon, Sylvia Hudson, Bill O'Keefe, Michelle Maroon, Mick G & Robbie Depares

Annual Memorial Mass for Vicky Debono at 6pm St Brendan's Church on Mon 2nd Dec



Wedding Anniversary: Congratulations to **Ray & Islay Mahony** on their 53rd Wedding Anniversary!

Wedding: Congratulations to **Jhi Langton & Claire Grime** on their marriage on Sat 30th Nov. Wishing you God's blessing on your special day.

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

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 Bridget (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.

Mackay Family Funerals

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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 33:14-16

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

'In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.

In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence.

And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my Saviour. **R.**

The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

His ways are faithfulness and love for those who keep his covenant and will.

The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him; to them he reveals his covenant. **R.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12 - 4:2

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

When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and

Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Your redemption is near at hand.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.'

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Next Sunday - Second Sunday of Advent Year C

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6