

**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.

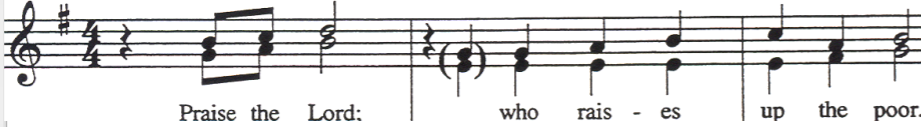
**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED  
SACRAMENT** Saturday after 9am Mass  
until 10am Monday until 9am (Public  
Holidays 10.15am) Thursday 7.30pm-  
8.30pm for the needs of the Parish.

**PARISH CHOIR** Enquiries: 0417 659  
526. Practice Wed nights in the church  
@ 7pm. New members welcome.

**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**  
100 Blackwall Road Woy Woy  
**Parish Office:** Open Monday to Friday 9.30am to 4.00pm  
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**Gospel Acclamation**  
*Alleluia, alleluia!* Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make  
you rich out of his poverty. *Alleluia!*

Readings: 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2019  
Amos 6:1, 4-7; 1 Tim 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

**Keep Us In Your Prayers** *OF YOUR CHARITY PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF:*  
**Recently Deceased:** Pam Player, Bill Hennessy, Prexy Pinto.  
**Anniversaries:** Ronald Dixon, Leonora (Lea) Esposito, Saviour Grima,  
Margherita Bugeja, Joseph Calleja, John Gatt, Arthur William Webber,  
Maria Luisa Pedroche, Sara Silim, Jack Dunne.

**Rembrances:** Molly Dunne.  
**Sick:** Joan Kelleher, 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  
*It is true that there is no sense in simply decrying present-day evils,  
as if this could change things. Nor is it helpful to try to impose rules by sheer authority*

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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



**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2019, Year C (Psalter Week 1)**  
**Gospel Reflection - © Fr Richard Leonard SJ**



A farmer named Muldoon lived alone in the Irish countryside except for a pet dog he doted on. The dog finally died, and Muldoon went to the parish priest, saying, 'Father, the dog is dead. Could you possibly be saying a mass for the poor creature?' Father Kelly refused point blank, 'No, we can't have services for an animal in the church, but I'll tell you what, there's a new denomination down the road, and there is no telling what they believe in, maybe they'll do something for the animal.' Muldoon said, 'I'll go right now. By the way, do you think 10,000 pounds is enough to donate for the service?' to which Father replied, 'Now why didn't you tell me the dog was a Catholic!'

A cheap jibe regularly levelled at the Church is that while we preach about justice and development for all people, we are one of the world's wealthiest multinationals. Sometimes Catholics are stung by this criticism. There is something healthy about that because there is always more we can, and should, do about our detachment from materialism. At the same time, however, our accusers should be reminded of a few facts that spoil their good story.

In commercial terms the Church is asset rich and cash poor. Many established churches through good planning and generosity have a large plant on decent real estate, but I don't know a diocese, religious order, parish or Church agency that does not need to carefully look at its cash flow. We rely on your goodness to keep going each year. Our real estate is often our only collateral for our borrowing; always done to improve the services we can render the People of God.

The greatest thing going for the Catholic Church, however, is you, Christ's faithful people who witness day in and day out to the power of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. We are also asset rich in terms of the quality of the women and men – lay, professed and ordained – who selflessly serve the Church and the world.

When we are attacked for the land and buildings we have it's always good to remember some facts about our Catholic family's commitment to the poor: outside the United Nations and governments, Catholicism is the largest provider of education, health, welfare, personal assistance and Third World development in the world; we have the largest and lowest-paid charitable workforce of any international group; we have been trying to serve God, not money, for two thousand years; and from the earliest Christians to this very day, some Catholics have loved and served the poor so faithfully, that they die with them, and for them.

Where all of this is concerned, we are our own worst enemies. False humility has meant we have not sufficiently celebrated what Grace has done in and through us in regards to poverty and the world's poor.

