

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Catholic Parish Toukley/Lake Munmorah

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To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

4th August 2024



GOSPEL REFLECTION

First reading explains the journey of Israelites to the promised land and had many struggles through the desert for forty years. When hungry, they bitterly complained and murmured against Moses and the Lord God who liberated them from the slavery of Egypt. The Lord God listens to their complaints and provides them with manna (bread) and quails for their food. Moses tells them that the Lord God is providing them manna (bread). Thus, manna becomes the pre-figuration of the living bread (Eucharist) that Jesus gives us for our eternal life.

Today's Gospel reading narrates the great miracle of the multiplication of bread and feeding of more than five thousand, people are very excited and happy with Jesus. They feel that He is a permanent solution to their problems, especially hunger. They are in search of Him. Jesus is not very amused by this situation. He bluntly tells them that they are merely looking for signs and perishable food. After feeding the people with ordinary bread, Jesus offers them something far better: "The bread of eternal life." He takes this opportunity to teach them about the imperishable and life-giving food that will lead them to eternal life. To obtain this eternal life, they have to believe in the one sent by God. After His discourse on eternal life, people ask for a sign from Jesus: Like what Moses did when he gave them food (manna) from heaven. At this juncture, Jesus finally reveals Himself by telling them: "I am the bread of life, he who comes to me shall not hunger and he who believes in me will never thirst." (John 6:35) Often, we too are like the Jews of that time. We too look for various signs and immediate benefits rather than lasting solutions: Short-term happiness, without genuinely looking for lasting and permanent solutions to our problems in life.

The great Russian writer Solzhenitsyn puts it this way: "People don't know what they are striving for. They exhaust themselves in the senseless pursuit of material things and die without realizing their spiritual greatness." In this context, Fr. F. McCarthy says: "It is our emptiness that we are filled. It is in our confusions that we are guided. It is in our weakness that we are strengthened. It is in our sins that we are forgiven. It is in our hunger that we are fed." Lord, we turn to you for that food which endures to eternal life which you alone can provide us, as we journey through this life.

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 (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

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

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
Children's Liturgy (currently paused)



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



Parish events - Save the Date:

Thurs 8th Aug: Mary of the Cross Mass St Mary's 11.30am

Thurs 15th Aug: Assumption Mass 6pm St Mary's

Sat 17th Aug: Rite of Confirmation Ceremony St Mary's 11am

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



Birthday Celebration & Parish

Morning Teas Please join us to celebrate Sr Jennifer's birthday & our Parish morning teas on **Sun 4th**

August after 9am Mass at St Mary's. St Brendan's will have their morning

tea after 8am Mass on Sunday.



Invitation to Santa Maria festa (Our Lady of Mary) -at St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Church, Warnervale **18th Aug.** The Santa Maria Central Coast Association invites you to join them for Mass at 3pm with Fr Carmelo Sciberas followed by a procession around the Church at 4pm. Everyone is welcome. Come and enjoy traditional sweets and pastizzi. Fireworks at 6pm! For information PH: Charlie Scicluna 0404194020 or Glenn Dcruz 0413291129



Congratulations on the Sacrament of Baptism

On Sunday 28th July Braxton, Riley, Kai & Billy R. were baptised by Bishop Anthony at St Mary's Church. We welcome them and their family to our Parish community.

Assumption Mass - This year the Assumption Mass will be held at St Mary's Church at 6pm on Thursday 15th August.



Thank you to the whole Parish Community!

Fr Tomy, Fr Baby & Parish staff would like to thank the entire Parish community for all your dedication, time and effort you gave for making Bishop Anthony's visit to Toukley Lake Munmorah Parish a wonderful occasion for all. There was a lot of heart warming moments and tears of joy. It was a significant moment in the life of the Parish. A big thank you to all.

Security Fencing at St Brendan's

Fencing has been placed around the church and other areas at St Brendan's for security. This is in place for the safety of school children. **Please note the gates are on automatic timers. You need to drive up to the gate and it will automatically open and then close after you drive out. The swing gate near the church opens towards your car so leave a gap between your car and the gate.**

DEAR FRIENDS.
CAN YOU PLEASE HELP US SAVE A YOUNG MAN'S LIFE!

Our son has informed us that a dear friend is suffering from Liver Failure and has only **4 MONTHS to live** without a transplant from this donor wife. Mahesh is a mountain guide in a very poor village in Nepal, and without our help cannot get the operation he needs. Please can I ask you to give what you can to save his life at www.gofundme.com/f/please-help-save-mahesh

Many thanks.
God bless you all,
Paul Moir

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Sacrament of Confirmation - Our candidates are towards the end of their Sacramental preparation. Over the remaining weekend Masses their are rites to be presented for them - the Gifts & Fruits of the Holy Spirit and The Creed.

Please continue to pray for them and their families.

