

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

**Administrator**

Fr. Timothy Raj. M.S.F.S.

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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!

**St John the Baptist Church**  
Cnr Blackwall and Victoria Roads, Woy Woy

**Ethel Cox Parish Centre**

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**Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia, alleluia!* Happy are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! *Alleluia!*

Readings: 19<sup>th</sup> August 2019

Wis 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2, 8-9; Lk 12:32-48

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

**Recently Deceased:** Rene Glase, Pauline Azzopardi, Sr Margaret  
Purcell S.M, Brian Jordan

**Anniversaries:** Faeala Casey Noel Palmer

**Remembrances:** Mary, Katerina & Frank Justic, Mary & George  
Hilliard, Hilliard Brothers, Kevin Mills, the Mills family, Bernie Hanna,  
Leslie Denning, Valerie Price. Nora, Eli, Kevin & Paul Houghton

**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.

Quotes from Amoris Laetitia... 'The Joy of Love'  
Pope Francis

The family is the place where parents become their  
children's first teachers in the faith. They learn this  
'trade', passing it down from person to another.



**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



**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**4<sup>th</sup> August, 2019, Year C (Psalter Week 2)**

**Vocations Ministry, Diocese of Broken Bay – NVAW, July 2019**



Today's readings invite us to reflect on true riches or treasures. Like the rich man in the parable, we are all tempted to say "Take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time". It almost sounds like a motto for the modern world!

In the first reading, the author of Ecclesiastes points out that at the end of the day without God all is nothing but vanity of vanities.

In today's second reading, Saint Paul exhorts us to seek the things that are above where Christ is seated. He even gives us examples of how to do it by urging us to take-off our old self with its practises and put on a new self where Christ will be all in all. Christ is the true treasure that we should always seek.

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches his disciples that one's life does not consist only of possessions. Using the parable of the rich fool he invites them to realize how, it is more freeing to be dependent on God than on wealth.

This is because money and possessions cannot give the security one is looking for. Sooner or later one has to face the reality of death, leave everything and go back to our heavenly Father. Earlier in the same Gospel Jesus had posed a fundamental question; "What does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself" (Luke 9:25).

In Matthew's Gospel Jesus teaches his disciples where to store their treasures. He says, "store up your treasures for yourselves in heaven where neither moth nor wood worms destroy them and thieves cannot break in and steal, for where your treasure is, there will your hearts be also" ( Matthew 6:19-21).

For at the end of the day it is only God who gives true identity and security. He alone has the power to give life and to take it. The "rich" man with his bumper harvest thought he had it all. Little did he know that he was soon to lose all. He forgot that it is not always what we want that we need.

This weekend is the beginning of the vocation awareness week. We are invited to reflect on how each of us has been called in a personal, unique and special way. God has plans for us. He doesn't coerce but invite us to serve Him and others in a special way. He waits for our response. As our psalmist urges us, "If today you hear his voice harden not your hearts." Amidst other vocations, we are also invited to pray in a special way for the vocations to priestly and religious life in our diocese. God, I believe has not stopping calling young men and women to serve Him in this particular way. We thank God for our nine seminarians who have answered positively to this call and hope and pray that they persevere and that many more will respond like them. We count also on your prayer and support and more importantly, on your response.

**Further points for consideration:**

- Sometimes we experience a struggle or a tension between care for the body and care for the soul. The Lord is encouraging us to store up true treasure by caring for the soul and our relationship with God.
- The rich man may have considered his material riches as a sign of God's blessing. The real danger lays in his avarice, his greed by not sharing what he had with others. This is at the heart of vocation, God's call to give and to share our true treasure, which is God's love for us.

In today's Gospel, Jesus warns us, not to find false happiness but rather true happiness, true freedom and true treasure. This can only be found by following God's calling and finding life in him.

**Questions to consider:**

- What makes my life secure?
- What gives life its deepest joy and happiness
- How is God calling me to share my love and gifts?

# Parish News...

**Fr Timothy:** Fr Timothy will be taking his well earned leave from 10th August - 22nd August.  
**Please Note:** There will be no adoration Monday & Saturday mornings and no morning prayer on Monday's and Tuesday's. May God protect, guide, and be with you as you travel. Have a safe trip.

**Candidates for Confirmation :**  
 Candidates have received The Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday evening. Please keep the children in your prayers.

**LED Lighting (follow-up):**  
 Parishioners have now raised \$1555, towards our total cost of \$17, 038 for our new light installation . 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.

**Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)**  
 The Parish Pastoral Plan in particular the Strategic priority 1 'Hospitality' is taking shape, thanks to the suggestions and ideas provided We will be holding another planning meeting on Saturday 10th August, 2pm Leo Mahon room (inside the church) All welcome

**A bill to make abortion legal in NSW** up until birth, for any reason, has been tabled in NSW Parliament and is due to be voted on this week. Archbishop Anthony Fisher has asked all Catholics in NSW to urgently contact their state Member of Parliament and ask them to vote against this bill. Contact details for your local MP: **Liesel Tesch, 20 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy NSW 2256, (02) 4342 4122.**

*Our Parish Music Ministry will present a Songs of Praise concert in honour of Our Lady, celebrating the Feast of The Assumption and The Queenship of Mary. Sunday 18th August 2019 at 2.00pm followed by afternoon tea. Mark your diary and come and raise your voice in song and join us in this Parish event.*



Do not look forward to the changes and chances of this life in fear; rather look to them with full hope that, as they arise, God, whose you are, will deliver you out of them. He is your keeper. He has kept you hitherto. Do you but hold fast to his dear hand, and he will lead you safely through all things; and, when you cannot stand, he will bear you in his arms. Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow. Our Father will either shield you from suffering, or he will give you strength to bear it.

**Saint Francis de Sales**

## 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

### Rosters

**Volunteer Church Cleaning 9/8/19:** Michael French, Christine French, Veronica Jordan.

**Children's Liturgy 11/8/19:** Ingrid Stevens, Jenny Fitzgerald, Roselle Bravo.

**Morning Tea 11/8/19:** Cancelled

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.



The assessment for our parish for this financial year is **\$37 170**. The first of three appeals will be held this weekend. Envelopes in the church.

Woy Woy Parish Target CWJ Appeals (as set out from the Broken Bay Diocese) 2019/2020 Financial Year		
August 2019	November 2019	May 2020
\$12,390	\$12,390	\$12,390



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