None of this excuses us from the direct challenges in today's Gospel. We all know how seductive money is and how quickly greed can throw our moral and spiritual compasses off course. In moral theology, however, intention is critical and even money, seductive as it is, can be, and is, put to good service in Christ's kingdom. It's always a question of where the heart is.

By not publicly acknowledging the service done in our name and with our assistance, we do the Church and ourselves an injustice. When we fail to explain the number of times and places Christians clearly put Jesus ahead of money we allow the Church's critics to have the last word, as though it was the only word on the subject.

May this Eucharist, this meal of Christ's poor, assist us to be detached from anything that masters our deepest desires away from Christ and keeps us from serving his kingdom of justice, development and peace for all people everywhere.

## Parish News...

### Mass changes 23 & 24 September:

Mon 23 Sept - Mass at 07.45 followed by morning prayer and Exposition.

Tues 24 Sept - Mass at 07.45 followed by morning prayer.

Masses for the remainder of the week will be as normal.

**Reconciliation 2019:** Information night for parents enrolling candidates, Tuesday, 24 September, 7.30pm in the Walter Baker Hall.

*Group Leaders: Please make every effort to attend.*

Enquiries: Dorothy Fulton (Sacramental Programme Coordinator) 4341 7610 or Parish Office 4341 1073.

**SVdP Volunteers Mass:** Saturday, 28 September

### 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](http://www.millionkidspraying.org).

### Fransalian Quote

"Amid all the different colours of the teaching that the Church proclaims, we can see everywhere the beautiful gold of holy love.

**St. Francis de Sales**

### Rosters

**Volunteer Church Cleaning 27/09/19:** Reg Harrington, Laurie Jarvis, Bev Whackett, Warren Sparrow.

**Children's Liturgy 29/09/19:** Brenda Sweet, Shadeegh Quai Hoi, Gerri O'Keefe.

**Morning Tea Roster 22/09/19:** Catechist

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-discernment/>

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](mailto:liane.giuliano@bbcatholic.org.au)

**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](http://www.esafety.gov.au) It is committed to empowering all Australians to have safer, more positive experiences online.

## Positions Vacant Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay

### 1) Retired Priests Care Coordinator -

- Care Coordinator Role – supporting aged or sick Catholic Clergy
- Focus on ageing in place in the community
- Attractive Remuneration
- Part time – 4 days per week

Support retired priests to optimise their independence and maintain their quality of life and dignity, as they age.

This role, in collaboration with Catholic HealthCare Community Services NSW, is responsible for supporting retired priests by assisting them with their various needs including to access support services, coordinate service providers, provide access to information about aging and the aged care sector, to advocate on behalf of retired priests and to ensure their access to pastoral and practical support.

**Please note this is not a 'hands on' or clinical role.**

If you would like more information, please see the full advertisement on Seek <https://www.seek.com.au/job/39950832?searchrequesttoken=5587cccd-2fe4-4a77-92f5-712ec45acbd8&type=standout>  
Applications close **5.00pm, Monday, 7 October 2019.**

### 2) Clergy Development Officer - Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay

- Bring your professional development skills and knowledge of induction and acculturation needs to support our clergy
- Pennant Hills based, with travel around Sydney and the Central Coast
- Attractive remuneration
- Part time - 4 days per week

We are seeking a person to facilitate the ongoing professional development of all clergy, but in particular clergy who are new to the Diocese.

The role provides a program of induction and acculturation for new seminarians and clergy from overseas, and facilitates opportunities for all clergy to develop their pastoral leadership, mentoring and other professional skills.

For more information contact **Kelly Paget** ([kelly.paget@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:kelly.paget@bbcatholic.org.au) / **8379 1612**).

Applications close **5.00pm, Tuesday, 1 October 2019.**

*Please note that the successful candidate will be required to undergo a pre-employment National Police History Check.*

**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. New Volunteers are always welcome. 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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