Schedule for rehearsal: 15th Aug 3:30pm St. Mary's Confirmation Rite 17th Aug 11am St. Mary's

Paris Olympics Statement from Bishop Anthony Randazzo

Bishop Anthony has issued the following statement on the Paris Olympics Opening Ceremony 2024. The statement can be viewed on the Diocese website & a copy is on the noticeboards.

National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children's Day

National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children's Day will be celebrated this year on Aug 4th. The day is an opportunity for all Australians to come together & celebrate Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander children, & learn about the crucial impact that community, culture & family play in their lives.

Holy Communion and Pastoral Care at Wyong Hospital

We have Holy Communion available on Sundays as well as most weekdays, and seek names of parishioners who might appreciate this or other pastoral care services, alongside the medical care typical of today. If you become aware of parishioners attending hospital, please pass on my details so that timely pastoral care can be arranged. Br. John Verhoeven, Mob: 0427 255 804 Gosford Hospital has similar services.

Sr Josie will be away 2nd to 23rd August - Sr Josie is heading away on leave. Sadly her brother Brigido who has been very unwell has passed away this morning. Please keep Sister Josie and her family in your prayers. We pray for your safe journey Sr Josie.

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 Doyle RSL on Wed 7th Aug.



CatholicCare's August Homelessness Week fundraiser

There is no place like home – but for many having a home is not a reality. The causes may be diverse, but the impact is the same – a loss of dignity and a sense of hopelessness. A special appeal will take place during **Homelessness Week on 10/11 Aug.** Thankyou for supporting this important Diocesan initiative.

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



Recently Deceased : Brigido Mabini, Arnufo Macera

Anniversaries: Ronald Roach, John Zerafa, Nancy Magro, Paul O'Neile, Tom Burke, Patricia Phillips & Marian Gorman

Remembrances: Frank Costa, Sam Cutajar, John, James William Baker, Yook Chee Ng, Diane Booth, Stephens Cappa, Ingrid Hamer, Crysterline Hamer, Richard & Margie Hamer, Valmai Joseph & Stark Family, Wendy Woodhouse & Carol Brown

Please Pray for the Sick - 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, Jonah Langley, Paul Mizzi, George, Jim Rush, Finn McConnon, Sylvia Hudson, Cusick Family, Maree Campbell, Katherine Hoppett, Ann, Krissy & Craig Taylor, Tim Keogh, Patrick Hobson, Judy Kay, Marion Campbell, Wayne Stafford, Mark Wilson, Bill O'Keefe, Michelle Maroon, Mick G, Kylie Musgrave, Avis Sullivan, Brian Fletcher, Rhonda Rey, Christine Yousef, Florian Stoffel, Bev Jessop, Sandra Campbell, Mia, Robbie Depares, DeAnne 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 Tansy, Miklos Beothy, Liz Kelman & Amanda O.

August Birthdays

- John Frame (1st Aug)
- Pat Bulgin (5th Aug)
- Sr Jennifer Canillas (6th Aug)
- Jake Elias (6th Aug)
- Ellen Sheerin (7th Aug)
- Tony Morath (8 Aug)
- Toutai Ketoni (9th Aug)
- Heather Baker (10th Aug)
- Ray Mahony (12th Aug)
- Lorrie O'Brien (13th Aug)
- Lance Scrivener (17th Aug)
- Peter Turner (20th Aug)
- Miriam Spiteri (23rd Aug)
- Geoffrey Swan (29th Aug)
- Angeline Collard ((31st Aug)
- Teo Ah Khing (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.

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First Reading Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

A reading from the book of Exodus

I will rain bread from heaven upon you.

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our heart's content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them in this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.'

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your heart's content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God.'" And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 77:3-4, 23-25, 54**R. The Lord gave them bread from heaven.**

The things we have heard and understood,
the things our fathers have told us,
we will tell to the next generation:
the glories of the Lord and his might. **R.**

He commanded the clouds above
and opened the gates of heaven.
He rained down manna for their food,
and gave them bread from heaven. **R.**

Mere men ate the bread of angels.
He sent them abundance of food.
He brought them to his holy land,
to the mountain which his right hand had won. **R.**

Second Reading Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Put on the new person that has been created in God's image.

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be re-

newed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God**Gospel Acclamation** Matthew 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone,

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 6:24-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst.

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly,
you are not looking for me
because you have seen the signs
but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat.

Do not work for food that cannot last,
but work for food that endures to eternal life,
the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you,
for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.'
Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

Jesus answered:

'I tell you solemnly,
it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven,
it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven,
the true bread;

for the bread of God
is that which comes down from heaven
and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered:

'I am the bread of life.

He who comes to me will never be hungry;

he who believes in me will never thirst.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**Next Sunday-Nineteenth Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

First Reading : 1 Kings 19:4-8

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:30 - 5:2

Gospel: John 6:41-51