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"He must increase, I must decrease"

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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!

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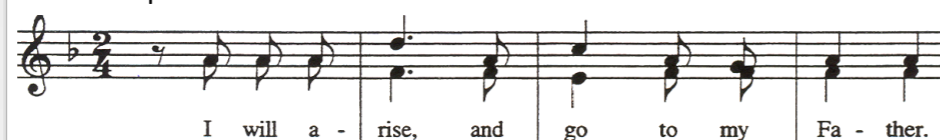
St John the Baptist Primary School:

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Psalm Response

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Readings: 22nd September 2019

Amos 8:4-7; 1 Tim 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13

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

Recently Deceased: Colleen Smith.

Anniversaries: Patricia Anne Ryan, Colin O'Reilly, Pasquale & Giuseppina Sergei, Enrico & Caterina Zappavigna & Vincenzo Zappavigna.

Rembrances: Yolanda & Amando Canete, Pablita Yting, Pedrita Yting.

Sick: Irene Beck, Kerry Baldwin, Brian Smith, Jason Simon, 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, Amanda Sheridan, Audey Barsenbach, Marta Panczyna, Sue James, Mary Wood, Therese Horner, Jack Dummett, Jo Farrelle, Anne Singleton, Tina Cohen, Janice Green, Robert Parker, Maureen Wardrop, Ros Harbig, Sheila Rogan, Karen Chorazyczewska, Ian Wilks, Michael Hourigan, John Horrigan, Ed Hyland, Daphne McNab, Shirley Crotty, Ada-Primrose Murphy, Tim Parker, Lorraine Smith, Larry Cresswell, Ken Joyce, Alison Richmond, June Townsend, Josie Weate, Andrew Muggs, Sheila Houghton, Chrissy Toms, Frank Levy, Dorothy Fulton, Roger Mitchell.

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

Indeed, in many countries where the number of marriages are decreasing, more and more people are choosing to live alone or simply to spend time together without cohabiting



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St John the Baptist Catholic Church

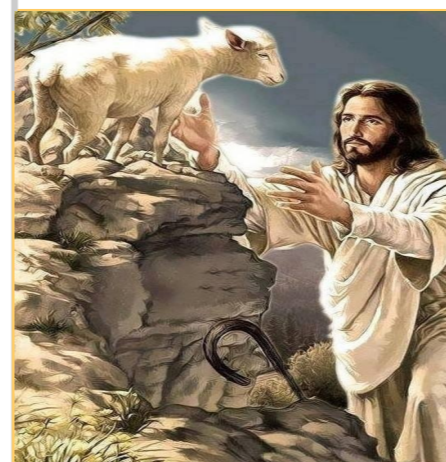
Mission and Vision
Bringing Jesus Christ to ALL, through:
Worship and Liturgy
Outreach
Our Parish School
Hospitality
Adult & Child Faith Formation



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

15th September, 2019, Year C (Psalter Week 4)

Gospel Reflection - © Fr Michael Tate



These little parables were told by Jesus in answer to the complaint of the Pharisees that he 'welcomes sinners and eats meals with them'. Let's face it, it was a radical thing for Jesus to act this way. After all, sinners should be shunned, for fear of contamination.

Jesus simply answers that, as with a lost sheep with a shepherd, or a lost coin for a housewife, sinners are precious to him and worth seeking out.

Who are the ones he seeks out?

"Sinners". Who are sinners?

If we think of sinners as those who deliberately break some moral rule then we are not really on Jesus' wavelength.

Of course, one way of looking at sin and sinners is to look at the rules.

I was a member of the Parole Board for some years and I dealt with prisoners convicted of breaking the rules of the Criminal Code, and I lecture on violations of the rules of warfare, such as the deliberate massacre of innocent civilians to advance some military cause.

Yes, some sinners are rather easily able to be seen in the rule-breaking stereotype. It seems to be deep in the Christian psyche that one's moral status is determined by whether one keeps the rules or breaks the rules. But that is not how Jesus thought.

The word used for sin in the Gospels is 'hamartia'.

It comes from the world of archery and refers to an arrow falling short of the mark, an arrow which flies off target.

The target for human beings is sharing in the life of God, ultimately with our transformed bodies pulsing with divine life and energy.

We might call that the long range target. But we are constantly presented with nearer-range targets such as opportunities for generosity, compassion, acts of justice, unselfish love, courage in the face of adversity.

