

**OUT OF HOURS MEDICAL EMERGENCY**  
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"He must increase, I must decrease"

**Administrator**  
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Raelene Spithill

**SUNDAY MASS TIMES**  
Vigil Saturday 5pm;  
Sunday 7.30am, 9.15am, 6pm.

**WEEKDAY MASS TIMES**  
Monday-Friday 7.45am (Monday & Tuesday with Lauds)  
Saturday and Public Holidays 9am

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**  
First Friday 4pm Mass

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**  
Friday after morning Mass; first Friday 3.30pm; Saturday 9:30am (after morning Mass) & 4.30pm; Sunday 7.00am.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**  
Baptism Preparation - 9.30am second and fourth Sunday of the month  
Sacrament of Baptism - 11.00am first and third Sunday of the month . Please contact the parish office for more information.

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
Saturday after 9am Mass until 10am  
Monday until 9am (Public Holidays 10.15am)  
Thursday 7.30pm-8.30pm for the needs of the Parish.

**PARISH CHOIR**  
Enquiries: 4341 3367  
Practice Wednesday nights in the church @ 7pm

**St John the Baptist Church**  
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**Ethel Cox Parish Centre**  
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Psalm Response © Colin D. Smith cfc



**Gospel Acclamation**  
*Alleluia, alleluia!* Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance. *Alleluia!*

Readings: 28<sup>th</sup> July 2019  
Gen 18:20-32; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

**Keep Us In Your Prayers** OF YOUR CHARITY PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF

**Recently Deceased:** Brian Jordan, Nicola Bubici, Bianca Tignani, Peter Beston, Pauline Azzopardi.

**Anniversaries:** Terry Curtis, Molly Dunne, Amy & Veronica Moloney.

**Remembrances:**

**Sick:** Vicki Pirie, Patricia Dwyer, Donna Vella, Donna Briemer, Oscar James Morreti, Betty Fraser, Luis Emilio Garrido, Pam Player, Audrey Kirkman, Malin Tugaga, Pamela Power, Mary Scarf, Louis Aloisio, Olive Brittliff, Amanda Sheridan, Audey Barsenbach, Marta Panczyna, Sue James, Mary Wood, Therese Horner, Jack Dummett, Jo Farrelle, Paul Hennessy, Anne Singleton, Tina Cohen, Janice Green, Robert Parker, Maureen Wardrop, Ros Harbig, Sheila Rogan, Karen Chorazyczewska, Ian Wilks, Carolynn Jupp, Ed Hyland, Daphne McNab, Shirley Crotty, Mary Dolan, John Corrigan, Tim Parker, Lorraine Smith, Ken Joyce, Alison Richmond, June Townsend, Josie Weate, Andrew Muggs, Ernie Mullins, Sheila Houghton, Chrissy Toms Frank Levy, Dorothy Fulton, Larry Creswell.

"Humility consists in not esteeming ourselves above other men, and in not seeking to be esteemed above them."  
St. Francis De Sales



## WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH

### St John the Baptist Catholic Church

**Mission and Vision**  
Bringing Jesus Christ to ALL, through:  
Worship and Liturgy  
Outreach  
Our Parish School  
Hospitality  
Adult & Child Faith Formation



**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**21<sup>st</sup> July, 2019, Year C (Psalter Week 4)**

**Gospel Reflection © Fr Michael Tate**



A man and a woman were waiting at the entrance to heaven. St Peter called the man first: 'Only one single requirement here to gain entry: spell three words: "God is good".' The man replied, 'G-O-D I-S

G-O-O-D.' And he entered heaven.

Next, the woman, who said to St Peter: 'I'm so pleased to be here. I've struggled against male chauvinism and patriarchal dominance all my life.' 'Only one single requirement here to gain entry: spell three words: "Chrysanthemums from Czechoslovakia".

Today's gospel reminds us of how revolutionary were Jesus' relationships with women. He turned the customs and taboos of his society upside down to ensure that both men and women had an opportunity to hear his message about the mercy of God.

Consider what is happening in this house: things which even in some Muslim societies today would bring severe punishment on the woman.

Jesus is alone with women who are *not* his relatives. Our Lord is completely at ease in this household, with its hospitality, and with these women, against all the rules of segregation. It

is personal relationships, not gender determined relationships, which are important to him.

Most of all, Jesus is teaching a woman in her own house.

In first century Palestine, women were not permitted to be taught the Torah but only instructed to obey its rules. They were not permitted to touch the scriptures.

But, here is Mary assuming the posture of a student at the feet of a Rabbi (teacher) listening to his teaching. And what's more, *she* had taken the initiative – 'chosen the good portion'.

Note that Jesus called his male disciples. *He* chooses *them* in order to teach *them*. Mary chooses *Him* to teach *her*!

This is totally counter-cultural. Maybe it was a step too far, even for Martha. Is that what she is really 'anxious and troubled' about?

Jesus, our Lord and Master, was willing to upset the social conventions and religious taboos of his day in respect of women. How is the church which he founded faring?

What would be a good contemporary response of the Catholic Church?

For example, could we make clearer that any reservation of roles to the male gender, such as priesthood, has nothing to do with reserving *power* to a male caste?

I accept the Spirit-inspired Tradition of the Church regarding ministerial priesthood. But has it been, and is it, misused for patriarchal dominance? What elements of misogyny surround it?

The word 'cardinal' means hinge – 'hinge of the door' – an essential part of the structure of the Church which is our home – the house in which we listen to the words of Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Could the College of Cardinals be supplemented to include women alongside the ordained prelates?

Would it not be fantastic to see outstanding women, religious or lay, in that body – with some of their number heading Vatican departments and taking part in the election of the Pope?

