

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Catholic Parish Toukley/Lake Munmorah

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To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C

22nd December, 2024



Gospel Reflection

BLESSED ARE YOU AMONG WOMEN

In the first reading Prophet Micah speaks about a great ruler who will come from an insignificant place in Israel - Bethlehem. He will gather the scattered people and unite the people once more. He will bring peace and security for the chosen people. This prophecy of Micah finds its fulfilment in the coming of Jesus Christ as saviour of Israel and of the whole world.

Today's Gospel gives detailed description regarding the meeting of Blessed Mother Mary with her cousin Elizabeth is given. These two saintly women experienced the blessings of a loving and living God in their lives. Mary wanted to share her joy with her cousin. So, Mary travelled to the hill country where Elizabeth lived. When greeted by Mary, Elizabeth recognized the great privilege God had bestowed on Mary. Filled with the Holy Spirit Elizabeth praised Mary and the uniqueness of the child in her womb. Elizabeth joyously praised and thanked the Almighty for the great faith Mary had when she totally surrendered to the will of God and accepted God's Word in her womb.

It is through Mary that God keeps the promises foretold by Prophet Micah. The promises of God took human form in her womb in the person of Jesus. In Mary we see that God does not merely make promises but fulfills them. In Mary we see someone who allows the promises of God to shape her whole life - not in a passive way but positively by her unconditional 'yes' to God. In this final week of Advent when we are eagerly preparing for Christmas, Elizabeth and Mary give us some deep insights as to how we could prepare for the great event: By believing in the promises of God, by recognizing what God has done in our lives and in the lives of others and by sharing our joy with others. "Elizabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit after conceiving John, while Mary is filled with the Holy Spirit before conceiving the Lord." - St. Ambrose.

Dear friends, the Parish office and Priests wish you all a Blessed Christmas and New Year. Keep Christ with you during this beautiful Season of the year.

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
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:

Tues 24th Dec: Children's Christmas Mass 6pm St Mary's and 5pm St Brendan's

Wed 25th Dec: Christmas Day

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON:

All public holidays being Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day

The Bulletin will be in shorter form during the holiday period

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 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.



Annual Christmas Crib Event -

The theme for this years Crib will be "Jesus light of the world" and Star. We thank the families of Jake Elias and Judy Kay for sponsorship of the crib this year.



Thanksgiving Prayer Dear Heart of Jesus, In the past I have asked for many favours! This time I ask you this very special one! Here pray for your intention! Take it dear Jesus & place it within your own broken heart where your Father sees it! Then in your merciful eyes, it will become your favour, not mine! Amen

New Years Day 1st Jan 25 - Feast of Mary Mother of God

There will be 1 Mass in the Parish on 1st Jan, no Mass at St Brendan's, **only at St Mary's at 9am.**

First Friday in Jan 2025 - There will be **no anointing Mass** in January. Our usual Mass will be at 9.15am on the **3rd January.**

Christmas Mass Times

St Mary's Toukley
Christmas Eve 6pm including Children's Nativity
Carols 11.30pm & Midnight Mass
Christmas Day 7.30am & 9am

St Brendan's Lake Munmorah
Christmas Eve 5pm Vigil and Children's Nativity
Christmas Day 8am



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Fr Baby holidays & Long Service Leave - Fr Baby will be taking a well-deserved break from 30th December until 26th of February. We wish him safe travels and we hope he enjoys this special time with his family. **There will be Communion only at St Brendan's on Wednesdays and St Mary's on Thursdays while Fr Baby is on annual leave.**

Children's Christmas Eve Mass - Children who wish to join us in our Nativity Story can join us by dressing up like one of the angels or one of the shepherds or sheep. Just arrived 30 mins before the Mass. St Brendan's 5pm Mass, look for Miss Foskett and St Mary's 6pm, look for Sr Jennifer.

Children's Liturgy of the Word - As School holiday have started, we will resume our CLOW on **1st week of February 2025.**

Thank you our dear parents/ careers for your continuous support and encouragement to your child/ren to participate in our CLOW throughout this year. We the leaders & helpers did our best (by God's grace) to deliver the Sunday's Gospel message in their own level and we are praying that they will grow in their faith and closer relationship with Jesus and the love of attending Sunday Masses. The Kids Bulletin is available at the foyer, an activity your child/ren can bring home.



