

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Catholic Parish Toukley/Lake Munmorah

St Mary's Church 458 Main Rd Norville

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Vision

To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community

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TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

1st September 2024



Gospel Reflection

Moses in the first reading exhorts the people of Israel to follow the statutes and ordinances of the Lord God and keep His commandments. They are instructed not to add or deduct anything from them. As a wise and understanding people they are to observe them in letter and spirit.

In today's Gospel reading Jesus confronts the Pharisees and the Scribes who accused His disciples of not keeping the traditions and practices of the Jews. This was told in the context of Jesus' disciples eating food without washing their hands as the Jewish custom was. According to their traditions, Jews were expected to wash their hands before eating any food. Jesus goes on to explain that what really makes us impure is not what we eat or drink - that which goes into the stomach- but rather what comes out of our heart: evil thoughts, desires, fornication, theft, murder and adultery. Hence Jesus is inviting us to have a close look at our set practices and observed traditions.

He wants us to have a conversion of heart that will lead us to true faith and God experience. Let us not waste our precious lives in trivial matters but rather give due importance to the essential principles of life. It is not enough to do lip service to God and fellow humans but rather serve the fellow humans by concrete actions which come from our heart. Righteousness is not what we do on the outside, but who we are on the inside. Righteousness is not about the hand; it is about the heart. Keep your heart holy as it is the source of sins, vices and evil habits. The observance of traditions and of washing rituals does not correct the internal motivations and inclinations that really defile people. External piety without internal holiness is hypocrisy.

"Serving the poor is serving God." -St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

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



We welcome all of our parishioners and visitors who have joined us for the celebration of Holy Eucharist this weekend. You are all most welcome here in our Parish Family. Please feel free to make yourself known to us, and we look forward to speaking with you.

Parish events - Save the Date:

Sun 1st Sept: Parish Morning Teas and Father's Day

Thurs 5th Sept: St Brendan's Year 6 Mass

Fri 6th Sept: First Friday Vigil Mass from 7pm-12.30am at St Mary's

Sun 8th Sept: Celebration of Fr. Baby's Ordination anniversary and Sr. Josie and Sr. Jennifer's renewal of vows 9am St Mary's

Thurs 12th Sept: St Brendan's Year 6 Mass 9am

Fri 13th Sept: St Mary's Year 6 Mass 9am

Sat 21st Sept: Family Mass St Brendan's 5pm



From Thurs 5th Sept, there will be usual Mass at St Mary's, Church at 9am



Father's Day Blessing and Morning Tea:

This Sunday 1st Sept, after 8am Mass at St Brendan's and after 9am Mass at St Mary's, stay back and enjoy the company and wish all the Dads a Happy Father's Day. All Father's and other significant male family members are welcome to receive a special blessing during the weekend Masses.

National Child Protection Week: National Child Protection Week is finally here, with the week's celebrations commencing this Sunday. This year's powerful message is 'Every child in every community needs a fair go' which is complemented by the theme 'Every conversation matters'. Conversations are powerful tools to safeguard children and young people within our communities and they can help us better understand their needs, allowing for solutions to be driven by their voices.

St Brigid's Catholic College is looking for expressions of interest for volunteers to be readers/writers for HSC exams. The exams will run at various times from Tuesday 15th October to Friday 8th November. Volunteers will need to have a working with children check and be able to read and write to a high standard. For more information contact Sarah Benham, Leader of Learning Support on sarah.benham@dbb.catholic.edu.au or 7256 2122



Congratulations Fr Hien Vu A wonderful celebration took place in the Diocese last weekend on the occasion of the Ordination to the Priesthood of Deacon Joseph Martin Hien Vu. Fr Vu is in the Order of Melchizedek. Congratulations Fr Hien and may God's blessings always be upon you.

Use of Parent/Carer Cry Room in St Mary's Church

Please feel free to use the "cry room" during weekend Masses if your children and needing attention and still feel included in the Mass.

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RCIA Enquiries - RCIA (Rite of Christian initiation for Adults) is a sacramental programme for those who think of becoming a Catholic and make their journey of faith through sacraments. If you would like to find out more about the RCIA programme, please contact the Parish Office on 43964455 or Alison on 0424737911.



Ordination Anniversary Fr Baby

Congratulations to dear Fr. Baby on his 20th anniversary on 4th September. God bless you. As a family we will celebrate this at St Mary's after 9am Mass on **Sunday 8th Sept** & all are welcome.



