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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.

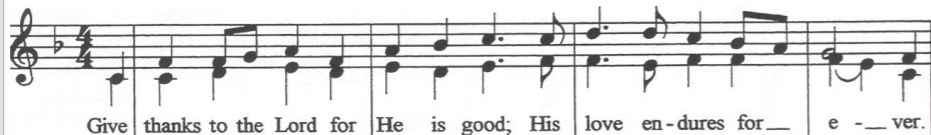
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Baptism Preparation - 9.30am second
and fourth Sunday of the month
Sacrament of Baptism - 11.00am first
and third Sunday of the month . Please
contact the parish office for more
information.

**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
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Psalm Response © Colin D. Smith cfc



Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His love en-dures for e - ver.

Gospel Acclamation *Alleluia, alleluia!* You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! *Alleluia!*

Readings: 5th May 2019
Acts 5:27-32, 40-41; Apoc 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19.

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

Recently Deceased: Leon de Pradines, Aileen Langdon, Maureen Cullen.

Anniversaries: Tom Fauvette, Dorn Schumacher, Bob Scholte.

Sick: 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 Aloisio, Olive Brittliff, Helen Taylor, Amanda Sheridan, 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, Carolyn Jupp, Ed Hyland, Carmel Diorio, Maureen Frost, Daphne McNab, Shirley Crotty, Mary Dolan, John Corrigan, Hanna El Khatib, Tim Parker, Lorraine Smith, Alison Richmond, June Townsend, Kathy Ward, Paul Kuether, Audey Barsenbach, Ken Joyce, Josie Weate, Ernie Mullins.

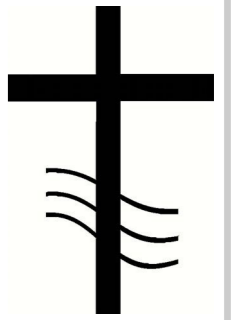


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St John the Baptist Catholic Church

Mission and Vision

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



Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

28 April 2019, Year C

Gospel Reflection © Richard Leonard SJ.



The earliest Christian community focused strongly on the wounds of the Risen Lord for two reasons: to affirm the fact that Christ, now raised from the dead was the same person who had lived with them; and also to make sense of the physical wounds being inflicted on them for Christ's sake.

The story of Thomas, even with its mystical details, counters a magical notion of what the resurrection is about. Jesus bears the marks of his torture and death. His glorified body, though different, is connected to how the disciples knew and loved him. They can recognise him through his words and his wounds.

We know the community of Ephesus, for which this Gospel is written, was experiencing great persecution. Is it any wonder, one generation from the earliest disciples, that the sign of Christ's risen presence are *his* marks of suffering?

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Our own world continues to be intrigued by manifestations of Jesus' wounds. Do you remember when a well-known television reporter went in search of mystics and stigmatics? The television network ratings soared. Everyone from the true believer to the cynic wanted to see if the hands really bled, or the wounds really wept. Whatever the truth of these private revelations and experiences, it seems words and wounds still make a claim on us today.

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You and I know, however, that we don't have to go to a stigmatic to see Christian battle wounds. We carry within us the death of the Lord. We all have our wounds. And we also know that, for many of us, it is precisely when we are wounded most deeply by life, that our doubts in the presence of God are greatest.

The Easter story is not that we should be ashamed of this, or pretend it doesn't happen. Today's Gospel reminds us that it is into this chaos that Christ comes with words of peace, with empathy from the one who was wounded for our sake and with the mission to forgive as we are forgiven.

I remember struggling with some personal issues in the Jesuit novitiate. I'm told that's what these places are for! One day, when I felt lowest about myself, the novice master, adapting Psalm 118, said to me, 'you realise that the stone rejected by the builder becomes the corner stone.' By this he meant that often God takes that part of ourselves we don't like, forgives it, heals it, and uses it most powerfully to demonstrate that the pattern of the life, death and resurrection of Christ continues in all believers who bear his name and carry his wounds.

And that's what happened to Thomas. Christ took his fear, his doubts and his disbelief and through the wounds of healing and peace transformed them into a powerful Christian witness that has sustained generations of us who struggle with life and faith.

So at this Easter Eucharist we are offered the same opportunity to discover that the stone rejected within us, or among us, is that which God wants to use as the cornerstone. And when this happens we can cry with the psalmist, 'This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.'

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Parish News...

Thank you to all the amazing volunteers for all your dedication and selfless service to make this Lenten and Holy Week journey a meaningful and spiritual one. May the Risen Lord bless you and your families.

First Holy Communion: Please pray for our children making their first Holy Communion over the next six weeks.

We farewell Fr Philip this weekend to take up the role of Administrator of Warnervale Parish until December 2019. He will relocate to Warnervale on 29 April 2019. Parishioners are requested to bring a plate of food to share and farewell Fr Phillip after 9:15am Mass on Sunday 28 April. (The craft group are also rostered on morning tea on this day).

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday morning time has been changed from 11:30am to 9:30am (after 9am Mass).

Divine Mercy Sunday: Prayers 2.30pm-3.30pm, Sunday 28 April, Woy Woy church.

Volunteer Church Cleaning Roster: 3/5/19: Cheryl Sillick, Reg Harrington, Linda Potestas & Jo Salter.

Anointing of the Sick will be administered during 4pm Mass, Friday 3 May 2019.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers Rosters now available in the Servers sacristy.

Expression of Interest: Seeking volunteer/s to perform Sacristan duties on a rostered basis. Please call the Parish Office.



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INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

“Be still and know that I am God” psalm 46, v10

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Charitable Works Fund

The assessment for our parish for the year 2018/2019 is \$35 198.

We collected \$21 306 in the first two appeals in August & November 2018.

The third & final appeal for this year will be held 4th/5th May 2019.

We need \$13 892 to meet our quota.

The CWF supports five vital services (details below).

Please can we all give generously.

Envelopes available in the church.

Parish Finance Committee.



Charitable Works Fund Appeal

Weekend of 4/5 May 2019.

When you make your donation to the Charitable Works Fund, **your donation helps 5 charities** that help the people in the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay.

The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD). Donations go towards training catechists and developing authorised curriculum materials for up to 21,000 Catholic students in public schools in the Diocese.

CatholicCare Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Program. Donations provide training and Pastoral Care Practitioners to support staff, patients and their families in seven hospitals in our Diocese.

St Lucy's School. Donations go to providing resources for primary school students with special needs.

St Edmund's College. Donations go to providing resources for high school students with special needs.

Ephpheta Centre. Donations go to support advocacy and sacramental programs for deaf and hard of hearing people.

Every dollar helps and 100% of your donation is tax deductible.

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 Joan 0422 272 339.

“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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