Sacramental Program 2024-2025 -

Our Parish is opening a pre-registration for the Sacrament of Reconciliation & First Holy Communion for parents/careers who child/ren already received the Sacrament of Confirmation. The purpose of pre-registration is to give updates/ reminder of the schedule for the

Parent Information Session as a pre-requisite for enrolment which will start in early of February 2025. Please complete the form using the QR code provided or this link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/an3trZN6Z7?origin=lprLink>

Save the Date - Mass in St Joseph's Chapel, 8 Humphreys Rd, Kincumber South on 19th January 2025 at 11.30am to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the Beatification of Mary MacKillop. Book early as the chapel capacity is 120 places! A light lunch will be available to purchase, ranging from \$8-\$12 per head. RSVP - by Wednesday 15 January. **Call 4368 2805 of email Reception.SJR@sosjspirit.org.au**

Thank you to Rosa Roman & Family

A special thank you to Rosa and family for raising funds towards the photocopier in the Parish office through Christmas handicrafts sale.



Congratulations to Kathleen C

for completing her Sacrament of Initiation this weekend.

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

Recently Deceased: Rita Edge, Peter Chua Cheng Hin, Irene Brander, Naida Hodges, Paul Gatschene, Joyce Walker & Joan MacDonald

Anniversaries: Glen O'Connor, John Dormer, Denis Newey, Cecilia Samaniego, Edna Bath, Lorraine Anderson, Doreen Goonan, Wayne Puckeridge, Vicky Debono, Isabel Ridgewell, Kathleen Nolan & John Glennen

Remembrances: Greg Irvine, Marie O'Keefe, Stephens Cappa, Margie Hamer, Valmai Joseph & Stark Family & Wendy Woodhouse

Please Pray for the Sick: Kel Outlaw, Kevin Roy, 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 Abbott, 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



Wedding Anniversary

Happy 65th Wedding Anniversary to **Charlie & Govanna Pirota** on 27th December! Congratulations and God's blessings to you.

December Birthdays

Lily Ng (Dec)
Isabel Fiedler (6th Dec)
Melba Voigt (10th Dec)
Christopher Crocker (12th Dec)
Richard Firth (12th Dec)
Ben Rosen (14th Dec)
Charlie Saliba (17th Dec)
Paul Moir (20th Dec)
Yvonne Griffin (23rd Dec)
Kye Sutherland (26th Dec)
Emily Bridgett (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.

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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

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First Reading: Micah 5:1- 4

A reading from the prophet Micah

Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.

The Lord says this:

You, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
the least of the clans of Judah,
out of you will be born for me
the one who is to rule over Israel;
his origin goes back to the distant past,
to the days of old.

The Lord is therefore going to abandon them
till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth.

Then the remnant of his brothers will come back
to the sons of Israel.

He will stand and feed his flock
with the power of the Lord,
with the majesty of the name of his God.

They will live secure, for from then on he will extend
his power

to the ends of the land.

He himself will be peace.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

**R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face
and we shall be saved.**

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.

O Lord, rouse up your might,

O Lord, come to our help. **R.**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.

Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **R.**

May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.

And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name. **R.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

I am coming to do your will.

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world:

You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation,
prepared a body for me.

You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for
sin;

then I said,

just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book,
'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.'

Notice that he says first: You did not want what the
Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is:
the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the
sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them;
and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey
your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it
with the second. And this will was for us to be made
holy by the offering of his body made once and for
all by Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Luke 1:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord:

may his will for me be done.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 1:39-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*Why should it happen that I am honoured with a vis-
it from the mother of my Lord?*

Mary set out at that time and went as quickly as she
could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She
went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth.
Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the
child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled
with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said,
'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed
is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured
with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the
moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in
my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who be-
lieved that the promise made her by the Lord would
be fulfilled.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Next Sunday-

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Year C

First Reading: Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52