

# Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Catholic Parish Toukley/Lake Munmorah

St Mary's Church 458 Main Rd Noraville

St Brendan's Mass Centre 29 Carters Rd Lake Munmorah



## Vision

*To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community*

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## TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

8th September 2024



### Gospel Reflection

#### EPHPHATHA, BE OPENED

Our journey of faith is a never-ending one - one of constantly coming to know The Father through Jesus. What's interesting about the Gospel of Mark is this: It does not concentrate so much on the teachings of Jesus, but on the mystery of Jesus as a person - and the gradual way in which people came to understand him, how they came to understand their own faith and finally how the impact of their encounters with him enabled them to share this faith with others. It is a story about Jesus, breaking into human life as good news.

The cure of the deaf-mute in today's Gospel passage points to a deeper reality - it is much more than just the healing of a person in need. Christ touches ears and opens them to hear the good news. This is a whole new way of hearing and acting. The deaf man, once cured, speaks "plainly"---and so should we speak and act plainly as witnesses to the gospel of life that we are learning. And we are clearly reminded that we cannot exist without the support and love of one another.

This is His "new commandment" - we are not only touched by Him and connected to Him, but to one another as well. He taught the truth, he spoke words of comfort, he healed the sick, he brought the gift of hearing to those who were deaf, he rebuked those who needed to be rebuked; he spent time in prayer and in communion with the Father and with ordinary people. Ultimately, he laid down his life for those ordinary people. And He invites and calls us to go and do likewise - to love not only in word or speech but certainly in deed and in truth.

"I alone cannot do anything. Jesus alone will not do anything. Jesus and I do everything" - St. Teresa of Avila.

*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



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 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

**Sun 22nd Sept:** CFIC Annual Appeal



**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

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

Please feel free to use the "cry room" during week day or weekend Masses if your children are needing attention and you wish to still feel included in and be part of the Mass.

### 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.

### Thank you to the Parish Community from Melba Voight

Melba would like to thank all the Parish community for their prayers for her recovery and health. She has been well for 12 years on the 5th September and wished to thank everyone for praying for her.



### New Photocopier Required for the Parish

**Office** - The photocopier in the Parish Office has reached the end of its life! We need to replace it by December. The Cost of the new machine is approximately \$12,000. If you would like to sponsor or donate towards the cost of the new machine please contact the Parish Office. Any donation big or small towards the cost is greatly appreciated.



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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.

**CFIC Appeal** - The Religious Order of the Sons of the Immaculate Conception (CFIC) founded by Blessed Luigi Maria Monti and from which our Priests Fr Tomy and Fr Baby belong to, will be holding a special collection on **Sunday 22nd September**. Please give generously to this appeal to show your appreciation to the wonderful foundation that our Priests here are a part of. CFIC Children's Mission brochures are available at the back of the church for you to see some of the good works the CFIC are a part of. Envelopes will be available at the back of the church. Other years we had it in December. From this year the collection will take place in September. To those who would like to, you can sponsor Seminarians to show your support on their journey to Priesthood. Please talk to your Priests if you need further information. Thank you for all your generosity and support, it is much appreciated.



**House or Car Blessings** - If you would like to have your home or car blessed by one of the Priests please contact the Parish Office to arrange an appointment.

**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.

**Safeguarding Sunday** is one of Safeguarding Broken Bay's key safeguarding dates for this year and is held today the 8th, 2024. The day is a commitment to protocols and practices within the Catholic Church that create and maintain safe environments for all. This year's Safeguarding Sunday has adopted the theme of National Child Protection Week "Every conversation matters" reminding us that every conversation about safeguarding is important. When we create safe spaces that empower and acknowledge the voices of children and adults at risk, we are creating safer environments for them to come forward and have a say in decisions that impact them.

Our contact person for St Brendan's is **Shella Ruyeras** and **Jarrad Lapsuks** for St Mary's. If you wish to speak with either of our Safeguarding contacts their details are:  
**Shella Ph:0401 468 515 and Jarrad PH: 0478558950**

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



**Recently Deceased** : Mary Bezzina & Joe Grima

**Anniversaries:** Kevin Sykes, Eileen Patricia Crocker, Leedy, Mario Azzopardi, Tony Vella, Janet Wood, John Henry, Paul Reid & Bryan Knox

**Remembrances:** William Henry Baker, Noel McCool, 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 Wood-house & 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 Dorney, 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

**Funeral For the Late Mrs Mary Bezzina** Will be held at St Brendan's Church on Monday 9th September at 11am.

**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.

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**Volunteer Angels**

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Do you have a caring heart & time to become a friend to a lonely person in an Aged Care Facility

Please call Anne-Marie

4396 1555

## First Reading Isaiah 35:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak.*

Say to all faint hearts,  
'Courage! Do not be afraid.  
'Look, your God is coming,  
vengeance is coming,  
the retribution of God;  
he is coming to save you.'  
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
the ears of the deaf unsealed,  
then the lame shall leap like a deer  
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;  
for water gushes in the desert,  
streams in the wasteland,  
the scorched earth becomes a lake,  
the parched land springs of water.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 145:7-10

**R. Praise the Lord, my soul!**

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down,  
the Lord who loves the just,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R.**

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan,  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

## Second Reading James 2:1-5

A reading from the letter of St James

*Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?*

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully

dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats;' then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation** Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

**Gospel** Mark 7:31-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark  
*He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.*

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**



**Next Sunday Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

First Reading : Isaiah 50:5-9

Second Reading: James 2:14-18

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35