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Catholic Parish Toukley/Lake Munmorah

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Vision To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B

28th April, 2024

The Abiding Presence of the Risen Lord in the Believer



In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks about the intimate and deep bond between Him and those who believe in Him. This relationship is compared to that of the vine and its branches. Branches must be united to the vine to produce fruits. If the branches are cut off from the vine it cannot be fruitful. Gospel also mentions about two types of branches.

The first type is fruit- bearing which will be pruned to produce more fruits. The second type of branches do not produce fruits, consequently they will be cut off from the vine. We are united with Jesus through our baptism. Hence if we are fruit-bearing branches we must be prepared to be pruned to produce more fruits. But if we are branches that do not produce fruits it is time to change our ways so that we too produce fruits, lest we be cut off from the Lord.

This is what St. John. John tells us that if we wish to live as God wants, we must keep His commandments. That would mean that we should believe in the name of Jesus and love one another as he commanded us to do. Those who keep the commandments are united to Him and the presence of the Holy Spirit is with them. Let our life be always in union with the risen Lord and be like the branches that are united with the vine.

"To start anew from Christ means being close to Him, being close to Jesus. Jesus stresses the importance of this with the disciple at the Last Supper, as He prepares to give us His own greatest gifts of love, His sacrifice on the cross. Jesus uses the image of the vine and the branches and says, 'Abide in my love, remain attached to me, as the branch is attached to the vine'. If we are joined to Him, then we are able to bear fruit." - Pope Francis.

Fr. Baby

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 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 Brian 8:00am Fr Joshi Sunday:

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church Toukley

Monday 9:00 am Tuesday 9:00 am Wednesday 9:00 am

Thursday 9:00 am (Ordinariate of Our Lady of

the Southern Cross)

Friday 9:15am (Except 1st Friday of Month)

First Friday of Month Anointing of Sick

11:00am

9:00 am Saturday

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

Each Saturday – After Morning Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Mary's Toukley

Saturday 9:30am -10:00am (by appointment at 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



Welcome to our Parish. Today we celebrate the Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year B. We welcome Welcome you to our Church & are pleased to see you here.

Upcoming Parish events - Save the Date:

Mon 29th April: 1st Holy Communion classes commence Thurs 9th May: Mother's Day Mass St Brendan's 9am **Sun 12th May:** Fr Tomy installed as Parish Priest by

Bishop Anthony Randazzo and morning tea

Thurs 16th May: St Brendan's School Feast Day Mass 9am Sat 18th May: St Brendan's Church Feast Day Mass 5pm Fri 24th May: St Mary's School Feast Day Mass 9.15am

Parish Office will be open Mon/Wed/Fri only from 13th May -24th May from 9am - 2pm.

Planned Giving Envelopes - Planned Giving Envelopes are now available at both churches. If you can't see your name there please contact the Parish Office as they may be at the other church and we organise them for you. If you would like to join the Planned Giving Program please let the Priest or Parish Office know. This supports our Parish with the many expenses we face on a continual basis. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Anointing Mass - First Friday of the month 3rd May 11am St Mary's and Second Wednesday of the month 8th May 9am at St Brendan's.

First Friday of the Month - Friday 3rd May - Join us for the Reparation Vigil to the Sacred Heart and Immaculate Heart from 7pm - 12.30am Friday 3rd May. With suppliant hearts come and spend some time with our Lord.

St Brendan's Rosters - Rosters are now available for collection from the church for May-July.

St Brendan's Morning tea - will be held on Sunday 5th May after 8am Mass. Please join us to enjoy this time together and thank you to the Parishioners who prepare this for us.



St Brendan's Coffee & Chat - St Brendan's Social Group invite friends & newcomers to join them on Wed 1st May at The Doylo at 10am. Everyone is welcome!

Communion for people who are unable to attend Mass

If you are unable to physically attend Mass and would like to receive the Eucharist and reside in the St Brendan's area please contact the Parish office and we will organise a home visit.



<u>Pastoral Works Broken Bay (PWBB</u>
The next Pastoral Works Broken Bay appeal will be held in May on 25th & 26th. This is the final Pastoral Works appeal for this financial

year so we ask that you give generously to help our Parish achieve our quota. Any shortfall must be made up out of Parish funds. Thank you to those who have given already. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Envelopes are now available in both churches.





