

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

**Administrator**

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**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

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

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

St. Francis De Sales

**St John the Baptist Church**

Cnr Blackwall and Victoria Roads, Woy Woy

**Ethel Cox Parish Centre**

100 Blackwall Road Woy Woy

**Parish Office:** Open Monday to Friday 9.30am to 4.00pm

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Psalm Response

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**Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia, alleluia!* You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. *Alleluia!*

Readings: 4<sup>th</sup> August 2019

Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

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

**Recently Deceased:** Antoinette Kenney, Brian Jordan, Norma Jarvis,  
Beverley Taylor.

**Anniversaries:** Sergei De Souza, Eileen Floor, Guzappie & Grace  
Farugia, Jim Filewood, Milagros Farthing, Florencia Potestas.

**Remembrances:** Umiliano Menezdes, Cancio Fernandes, Prexy Pinto,  
Lonnie Frisbee, Lynne Ruel.

**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,  
Sheila Houghton, Chrissy Toms Frank Levy, Dorothy Fulton,  
Larry Creswell, Roger Mitchell.



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**St John the Baptist Catholic Church**

**Mission and Vision**

Bringing Jesus Christ to ALL, through:

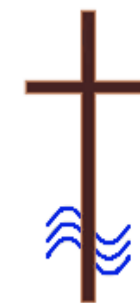
Worship and Liturgy

Outreach

Our Parish School

Hospitality

Adult & Child Faith Formation



**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**28<sup>th</sup> July, 2019, Year C (Psalter Week 1)**

**Reflection**



Today's text from Genesis, paired with the teaching on prayer from Luke's Gospel, illustrates Abraham's relationship with God and his role as one who intercedes on behalf of his people. God shares with Abraham his intention to punish the citizens of Sodom and Gomorrah, who pleads on their behalf. Would God, "the judge of all the world" (v 25), "sweep away the innocent with the guilty?" (v 23). God's mercy is such that if even 10 righteous people are found, he will "spare the whole place for their sake" (v 26).

In Colossians we are reminded that we "were buried with him in baptism ... [and] raised with him through faith" (v 12). The

early church saw the strong connection between baptism and death; we die to sin and rise to new life, as though the baptismal font were a tomb in which we share in Christ's death and resurrection. Through baptism we become God's children, so we can address God as Abba, Father.

In giving us the Our Father, Jesus is teaching us how to pray. Our prayer should be simple and direct, acknowledging our dependence on God. Jesus goes on to advise persistence in prayer. We are not to sit back and wait for God's goodness. "Ask ... seek ... knock" (v 9), he tells us, for God watches over us and cares for us as a loving parent. Luke's unique addition to this teaching (see Mt 7:11) is that God will "give the Holy Spirit to those who ask" (v 13). It is this Spirit, which guided Jesus, that we should be seeking in our prayer.

**For reflection:** Abraham's dialogue with God serves as an example of intercessory prayer. Are my prayers of intercession sometimes focused on others, or are they just concerned with my own wants and needs? Is my prayer one of actively "asking, seeking, and knocking"? Or am I more resigned to accept whatever comes my way and attribute it to God's will?



**MOBILE CAR WASH & DETAILING**  
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# 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 \$1555, our new light installation is in progress. 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.

## Peter's Pence Collection:

Thank you for all your generous support as we gathered to take up the Peter's Pence collection for the Holy Father. Our parish collected \$1540.80 which will be added with the collections of other parishes in our Diocese and sent to the Vatican to support the charitable works and structures of mercy identified by Pope Francis.

## Candidates for Confirmation :

Candidates will receive The Sacrament of Confirmation this Friday, 2 August (5:30pm & 7:30pm). Please keep the children in your prayers.

## Rosters

**Volunteer Church Cleaning 2/8/19:** Jo Salter, Warren Sparrow, Mary McCumstie, Cheryl Sillick.



**"The Catholic Church was there for my mother during her greatest trial".  
Sonia**

Patricia was diagnosed with Stage 4 ovarian cancer in 2014. Over the 18 months that she was in and out of hospital, she was visited by one of our CatholicCare Pastoral Care Practitioners at Gosford Hospital. This service supported Patricia and her family and remember her on the third anniversary of her death (4 August 2015).

To read more on Patricia's story, please read the article in August edition of Broken Bay News.

Your donations to the Charitable Works Fund are distributed amongst five Catholic services that assist the people of our Diocese.

**CatholicCare Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Practitioner Program** – where five Pastoral Care Practitioners reach over 3,000 patients, 700 families and over 180 hospital staff each year across seven hospitals in our Diocese.

**Confraternity of Christian Doctrine** – creating and updating teaching materials and training catechists who minister to public school students across the Diocese.

**St Lucy's School** – for primary school students with disabilities.

**St Edmund's College** – for secondary school students with disabilities.

**Ephpheta Centre** – serving the Catholic deaf community.

The assessment for our parish for this financial year is **\$35,198**. The first of three appeals will be held this weekend. Envelopes in the church.

## 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 the 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



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(Opposite corner to our church)  
4/115 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy  
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services**  
Ph 0422 561 439

## Parish Safeguarding Presentation

All Parish Staff, Volunteers and those interested in learning more about Safeguarding are invited to attend.

The Diocese seeks to ensure children and vulnerable people are provided with the fundamental right to be kept safe and respected. This right is held sacred in our Gospel, international and local laws and within our Church policy and practice.

Topics covered in the presentation include:

- Introduction to Safeguarding
- What we learnt from the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse
- Our Commitment to Safeguarding
- Introduction to the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards
- Best Practice for Safeguarding in the Parish

Please register via email [safeguarding@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:safeguarding@bbcatholic.org.au) or contact Anita on 02 8379 1605

*A culture of Safeguarding values WISDOM... "Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom." - James 3:13*

**Saturday 10 August 2019  
10.00am to 12 noon**

Our Lady Star of the Sea  
Parish Hall, 165  
Serpentine Rd, Terrigal

**These two sessions will  
have the same content;  
therefore, you will only need  
to attend once.**

**Wednesday 14 August 2019  
12 noon to 2.00pm**

Our Lady Star of the Sea  
Parish Hall  
165 Serpentine Rd, Terrigal

**Santa Maria Festa 2019 Sunday 11 August**  
Mary Mackillop Parish, Warnervale

☞ Mass at 3 pm followed by ☞ Santa Maria procession ☞ Fireworks display 6pm ☞ Sweets and food available for purchase

Contact Charlie Scicluna - 0404194020

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.



**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.