

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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Our help is from the Lord, who made heav'n and earth.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia! The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. *Alleluia!*

Readings: 27th October 2019
Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

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

Recently Deceased: Kathleen O'Donnell.
Anniversaries: Leila Speer, Vincenzo Zappavigna.

Sick: Tom Searle, 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, Audrey Kirkman, Malin Tugaga, Pamela Power, Mary Scarf, Louis & Rose 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
We also find it hard to make room for the consciences of the faithful, who very often respond as best they can to the Gospel amid their limitations, and are capable of carrying out their own discernment in complex situations. We have been called to form consciences, not to replace them.

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Mission and Vision

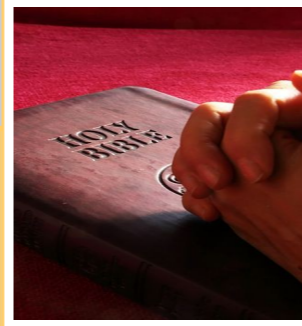
- Bringing Jesus Christ to ALL, through:
- Worship and Liturgy
 - Outreach
 - Our Parish School
 - Hospitality
 - Adult & Child Faith Formation



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

20th October, 2019, Year C (Psalter Week 1)

Gospel Reflection - © Fr Michael Tate



What a scene portrayed by Our Lord! This desperate woman was a widow in a patriarchal society: with no male protector she was vulnerable, defenceless, and this judge was indifferent to her plight. He only gives in when, as it says in the original language of the Gospel, he is afraid she will come back and 'give him a black eye'. Jesus' story uses the language of the boxing ring. Yet, somehow, this little story is all about prayer! Let's get one thing out of the way. Jesus says that God is *not* like the judge in the story; God does *not* need to be battered into submission: in fact, He is biased towards responding and giving justice to such as the widow of this story.

But Jesus *does* want us to pray like the widow. What was her situation? She was living in a country under military occupation by the Roman Army. There was constant threat of civil war, and she had no-one as close as a husband to protect her and her young family.

Think for a moment of a widow in any of the terrible civil wars that still bedevil many societies. She would be in a similar sort of situation as the woman in Jesus' Palestine. What would she be praying for? We can guess that she would be praying for food for herself and her young family, basic shelter and warmth, that a sick infant not be wrenched away in death, that rapacious money lenders not reduce her to even more abject poverty, that the warfare raging around would cease.

In such a desperate plight, can you imagine the intensity, the urgency of her prayer? Doesn't it put our praying in perspective? Apart from praying for a sick infant, do we, in Australia, normally pray like her? I think Our Lord wants to embarrass us. I think Our Lord wants us to pray a lot less often. I think of what those widows would be praying for tonight, and then think of what I pray for – and I think of how utterly trivial, how self-promoting, it mostly is.

God is not the slightest bit interested in most of my prayers.
God is interested in my being such a woeful pray-er and wants to change me. After all, prayer is not about changing God. God is constantly desiring the best for all of creation, including us. Prayer is about changing us – and there are two simple rules.

1. 'Come as you are' (title of a hymn)
Don't come to God praying for things simply because you think they are the proper things to pray for. God wants you to pray, not some role you are acting out. Come as you are. Your real concerns are your starting point.
2. But, if you find or suspect that you are praying for superficial things, or when you feel stale, *pray the Our Father* because this starts to put you on the wavelength of Our Lord. The disciples had seen Jesus praying and asked him to instruct them as to how they should go about it. (Luke 11:1,2)
So, pray the Our Father, and, strangely, we may find the urgent widow lurking there!
What do we find smack in the middle? 'Give us this day our daily bread.' 'Give us', i.e. the human family, especially those with empty stomachs in areas ravaged by famine or war or military occupation, like the widow of our story. To do nothing about it would be blasphemous. Better not to recite it at all.
'Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.' That will not happen unless you and I dispense justice – a just distribution of this world's resources, with a bias toward the poor, the vulnerable, those like the widow.
Let us do it, voluntarily and naturally. Otherwise, could we be surprised if, like the widow, the poor of the world threaten us with a black eye?

Parish News

Mission Sunday 20th October: Envelopes are in the church for your convenience. The need is great and your generosity would be appreciated.

Presentation of Candidates for Reconciliation will be at all Masses this weekend. Please keep these children in your prayers.

Bus trip Nelson Bay 30th October leaving at 8:45am. Cost \$20. Morning tea supplied. Contact Susie Casey 0403 417 639.

HSC students: Please keep these students in your prayers during the exam period 18 October to 9 November.

Cuppa and a Chat: A group of seniors meet every third Monday in the Leo Mahon room, due 21 October, 1.00pm-2.30pm. If you would like to join us phone Pat on 0403 672 077. Transport provided.

Melbourne Cup Trifecta: The Rosary Ladies will be selling tickets next weekend 19/20 October. Tickets 50c each - winning ticket \$400. Your support would be appreciated.

Holy Wisdom (25 - 27 October 2019) Retreat: A weekend retreat where we will take a walk in the fields of Holy Wisdom. We will explore the wisdom figure of Hokhmah (Sophia) and some related wisdom teachings of Jesus. The retreat will be in the wisdom contemplative tradition, combining some sharing with meditation, silence and reflection.

Pastoral Plan – Vision and Mission on Hospitality

Where are we with the Hospitality Plan?

The implementation of the new initiative on the vision and mission of Saint John the Baptist on Hospitality has arrived!! We will begin with announcements starting on Sunday 20/10 at 6pm and moving through all masses in the upcoming weekends on how hospitality will **look** like here at SJB.

Pope Francis' theme for this year's observance for World Mission Day is "Baptised and Sent: The Church of Christ in Communion and Mission in the World"

How are we in communion and mission to one another? We ask for your prayers for this new ministry and if you would like to know more about it or to offer your gifts and talents for this work please contact the parish office on 4341 1073.

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 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.

Rosters

Volunteer Church Cleaning 25/10/19: Kevin Glacken, Laurie Jarvis, Rano Spiteri, Bev Whackett.

*More Church Cleaners are required. If interested please call Christine French on 4342 4548. *Can the person who called Christine this week in relation to church cleaning please call her back.**

Children's Liturgy 27/10/19: Brenda Sweet, Shadeeqh Quai Hoi, Emma Baker.

Morning Tea Roster 27/10/19: Filipino Community

Eastern Europe and Oberammergau Pilgrimage

Fr Paul Finucane from Holy Cross, Kincumber is Chaplain on the Pilgrimage with Harvest Journeys to Eastern Europe and Oberammergau next year from 13/7/2020 - 26/7/2020. To find out more information please find the details on the Gathering table.

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.

LITURGICAL RECEPTION AND SOLEMN MASS OF INSTALLATION

of
The Most Reverend Anthony Randazzo DD,JCL

AS THE FOURTH BISHOP OF BROKEN BAY

ON MONDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2019 AT 6.45PM

Fransalian Quote

"The first practice of love chiefly consists in prayer"

St. Francis de Sales

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 Pat 0403 672 077 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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