

## First Reading

A reading from the prophet Malachi Mal 3:1-4

The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fuller's alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm Ps 23:7-10

**R. Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!**

O gates, lift up your heads;  
grow higher, ancient doors.  
Let him enter, the king of glory! **R.**

Who is the king of glory?  
The Lord, the mighty, the valiant,  
the Lord, the valiant in war. **R.**

O gates, lift high your heads;  
grow higher, ancient doors.  
Let him enter, the king of glory! **R.**

Who is he, the king of glory?  
He, the Lord of armies,  
he is the king of glory. **R.**

## Second Reading Hebrews 2:14-18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, Jesus too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins. That is, because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation Luke 2:32

Alleluia, alleluia!  
This is the light of revelation to the nations,  
and the glory of your people, Israel.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel** Luke 2:22-32 (shorter form)  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

When the day came for them to be purified as Laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord - observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord - and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon.

He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and he blessed God; and he said: 'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**



**Next Week's Readings:**

**The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

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## The Presentation of the Lord Year C 2nd February 2025



Today's Gospel gives detailed account of the happenings at Jerusalem temple when Jesus is presented. First part of the Gospel narrates that Jesus is presented in the Jerusalem temple according to the law of Moses. Parents of Jesus brings Him to the Jerusalem temple in humble obedience to the Mosaic law; in order to submit to the ritual purification and to present the child Jesus and to redeem the first born by sacrificing turtle doves. Hence there are three reasons for the presentation of Jesus in the temple. 1. To fulfill the law of Moses, which required the presentation of the first-born son to the temple. 2. To complete Mary's ritual purification after childbirth. 3. To dedicate infant Jesus to God the Father.

The second part of the Gospel narrates the appearance of two venerable elderly God-fearing persons in the temple: Prophet Simeon and Prophetess Anna. Venerable Simeon takes the divine Child in his arms and gives praise and thanks to God and declares that this is the light which shall give revelation to the gentiles. This feast of Presentation of the Lord should help us to recognize the presence of God when He appears in total humility and simplicity as observed and recognized by Prophet Simeon and Prophetess Anna. Through this feast of the Presentation of the Lord the Church teaches us that Mary and Joseph recognized Jesus as a gift, not a possession and presents Him to the heavenly Father in the Jerusalem temple. We too can recognize that our lives really belong to God. Through baptism we belong to Christ. The parents of Jesus show total humility in the scene of the presentation.

In this context Kieran J. O'Mahony says: "Behind the idea of presenting a child is the conviction that every new life comes from God and is in some sense belongs to God." May the Lord Jesus who was presented in the Jerusalem temple in total humility and simplicity bless you and strengthen you to accept every situation in life in total humility and simplicity.

*Fr Tomy*

## 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 Joshi  
 Children's Liturgy 1st & 3rd Sunday at 9:00am  
 Mass (except school holidays)

### St Brendan's Church Lake Munmorah

Saturday: Vigil 5:00pm Fr Joshi  
 Sunday: 8:00am Fr Joshi

## 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, especially any new parishioners to the area and those of you who have been away on holidays. We also welcome any visitors who have joined us for the celebration of Holy Eucharist this weekend.

**PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON:  
 Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th February due to unforeseen circumstances.**

### Upcoming Parish events - Save the Date:

**Thurs 6th Feb:** Parish Lectio Divina  
**Thurs 13th Feb:** St Brendan's Opening School Mass 9am  
**Fr 14th Feb:** St Brigid's Feast Day mass 11.15am @ St Brendan's  
**Sun 16th Feb:** First Fruits Offering  
**Thurs 27th Feb:** St Brendan's Year 5 Mass 9am  
**Fri 28th Feb:** St Mary's Opening School Mass 9.15am  
**Tues 4th March:** Shrove Tuesday  
**Wed 5th March:** Ash Wednesday  
**Sun 2nd March:** Kinder/Yr 6 Mass & Morning tea at St Mary's 9am

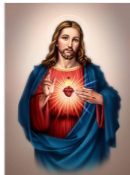
**Back to School Time** - We welcome all our dedicated teachers, staff and students as they commence a new school year. We give a special welcome to all new kindies, Year 7 students and all who are new to our schools. We look forward to a wonderful year in 2025.



### Sharing God's Light—A Gift in Your Will

Our parish is very grateful for the bequests that have been left to the parish in the past. These bequests have supported our Faith Community and enabled us to maintain our parish church and buildings and implement pastoral initiatives. By leaving a gift in your will, or honouring the memory of a loved one, you are supporting your Family of Faith.

