

OUT OF HOURS MEDICAL EMERGENCY
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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: 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!

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Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia! The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is the word given to you, the Good News. *Alleluia!*

Readings: 13th October 2019
2 Kg 5:14-17; 2 Tim 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

Keep Us In Your Prayers OF YOUR CHARITY PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF:
Recently Deceased: Francis Brian Morrison, Paul Browning, Kathleen O'Donnell, Irene Beck.

Anniversaries: James Casey, Noëlle Davidovic Martins, Ivan Dempsey.
Remembrances: Bruno de Souza.

Sick: Bill Seton, Joan Kelleher, 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, Chryssine Toms, Frank Levy, Dorothy Fulton, Roger Mitchell.

Quotes from *Amoris Laetitia*... "The Joy of Love"
Pope Francis

We also need to be humble and realistic, acknowledging that at times the way we present out Christian beliefs and treat other people has helped to contribute to today's problematic situation. We need a healthy dose of self-criticism.

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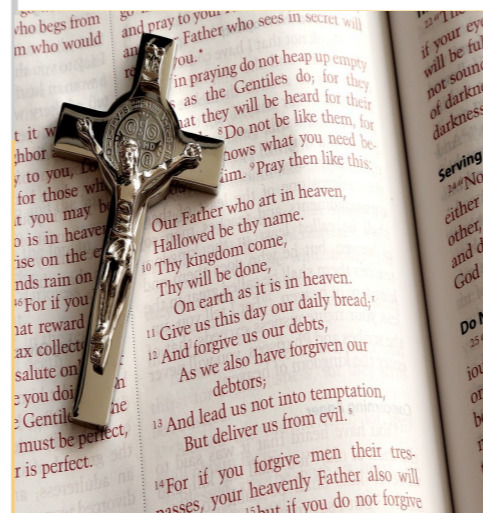
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St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
6th October, 2019, Year C (Psalter Week 3)
Gospel Reflection - © Fr Michael Tate



I recall my niece, Monica, breastfeeding her second child. Despite great tiredness, she performed acts of care and kindness which to an outsider seemed really 'over the top'. The breast feeding was very demanding. Imagine if Monica were to go around shouting: 'Look at me, look at me! I fed my baby. Reward me!' We would respond 'Well, you only did your duty. You acted that way towards Leila simply because she is your child. That's what mothering your child entails. Don't be ridiculous, looking for some extra pat on the back.' That was Jesus' way of thinking about our doing 'good works'. They are the way we are required to act towards other human beings. At the end we can only say, like the servants in the little story: 'we have done no more than our duty'. There is no special 'reward' for doing what we are obliged to do anyway.

How do we discover what is our duty towards others?

Note the sequence with Monica and Leila. The loving gaze of Monica towards her newborn simply and naturally gives rise to the obligation to feed. Perceive the relationship correctly, mother-child, and certain consequences will follow. Our Lord says: 'Perceive human beings correctly, perceive your relationship to them, and certain obligations or duties follow.'

How do we perceive other human beings? In the most poetic passage in any of his encyclicals, the late Pope John Paul II (and he was a poet) describes a human being in striking terms '...although formed from the dust of the earth, [a human being is] a manifestation of God in the world, a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory.' (*Evangelium Vitae*, 34.2) [Repeat the quotation]

If you and I actually saw a human being, every human being in that way, that perception would lead to ways of relating which were obliging.

We would be duty bound to ensure that such a creature – dust of the earth, a trace of God's glory – is not allowed to starve, does receive medical care, is offered humane companionship which allows the personality to flourish.

Certainly we would be obliged to refrain from violence towards, or manipulation of, such a creature.

And then, just when we think we deserve a special congratulatory reward from God, we hear Our Lord say: 'You have only done your duty. You have no claim on the Creator. You have not earned some heavenly reward which *must* be paid.'

Nevertheless, in doing that sort of duty you and I are becoming the sort of creatures who can love unreservedly. We are developing that capacity, that skill.

Then, at the moment of death, as a matter of sheer grace, we will be invited to go on loving unreservedly, but this time loving the whole of creation and its Creator without any limits.

And that is Heaven!

In the meantime, here on Earth God directs His loving gaze on each one of us, just as Monica gazes on Leila. That gaze encourages us to develop that capacity to love unreservedly in our lives.

And then we may hope to receive the free gift of heavenly life for all eternity.

Parish News

Mass changes October: Fr Timothy will be away from the Office between the 7th of October and the 18th of October. In his absence the following changes have been made:

Mon 7th Oct (Public Holiday) - Mass at 9am, NO morning prayer or Exposition.
 Tues 8th Oct - Mass at 7.45am followed by morning prayer.
 Mon 14th Oct - Mass at 7.45am, morning prayer and Exposition.
 Tues 15th Oct - Mass at 7.45am followed by morning prayer.
 Masses for the remainder of the week will be as normal.

Reconciliation For those parents who missed the Information Night, please contact the Parish Office to collect your Enrolment Form. Tel 4341 1073.

St Therese of Lisieux Relics to visit Broken Bay parishes in March 2020. As part of the national tour of the relics of St Therese and her parents, 6 churches in Broken Bay will host the relics in March 2020. For full details, read the story on the bbcatholic website:
<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/news-events/latest-news/relics-of-st-th-r-se-of-lisieux-to-return-to-australia-in-2020>

Twilight Talks Catholic Youth Broken Bay invites you to Twilight Talks. Join Young Adults (18+) from around the Diocese to connect, share a meal, pray and be nourished by inspiring speakers.

Our last Twilight Talks of the year will welcome our Diocesan Administrator, Fr David Ranson as he speaks on The Holy Spirit, Discernment & Discipleship. You will not want to miss this one!

Date: Tuesday 15th October 2019

Time: 6:30pm – 9:00pm

Venue: Hotel Pennant Hills, 352 Pennant Hills Rd

Fransalian Quote

“Most holy humility is inseparably joined to the peace and tranquility of heart”

St. Francis de Sales

Rosters

Volunteer Church Cleaning 11/10/19: Linda Postestas, Michael French, Kathleen Cullen, Christine French.

More Church Cleaners are required. If interested please call Christine French on 4342 4548.

Children’s Liturgy 13/10/19: Mary Wood, Frances Giunta, Rose Giunta.

Morning Tea Roster 13/10/19: PPC



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.

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

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 safer, more positive experiences online.

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:

- What is Safeguarding?
- Expectations of attitudes and behaviours when engaging with children and young people
- Everyone’s role as a Safeguarding Champion
- Reporting and raising concerns

Registration can be made via the list on the gathering table. Alternatively phone Triona on 02 4341 1073 or email parish@woywoycatholic.org.au

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

Tuesday 29th October 2019
12pm - 2pm or 6pm - 8pm

St John the Baptist Parish
 54 Victoria Rd
 Woy Woy

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



Prayer for a New Bishop

Heavenly Father and Eternal Shepherd, you watch over and govern your flock with vigilance and concern.

In your immense love, grant to your Church a pastor who will please you by his holiness and aid us with his unfailing care.

In your time, grant us the joy of welcoming a shepherd formed after your own heart.

May he be an example of virtue to your people and, imbued with the power of the Holy spirit, fill their minds with the truth and beauty of the Gospel.

Grant wisdom, O Lord, to those now discerning your holy will in the selection of our new bishop.

We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord and through the intercession of our mother, Mary Star of the Sea.
 Amen.



Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention for October A Missionary “Spring” in the Church

That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary “spring” in the Church.

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 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 Peter 0425 358 376.

“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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