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Installation Mass of Fr. Tomy as our Parish Priest

On Sunday 12th May at 9am Mass St Mary's, Fr Tomy will be formally installed as our Parish Priest by Bishop Anthony Randazzo. All Parishioners are invited to attend to celebrate this special event. There will be a morning tea hosted after Mass. We would love for everyone from both of our churches to attend and celebrate with Fr Tomy. Please contact the Parish Office regarding morning tea. We would be grateful if you could bring a plate to share. Gluten free, capsicum/paprika options are welcome. The RCIA group will be running the morning tea but we need your help!



Mass Invitation for Mary Cefai -The 9am Mass on Sunday 5th May, will include a special remembrance to Mary Cefai to commemorate 1 year passing into eternal life. The family invite and welcome all to thank God for Mary's life with us and pray for her peaceful eternal rest.

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

Recently Deceased -

Barbara Pirlo, Terry McDonnell, Peter Dormer, John Jessop & Graham Campbell

Anniversaries - Angelo Caruana, Myrtle & William Brennan, Simon Butcher, Victor & Nancy Magro, Donald & Amelia Marshall, George Gavranic, Frederick Stephens, Johanna Jackson, Anne & Ashley Mack, Teresita & Teodoro Realo, Jack Gill, Warren Formosa, Greg Irvine & Albert Sykes

Remembrances - Salvina Caruana, Sylvia Hudson, Peter O'Malley, Sheila Connelly, Nelda D'Agostini Randon, Mary Anne McBride, Vicky Debono, Stephens Cappa, Margie Hamer, Valmai Joseph & Stark Family, Wendy Woodhouse & Carol Brown, Brown & Miller family

Please Pray for the Sick - Shirley Dormer, Jenny Roy, Stephen Jeffrie, Jonah Langley, Paul Mizzi, Telma Harris, George, Jim Rush, Sylvia Hudson, Cusick Family, Maree Campbell, Katherine Hoppett, Ann, Krissy & Craig Taylor, Gloria Smith, Tim Keogh, Patrick Hobson, Judy Kay, Marion Campbell, Wayne Stafford, Mark Wilson, Michelle Maroon, Mick G, Kylie Musgrave, Avis Sullivan, Brian Fletcher, Rhondda Rey, Christine Yousef, Florian Stoffel, 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, Susan Simmons, Denis Tansey, Miklos Beothy & Liz Kelman.

April Birthdays

Manny Debono (5th Apr)
Pam Moir (7th Apr)
Rawson Blackwood (10th Apr)
Angeli Lavada (12th Apr)
Cenon Mabini (12th Apr)
Angel Gaoiran (17th Apr)
Naomi Lavada (17th Apr)
Nicholas Rajanayagam (18th April)
Kate Drake (19th Apr)
Shirley Campbell (23rd Apr)
Alicia Klein (25th Apr)
Mary Debono (28th Apr)



Pope Francis' April Message For the Role of Women

"We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world."

Mackay Family Funerals

In Association with Mackay Family Crematorium A.B.N. 79 085 423 589

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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 Acts 9:26-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 21:26-28, 30-32 R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

My vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill. They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him. May their hearts live for ever and ever! R.

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him. They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. R.

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: 'These things the Lord has done.' R.

Second Reading 1 John 3:18-24

A reading from the first letter of St John

His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.

My children,

our love is not to be just words or mere talk,

but something real and active;

only by this can we be certain

that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence,

whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows

because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.

My dear people,

if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive,

because we keep his commandments

and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these:

that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another

as he told us to.

Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him.

We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation John 15:4-5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 15:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John *All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine.

and my Father is the vinedresser.

Every branch in me that bears no fruit

he cuts away,

and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more.

You are pruned already,

by means of the word that I have spoken to you.

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.

As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,

but must remain part of the vine,

neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine,

you are the branches.

Whoever remains in me, with me in him,

bears fruit in plenty;

for cut off from me you can do nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in me

is like a branch that has been thrown away

- he withers;

these branches are collected and thrown on the fire,

and they are burnt.

If you remain in me

and my words remain in you,

you may ask what you will

and you shall get it.

It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much

and then you will be my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Next Sunday - Sixth Sunday of Easter First Reading - Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 Second Reading - 1 John 4:11-16 Gospel - John 15:9-17

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