**Sponsorship** - We are grateful to the following businesses who support our parish by advertising in our Bulletin. The Garage Service Centre @ BP Lake Munmorah, Mackay Funerals Ourimbah, Toukley Neighbourhood Centre & BP Lake Munmorah. Please, wherever possible, give them your support in return. And we thank Charmhaven Carpets for their support over the years.



**Frist Friday Anointing Mass & Reparation Vigil Fri 7th Feb** - The Anointing Mass is 11am, St Mary's. Please join us for the Reparation Vigil to the Sacred Heart and Immaculate Heart from **7pm Fri 7th Feb-12.30am Sat.** With suppliant hearts come and spend some time with our Lord.

**Communion Service** - There will be only Communion Service at St Mary's on **Tues** and at St Brendan's on **Wed** during the month of Feb while Fr B aby is away.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) will resume this month 1st & 3rd Sun at St Mary's & 1st Sat/Vigil Mass at St Brendan's.**

## Upcoming Parish Events

**Monthly Morning Teas** - St. Mary's Morning tea will be hosted by the Rosary Group this Sunday the 2nd Feb after 9 am Mass. St Brendan's Morning Tea this Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb. Both groups would like you to join them in a cuppa and a chat. **We require more volunteers to assist with morning tea. Please contact the Parish Office if you would be available once a month on a roster.**



### Called to Serve — Will you put your hand up?



We invite all our parishioners, especially our new parishioners, to consider joining one of our many Ministries, to serve our sisters and brothers in this Neighbourhood of Grace. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

**St Brendan's Coffee & Chat** - St Brendan's Social Group invite friends and newcomers to join them on the first Wed of the month. Everyone is welcome. **Wed 5th Feb 10am-12pm at the Doylo.**



**Sacramental Program 2025**  
 Parents/Carers, please complete the form for the Parent Information Session which is a requirement before enrolling your child/ren by using the QR code posted at the notice board of both churches or call the Parish Office.

**Sunday of the Word of God | 9 February 2025**  
 Sunday of the Word of God is a day devoted to the celebration, study, and spreading of the Word of God. In Australia, Sunday of the Word of God will be celebrated on 9 February 2025. Pope Francis impresses that the relationship between the Risen Lord, a community of believers, and sacred Scripture is essential to who we are as Christians.



**Congratulations to the Cabarrus & Luxford families** on the Sacrament of Baptism for your children and we welcome you to our Parish Community.

**First Fruits Offering February 2025** - God calls us to be generous with all our gifts. Stewardship means giving back to God in gratitude for all He has given us, including giving from our treasure. Our First Fruits Offering starts 2 weekends from now. This program is essential to support funding our maintenance and other special projects **to our Parish.** More details will be made available in the coming weeks. Thank you for your interest in serving our Parish. God bless you.

**Jubilee Year is a Year of Grace and Hope** - As we began the year of grace and hope, we shall be having special prayers said during Masses after Communion and the Jubilee candle will be lit during the weekend Masses from next weekend.

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

**Recently Deceased:** Tony Morath, Dr Michael Tsouroutis, Mary Smith, Krystina Glabus, Millicent Zietsch, Anthony Cefai, Carlo Vella & Dawn.

**Anniversaries:** Ivan Kvesic, Peter Chua Cheng Him, Manuel Tana, Noel McCool, Kathleen McRae, Ingrid Hamer, Stephens Cappa, Serafin Anosa Senior, Auiceto Caboboy & Frank Costa

**Remembrances:** Manuel Tana, Marie O'Keefe, Margie Hamer, Valami 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, Jessica & Lee Abbott, Baby Nora, Denis Tansey, Joy Hemera, Lucky Bowen, Sergio, Maxwell, Nacua Sedicol, Sue Reardon, 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

### Funeral - Anthony Morath

The funeral for the late **Tony Morath** will be at Norah Head Cemetery 11am Wed 5th Feb.

### February Birthdays

Carolyn Metcalf (4th Feb)  
 Alison Newell (15th Feb)  
 Christine Mickkelsen (17th Feb)  
 Margaret Cashin (20th Feb)  
 Melinda Sullivan (20th Feb)  
 Bob Steele (21st Feb)  
 Elaine Scrivener (22nd Feb)  
 Daryl Grime (22nd Feb)  
 Pat Glennen (23rd Feb)  
 Anthony Newell (26th Feb)



### Pope Francis' February Intention For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood

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