

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Catholic Parish Toukley/Lake Munmorah

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To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community

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TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

25th August 2024



Gospel Reflection

Lord, You have the Words of Eternal Life

The human story is one filled with broken dreams. Our dreams will or will not be realized based on the decisions that we make which determine the course of our lives. We are faced with these decisions every day.

In today's gospel we experience a similar moment of decision faced by Jesus' disciples. Jesus has already spoken to them about coming down from heaven and having to return there. He says he is the bread that has come down from heaven. But more immediately, he has told them that they must eat his flesh and drink his blood.

Jesus doesn't make any attempt to soften his words, to make his message more palatable. Peter and the Twelve are committed to Christ, they will stay with him because, as Peter puts it, "We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." But they only have partial vision at this point, and there is much more to see and believe in Christ. Until Jesus returns to the Father and sends the Spirit, their understanding is partial, their knowledge incomplete.

We believe that Jesus is the Word made flesh, God's total act of communication with us. We, too, have come to believe the Jesus is the Holy One of God. But do we truly understand that proclamation of belief?

It is the Spirit who enables us to comprehend Jesus' words, accept them in faith and then receive and live the life they give. It is the Spirit who gifts us with the faith to recognize the flesh and blood of Christ in the bread we eat and the wine we drink today. But like those in the Gospel today, the decision to listen, to comprehend, to live and to dream, is the difference between understanding and belief.

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



Welcome to our Parish. Today we celebrate the **Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B.** We welcome you to our Church & are pleased to see you here.



Parish events - Save the Date:

Thurs 29th Aug: Lectio Divina on Zoom

Fri 30th Aug: Father's Day Mass St Brendan's 9am

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

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

Diocesan Retreat: Will take place from **26th-30th August.** Fr. Baby will be away for the retreat. During the week we will have **Communion service at St Brendan's on Wednesday 28th and Communion service at St Mary's on Thursday 29th August.**

The last Ordinariate Mass was held 22nd Aug. On Thurs this week 29th Aug, there is Communion only service and from Thurs 5th Sept, there will be usual Mass at St Mary's, 9am.

Father's Day Blessing Sunday: Father's Day is on Sunday 1st September. All Father's and other significant male family members are welcome to receive a special blessing during next week-end Masses.

National Child Protection Week: This year National Child Protection Week commences on the first Sunday in September, being between 1-7 September 2024. This year's powerful message is 'Every child in every community needs a fair go' which is complemented by the theme 'Every conversation matters'.

Attention Collection Co-ordinators - The Parish Office would like to remind all collection co-ordinators to make sure that all collections baskets (St Mary's - 4 and St Brendan's - 2) reach everyone and for no one to be missed out and to save time. Thanks for all your service and generosity.

You Are Invited! Share your talents and skills in the ministry/ministries where you are called to be. Feel free to approach our Priests, Wardens or contact our Parish Office. Just fill in the form and return after. Ministries are: Altar Server, Readers, Choir/ Musician, Warden & Welcomers, a Catechist or a helper, Hospitality & Maintenance upkeep.

A message from a past Priest at Toukley/Lake Munmorah

Fr Jim McKeon This year I am celebrating my 25th anniversary as a priest. I will be walking the Camino de Santiago in Spain, using each day of walking to remember and give thanks for each year of priesthood. On Sept 1st & 2nd I will be remembering and giving God thanks for my time in your parish from 2002-2003. I remain so grateful for the two prayerful communities of St Mary's and St Brendan's and the wonderful opportunities I had to serve with you. I'll be putting my reflections on this blog <https://frjimsreflections.blogspot.com/> and I will be praying for you and your parish. – Fr Jim McKeon



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An enquiry night will be held for those who may want to ask questions and enquire about the process of Christian initiation for adults/ teenagers. You are invited to come along to **St. Mary's Church on Tue, 27 Aug, 5:30-6:30pm.**

For enquiries contact the Parish Office
4396.4455 or
Alison #0424 737 911



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Catholic Women's League - will be gathering for their monthly meeting in the Parish Centre at **10am on Monday 26th August**. All are welcome.

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



A Day for Broken Bay Diocese to Celebrate - Deacon Hien Vu's Ordination to the Priesthood, was celebrated at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara on **Sat 24th August at 11am**. Congratulations Fr. Hien Vu.

Joseph House | House of Discernment for Men - Applications 2025 Now Open! Joseph House is a place of intentional discernment. Residents engage in daily prayer, fraternity, and spiritual formation, helping them realise the universal call to holiness received at Baptism and discern God's specific plan for their lives. This is achieved while they continue with their regular employment, studies, and social ac-

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/mission/vocations/joseph-house>
For more information, contact Vocations Broken Bay on 02 8379 1626 | 0418 522 449 or email josephhouse@bbcatholic.org.au

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

Recently Deceased : Joe Grima, Peter McBride, Bob Kirken, Justin Perri, Jonah Langley & Helen Cook



Anniversaries: Pingo Roach, 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, Helen Mabini, David Murphy, George Gordon, Paul Kain, James Rush & Zachary Nathan Canillas

Remembrances: Simon Butcher, Diane Booth, Giuseppe Nocera, Vincenzo Nocera, Bridget Ebejer, Joe Borg, Vincenza Debono, Saviour Debono, Vince Debono, Vickey Mifsud, Karen Martin, Frank Costa, Sam Cutajar, Stephens Cappa, Ingrid Hamer, Crysterline Hamer, Richard & Margie Hamer, Valmai Joseph & Stark Family, Wendy Woodhouse & Carol Brown

Please Pray for the Sick: 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, Mia & Robbie Depares

Weddings: On Sun 25th Aug at 1pm the weddings of **John Frame to Aurora Spencer** and **Primilito Anzoa to Florida Cabagsang** are taking place at St Mary's Church. Many blessings to the happy couples.

August Birthdays

- Sr Jennifer Canillas (6 Aug)
- Jake Elias (6 Aug)
- Fr Joshi Naduppura (6 Aug)
- Ellen Sheerin (7 Aug)
- Tony Morath (8 Aug)
- Toutai Ketoni (9 Aug)
- Heather Baker (10 Aug)
- Lorrie O'Brien (13 Aug)
- Peter Turner (20th Aug)
- Miriam Spiteri (23 Aug)
- Geoffrey Swan (29 Aug)
- Angeline Collard (31 Aug)



Pope Francis' August Intention

For political leaders
We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

Mackay Family Funerals

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Please call Anne-Marie
4396 1555

First Reading Joshua 24:1-2,15-18

A reading from the book of Joshua

We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-3, 16-23

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal. **R.**

They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. **R.**

Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken. **R.**

Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R.**

Second Reading Ephesians 5:21-32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church.

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the

whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives submit to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body - and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation cf John 6:63, 68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

Gospel John 6:60-69

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?'

'It is the spirit that gives life,
the flesh has nothing to offer.

The words I have spoken to you are spirit
and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

**Next Sunday- Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

First Reading : Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

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

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