Congratulations to **Sr. Josie** and **Sr. Jennifer** who will celebrate the feast of their Order - Saint Augustine (28th Aug) with the renewal of their vows also on **Sunday 8th Sept** during 9am Mass.



First Friday Anointing Mass & Reparation Vigil 6th September

The Anointing Mass is 11am, St Mary's. Please join us for the Reparation Vigil to the Sacred Heart and Immaculate Heart from 7pm Friday 6th September 7pm - 12.30am Saturday. With suppliant hearts come and spend some time with our Lord.

St Brendan's Coffee & Chat

St Brendan's Social Group is on the 1st Wednesday of every month from 10am-12pm. Everyone is welcome to join together at the Doylo RSL on **Wed 4th Aug**.



House Blessings

If you would like your home or car blessed by one of the Priests please contact the Parish Office to arrange an appointment.

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



Recently Deceased : Mary Bezzina, Sue Mahoney, Joe Grima & Peter McBride

Anniversaries: Leedy, Mario Azzopardi, Tony Vella, Janet Wood, John Henry, John Booth, Ignatius Lain, Alex Irene Robinson, Frederick John Wheldon, Paul Reid, Bryan Knox, Myra & Jack Hanlen, Quinciano Maceda & Sherlina Maceda

Remembrances: Ivan Kvesic, Debono family, Simon Butcher, Diane Booth, Giuseppe Nocera, Vincenzo Nocera, Bridget Ebejer, Joe Borg, Stephens Cappa, Ingrid Hamer, Crysterline Hamer, Richard & Margie Hamer, Valmai Joseph & Stark Family, Wendy Woodhouse & Carol Brown

Please Pray for the Sick: Mia & Johanna Harries, Ana das Gracias, Zona Kable, Elaine Horton, Jose Adelino, Barry Egan, Rose Booth, Jose Adelino, Suzanne Webb, Judy Kay, Ray Crocker, Patricia, Warren Pope, Elaine Scrivener, John Stuart, Stefano & Paolo Macchi, Ruben Fernandez V, Mia Lili Harries, Joanne Gravelle, Angie Newton, Shirley Dormer, Jenny Roy, Stephen Jeffrie, Paul Mizzi, George, Jim Rush, Finn McConnon, Sylvia Hudson, Cusick Family, Maree Campbell, Katherine Hoppett, Ann, Krissy & Craig Taylor, Tim Keogh, Patrick Hobson, Marion Campbell, Wayne Stafford, Mark Wilson, Bill O'Keefe, Michelle Maroon, Mick G, Kylie Musgrave, Avis Sullivan, Brian Fletcher, Rhondda Rey, Christine Yousef, Bev Jessop, Sandra Campbell, Mia & Robbie Depares, De-Anne Richards, Jackie Chaplin, Michael Casey, Koen Mackaway, Eva Cusick, Melissa, Margaret Connolly, Rita Cini, Baby Mia Lilli, Maria Butseties, Shirley Campbell, Josh. R, Robyn Brand, Denis Tansey, Miklos Beothy, Liz Kelman & Amanda

August/September Birthdays

- Charlie Cassar (5 Sept)
- Bede Irvine (6 Sept)
- Helen Cashin (6 Sept)
- Robyn Rosina (6 Sept)
- Jennifer Proudfoot (7 Sept)
- Nat Rosina (11 Sept)
- Mary Gavranic (16 Sept)
- Patricia Roach (17th Sept)
- Aurora Spencer (22 Sept)
- Wayne Bulgin (26 Sept)
- Irene Deagan (27th Sept)
- Marie Steel (28th Sept)
- Nancy Bergado (30th Sept)
- Barry Rosen (30th Sept)



Pope Francis' September Intention



For the Cry of the Earth
Let us pray that each of us listens with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit.

Mackay Family Funerals

In Association with Mackay Family Crematorium

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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 Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you - keep the commands of the Lord.

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 14:2-5

R. The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart. **R.**

He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. **R.**

He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. **R.**

Second Reading James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

A reading from the letter of St James

Be doers of the word.

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created. Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoiled religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when

they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation James 1:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruit of his creation.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition.

After The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me.

The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these things come from within and make a man unclean.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Next Sunday- Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading : Isaiah 35:4-7

Second Reading: James 2:1-5

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37