The centre, the bulls-eye, of such close range targets is perfectly aligned with the centre of the long-range target, so that in centring on what is immediately presented to us we are in fact centring on the ultimate target.

Most of us, a fair bit of the time when presented with a real-life situation, fall short of the mark. We shoot astray. We are off-target.

This is usually through negligence, laziness, failing to discipline or train ourselves.

But, occasionally, we can deliberately and maliciously fire the arrow into the ground. This is deliberate mortal sin which can destroy our relationship with God and we need the forgiveness and hospitality of God to encourage us to aim better.

That is why the Jesus of the Gospels invited people who were sinners to share in a meal with Him. He wanted them to be close to Him so that he could encourage them to become the archers they were able to be.

He still issues that invitation. He invites us to share in the Mass which has many dimensions, but one of which is clearly a sacred meal in which He shares His presence under the appearance of bread and wine.

Another aspect is to realise that the Mass is a re-enactment of Jesus Christ's expert drawing of the bow, letting fly and perfectly hitting the mark in his life, death, resurrection and ascension to heavenly glory.

Parish News...

Please Note: The Parish Office will be closed next Wednesday 18th September. Sorry for any inconvenience.

LED Lighting: If you would like to donate, envelopes are on the gathering table. We are thankful for your kind and generous support towards this project.

Justice of the Peace: Jeff Freeman is a registered J.P. If you are requiring his service he will be available before 5pm Mass every Saturday.

Planned Giving Envelopes: Planned Giving Envelopes are available for collection in the gathering area.

Incident at the Church 7 September 3.23 pm-3.43 pm

On Saturday 7 September cctv captured a youth parking his bicycle outside the Piety Store and entering the church at 3.23 pm. He was filmed leaving on said bicycle at 3.43 pm. He appeared to be carrying several money bags. On Monday morning when the safe in the church was opened it was discovered that the collection bags from the evening mass on Saturday and the #2 Sunday masses had been stolen. We have reported the matter to the police and furnished them with the cctv footage and enquiries are ongoing.

SAFEGUARDING MONTH – inclusion is a planned and intentional activity.

To learn more about the role of the Office of the eSafety Commissioner visit www.esafety.gov.au It is committed to empowering all Australians to have

Rosters

Volunteer Church Cleaning 20/09/19: Jo Salter, Cheryl Sillick, Anisha Burns, Rano Spiteri.

Children's Liturgy 22/09/19: Ingrid Stevens, Michael Dixon, Emma Baker.

Morning Tea Roster 22/09/19: Catechist

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September The protection of the oceans

That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans



On the 18th of October *Aid to the Church in Need* (ACN) is inviting children worldwide to take part in the campaign "One Million Children Praying the Rosary." For more information and for prayer resources visit, www.millionkidspraying.org.

Plenary Council - Listening and Discernment
Parishes will be receiving our Listening and Discernment Guides in the next week or two and are encouraged to run Discernment sessions in their parish.

The Listening and Discernment Portal is now open on the Plenary Council website <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/listening-and-discernment/> where submissions can be made by groups after their sessions.

"Let's Listen and Discern", as well as other resources for this new phase, can be accessed on the Plenary Council website. Additional resources to help people understand the practice of discernment can be found on this page: <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/introduction-to->

Jubilarian Mass

All parishioners are invited to celebrate with the Clergy at the Annual Jubilarian Mass.

Date: Thursday 17 October 2019

Time: 11.00am Mass

Venue: Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara



STAND FOR LIFE

2:30pm to 5pm, Sunday, 15 September
Archibald Fountain Hyde Park

The NSW Parliament is about to pass an **extreme abortion** law allowing abortion on demand **until birth**

IT IS TIME TO BE THE VOICE FOR THE VOICELESS. AGAIN.

Bequest, Gift In Wills or Gifts in Memory Booklets
Following requests from Parishes to provide new and updated Gift In Wills (Bequest) booklets, we are pleased to advise that bequest booklets are now available in the gathering area.

For further information please contact Liane via 8379 1664 or liane.giuliano@bbcatholic.org.au

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.

Fransalian Quote

"Beauty, then, is called beauty because its knowledge delights us. For this, besides unity, variety, integrity, order and harmony of its parts, there should be splendour, brilliance so that it can be known and seen."

St. Francis de Sales



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