

# Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Catholic Parish Toukley/Lake Munmorah

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## Vision

*To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community*

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### THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

29th December, 2024



The feast of the Holy Family is a celebration of all families: not perfect families, not constantly serene families - but families just like ours. If we picture the family of Joseph of Nazareth as we have seen them depicted in works of art or statuary, it becomes very difficult to model our family lives around theirs.

They were, in fact, ordinary working people, called to an extraordinary mission. And they were subject to the ordinary failures of miscommunication, disappointments, worries, and disagreements of every family. However, they put their entire future, their entire trust, in the Spirit of God, who not only led them through their lives, but travelled alongside with them on their journey. Theirs was a family of love, respect, and honesty, and not without turmoil. It is in the family that we first come to understand and experience community. We are schooled in fundamental values.

We have a choice: we can be either optimistic or pessimistic. We can be hopeful or despairing. Our choice will, of course, fashion the spirit in which we spend each day of the coming year. For us who believe in God's gift of His Son Jesus, there is only one choice. We walk in the Light of His love and His truth. That is what guides us day by day. We never feel abandoned, or helpless, or lost. We cannot allow those around us to walk in that kind of darkness, either. May your families know His Love and Peace, today and always.

*Fr. Baby*

We wish you every blessing for the New Year. **Please note the office will be closed on Wednesday 1st Jan 25.**



#### Paul & Pam Moir are moving North

The Parish community would like to thank Paul & Pam for their service, support and friendship. We wish them all the blessings.

#### Congratulations Fr Ken Hagan

Fr Ken recently celebrated 60 years of Ministry. Congratulations and blessings to Fr Ken.

#### Fr Baby holidays & Birthday

Fr Baby will be on a well-deserved break from 30th Dec to 26th Feb. We wish him safe travels and a **happy b'day for the 26th Jan!** We hope he enjoys this special time with his family. **There will be only Communion service at St Brendan's on Weds & St Mary's on Thurs during Jan/Feb.**

**Ordination Anniversary** Fr Tomy celebrates his Ordination Anniversary on **9th Jan**. Let us keep him in our prayers. Congratulations Fr Tomy!

**Wedding Anniversaries:** Congratulations to **Charlie & Govanna Pirotta** 27th Dec for 65th anniversary and to **Doug & Helen Cashin** 30th Dec, celebrating 57th anniversary!

**There will be no First Friday Anointing Mass in Jan. Friday Mass is at 9.15am at St Mary's on 3rd January.**

**Recently Deceased:** Vince Gatt, Manuel Caruana, Rita Edge, Peter Chua Cheng Hin & Irene Brander

**Anniversaries:** Glen O'Connor, John Dormer, Denis Newey, Cecilia Samanigo, Edna Bath & Lorraine Anderson

**Remembrances:** Serafin Anosa Senior, Auiceto Caboboy, Frank Costa, Louis & Carmen Sterling, Greg Irvine, Marie O'Keefe, Valmai Joseph & Stark Family & Wendy Woodhouse

**Please Pray for the Sick:** Brian Brame, Kel Outlaw, Kevin Roy, Kathy Casey, Elaine Horton, Jane, Allen, Helen Sewell, Liz Kelman, Lacey, Patrick Hobson, Sue Reardon, Rita, Judy Kay, Ray Crocker, Patricia, Warren Pope, Elaine Scrivener, Bill O'Keefe, Michelle Maroon, Mick G & Robbie Depares

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

*For the whole of his life, Samuel shall be lent to the Lord.*

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel 'since' she said 'I asked the Lord for him.'

When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, 'Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever.'

When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you please, my lord. As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.'

There she left him, for the Lord.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm** *Ps 83:2-3, 5-6, 9-10*

**R. How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.**

How lovely is your dwelling place,  
Lord, God of hosts.  
My soul is longing and yearning,  
is yearning for the courts of the Lord.  
My heart and my soul ring out their joy  
to God, the living God. **R.**

They are happy, who dwell in your house,  
for ever singing your praise.  
They are happy, whose strength is in you;  
they walk with ever growing strength. **R.**

O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer,  
give ear, O God of Jacob.  
Turn your eyes, O God, our shield,  
look on the face of your anointed. **R.**

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

*He calls you his own children, and that is what you are.*

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,  
by letting us be called God's children;  
and that is what we are.  
Because the world refused to acknowledge him,  
therefore it does not acknowledge us.  
My dear people, we are already the children of God  
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed,  
all we know is, that when it is revealed  
we shall be like him  
because we shall see him as he really is.

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** *cf Acts 16:14*

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Open our hearts, O Lord,  
to listen to the words of your Son.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel** *Luke 2:41-52*

*His parents found him in the temple, sitting among the learned men listening to them.*

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.

Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant. He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

The Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**Next Sunday** - The Epiphany of the Lord  
First Reading - Isaiah 60:1-6  
Second Reading - Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6  
Gospel - Matthew 2:1-12