That would be a strongly symbolic step with repercussions throughout the Church.

We are an impoverished Church whilst that does not occur – not using the talent of over half of our membership to the fullest possible extent.

We are more than impoverished in the management sense.

We are impoverished because we have not shown our willingness to sit, like Mary, at the feet of Jesus – our rabbi, our teacher – and listen to today's Gospel with a heart and mind totally open to the influences of His Holy Spirit.

Only if we do so as a Church will we hear the words of Jesus: 'You have chosen the better portion.'

## Parish News...

### LED Lighting (follow-up):

The lighting had been delayed due to the unavailability of our choices however, I am now able to advise that; thanks to our Parishioners who raised \$1010, our new light installation will begin this weekend. The total cost of the LED materials is \$17,038, the labour for the actual fixing and replacing will be a contribution from Greg Lalor and his team. A big thank you to Greg for working on this initiative for such a long time and getting it underway for our parish. If you would like to donate to alleviate some of the cost from the church, envelopes are on the gathering table. We are thankful for your kind and generous support towards this project.

### Bus Trip:

To the Hunter Valley Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> July, leaving 8:45am, morning tea supplied, cost \$20. Contact Susie Casey 0403 417 639.

### SVdP Volunteers Mass:

Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> July, 9am.

### Christian Meditation:

Thursday afternoons from 2-3pm and Monday evenings 6-7pm, in the Leo Mahon room. All welcome!

### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for July Justice

That those who administer justice may work with integrity and that the injustice which prevails in the world may not have the last word.

### Rosters

**Volunteer Church Cleaning 26/7/19:** Kevin Glacken, Laurie Jarvis, Tom French, Christina Thorson.

**Children's Liturgy 28/7/19:** Shadeeqh Quai Hoi, Celeste Boonaerts, Michael Dixon.

**Morning Tea 28/7/19:** Filipino Community

**Tax Invoices** are available from the gathering table. Please remember Planned Giving is not tax deductible. Only receipts for CWF are issued by the Parish.

### Taking the Good News to the Children

A big part of spreading the Good News which Jesus instructed His apostles and we have inherited through our Baptism, is going into the state schools and helping with Special Religious Education lessons. The catechists in our parish go to 4 primary schools for one 30-minute lesson for each class. Our catechists have been doing a sterling job for many years, but they need help.

We are looking for some generous people who would like to donate their time and talent to be assistants for these women and men. Assistants work with the catechist and are not left in charge of the class on their own. An assistant's main task is to help the students be on the right page and help the students be able to complete the activity they have been given. A more confident assistant may like to undertake helping the catechist by leading the prayer or reading the Scripture passage or story for the lesson.

If you are interested in being part of this most enjoyable ministry, call Michael Tebbutt, Regional CCD Co-ordinator, on 0407 218 677. We can meet for a coffee and talk over all that would be entailed in being part of this special ministry in spreading the Good News

St John the Baptist Parish & School  
Dinner Dance

17<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, @ THE SCHOOL HALL, 7pm

Music from the 80's & 90's.

Glass of champagne on arrival.

Ticket includes:

Pre-dinner nibbles, meal & after dinner treats.

BYO drinks.



Tickets \$45 from parish or school offices.  
Money to be paid by Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August.

## An invitation to SRE Catechists, Sacramental Teams and all those working in Children's Ministries

An opportunity to reflect on your role as a Catechist  
Discerning Discipleship in Ministry with Children

Presented by Sherry Weddell

(Author of *Forming Intentional Disciples*)

### Topics include:

- Exploring Intentional Discipleship
- Thresholds of discipleship, with a focus on ministry to children
- Discerning our own calling as disciples, and identifying our gifts

### Time/Date:

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2019  
10.00am – 2:30pm

### Registrations Essential:

Colleen Smith  
[registrations@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:registrations@bbcatholic.org.au)  
or 8379 1643

This is a free event.

RSVP by 6<sup>th</sup> September

### Venue:

Caroline Chisholm Centre,  
Building 2, 423 Pennant Hills Road Pennant Hills  
Limited parking available  
Four minutes' walk from Pennant Hills Station



It is with great pleasure I announce the appointment of our new Office Secretary, **Triona Meagher** and our new Finance Manager, **Johnson Mani**. Please join me in wishing them both a very warm welcome.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank **Phoebe Glacken** and **Christina Thorson** who have taken on the role of Sacristy Coordinator and **Lorena Lalor** who gave up her time to assist in the office 2 days a week, the generosity of these women is greatly appreciated. I would like to extend my thanks to all those Parishioners who volunteered any assistance in our time of need, it shows the community spirit is strong here in our Parish.



**Cash Housie** every Saturday night at Peninsula Community Centre, Cnr Ocean Beach Rd & McMasters Rd, Woy Woy. Games start at 7.30pm and finish 10.20pm, cash prizes. Ticket sales from 6pm. Proceeds benefit the Parish. Enquiries Rob: 0427 990 818.

### St John the Baptist Youth Group:

Held once a fortnight during school terms for high school students (Years 7-12), in the Leo Mahon Room. For more information, contact Matthew French on 0411 792 587.

**St Vincent de Paul Society** on the Peninsula assist and give a hand up to people in need. We have two Conferences with volunteers sharing the visiting or office work. We always welcome new Volunteers to our Conference. Please ring Ken 0400 335 351 or Pat 0403 672 077.

**"Mary Mac's Place" Hospitality:** volunteers provide nutritious, freshly cooked meals and information and referrals to appropriate community services. Open Monday to Friday, 11am-1pm, at the Ethel Cox Parish Centre. For more information, please contact 4341 0584.

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