

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 11.30am & 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

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Psalm Response © Colin D. Smith cfc



In the sight of the an - gels, Lord, I will sing your prais - es.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia! Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people. *Alleluia!*

Readings: 17th February 2019
Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26.
Readings can be found at www.usccb.org/bible/

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

Recently Deceased: Tony Schumacher.

Anniversaries: Pat Dolan.

Remembrances: Sr Pat Barton, Patricia Cameron, Lailyn Layno, Doris Galea, Bugeja family, Catania family, Grima family.

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, Leon de Pradines, Margaret Davin, Helen Taylor, Amanda Sheridan, Marta Panczyna, Sue James, Mary Wood, Therese Horner, Jack Dummett, Jo Farrelle, Paul Hennessy, Sue Rose, Anne Singleton, Tina Cohen, Janice Green, Robert Parker, Maureen Wardrop, Ros Harbig, Sheila Rogan, Karen Chorazyczewska, Joan Kelleher, Carolyn Jupp, Ed Hyland, Carmel Diorio, Maureen Frost, Paul Smith, Ian Wilks, Daphne McNab, Shirley Crotty.

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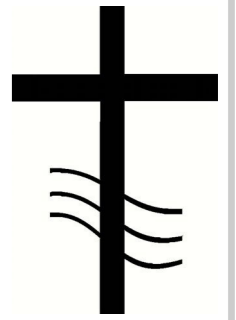


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St John the Baptist Catholic Church

Mission and Vision

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



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10 February 2019, Year C (Psalter Week 1)
Gospel Reflection © Richard Leonard SJ.

Think about this for a minute!

It is time to elect a world leader, and yours is the deciding vote. Here are the facts about the three leading candidates:

Candidate A associates with crooked politicians, consults with astrologers, has had two mistresses, is severely disabled, chain smokes and drinks 8 to 10 martinis a day.

Candidate B was kicked out of office twice, slept until noon, used opium at university, is an undiagnosed manic-depressive and drinks a bottle of whiskey every day.

Candidate C is a decorated war hero, vegetarian, doesn't smoke or drink, except for an occasional beer and has never had an extra-marital affair. Who would you choose?

Candidate A is Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Candidate B is Winston Churchill.

Candidate C is Adolph Hitler.

Sometimes the best candidate on paper is the worst leader in reality. Thank goodness Jesus did not hire a management consultancy to help him recruit his earliest disciples. On paper Peter, James and John would not have got past expressing interest in the job. Jesus recognised, however, that they had the three things necessary for Christian leadership: faith, hope and love.

Not that they had it immediately. We know they constantly misunderstood Jesus and tried to steer in other ways. They made promises they did not keep and they abandoned Jesus when the going got tough. But they had the one thing that nearly all great leaders have in their formation: a mentor who knows they are not perfect, forgives their limitations, tells them the truth, brings them back to what they are actually on about and inspires them by what he says and how he lives.

Sometimes we think the Gospel always demands a very different lifestyle to the one we have, and sometimes it does, but today's Gospel should be taken seriously, not literally. Luke tells us that the disciples 'left everything and followed him'. We know that following Jesus did not demand of Peter, for example, that he abandon his family. And we also know that the disciples returned to their work of fishing a number of times in their life with Jesus.

Luke is telling us, then, that to follow Jesus is a radical option and that we have to divest ourselves of anything that stops us serving the kingdom of God. Conversely, it follows that we have to cultivate the very things that draw us on in the Christian life. For most of us the departures necessary in following Jesus are in our hearts.

Furthermore in this story, Luke is also telling us about the great number of converts attracted to the Christian life. We know that some of these were notorious sinners. No doubt the leaders of the early Church had anxieties about admitting them.

By relating the story of the sinful Peter being called by Jesus, Luke reassures the community that as long as anyone is able to leave behind the destructiveness of their previous life they can, with guidance, become a disciple of Jesus. Luke teaches that it is not for us to condemn anyone caught up in the net of salvation: simply to trust in God's love and compassion that visits the sick and well alike.

May we pray in this Eucharist for the humility in the Church to accept that God can turn our judgments, laws, customs, protocols and management strategies upside down and sometimes bring forward, from the most unexpected quarters, leaders who show us new dimensions to God's power shining through our human weakness.



Parish News...

Parish Pastoral Council gathering:

Pina Bernard & Tania Rimac, from the Office for Evangelisation will be speaking to council members on Tuesday, 12 February at 7pm in the Leo Mahon room. *All parishioners are welcome* to attend, to hear what the Evangelisation team has planned for this year.

Choir members needed!

Singers and Musicians from across the Diocese are warmly invited to lead the congregation in prayerful song at

Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Cathedral
23 Yardley Ave WAITARA, for the following diocesan events:

Rite of Election

10 March 2019 (Sunday).

Rehearsal on the day in the Cathedral from 12:45 p.m. for 2:00 p.m. ceremony start.

Chrism Mass 2019

16 April 2019 (Tuesday).

Rehearsal on the day in the Cathedral from 6:00 p.m. for 7:30 p.m. Mass start.

(Supper provided).

Run Sheet will be sent out closer to the date.

RSVP To ensure we have enough seats and music/hymn books for everyone please RSVP ASAP to cathedral@bbcatholic.org.au - on the subject line type "**CHOIR RSVP**"

Listening to God: Continues 12noon-2pm, Tuesday 12 February, in the Leo Mahon Room. All welcome. "The Lord is training you to hear His voice; keep asking Him to speak."

Parish Retreat: Saturday, 23rd March to Wednesday, 27th March. More information on the following page. Please note there will be **no morning Mass** on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday (25th March-27th March).

Lenten Discussion Groups:

During Lent our Parish encourages parishioners to come together in groups to pray and reflect on the significance of the season. We are calling on you to consider hosting a group. You only need to *lead* (not teach) others through a prepared programme of prayers, readings and reflections over 6 weeks, so we can deepen our understanding and journey spiritually towards Easter. Copies of this years Diocesan Resource have arrived for anyone wishing to have a copy now "Discerning the Way of Jesus", Lectio divina, Praying the Scripture in Lent, Year C 2019.

Please contact the parish office 4341 1073:

- if you can lead a group;
- if you wish to participate in a group or;
- you would like a copy of the booklet.

The Live, Pray, Love Project: is a parish ministry which aims to build and foster a sense of belonging to the parish community through faith formation and fun activities.

We are seeking new members and if you are interested or would like to know more about this work, please contact Gladys on 0421 312 362.

Volunteer Church Cleaning Roster 15/2/19:

Jo Salter, Warren Sparrow, Tom French & Michael French.

Children's Liturgy 17/2/19 –

Frances Giunta, Rose Giunta & Jenny Fitzgerald.

Children's Liturgy: A meeting for all our Leaders and Helpers, Sunday 17th Feb at 10:30am in the Leo Mahon Room.

Retreat on Eucharist, The Word of God & The Passion of our Lord For Healing.

Saturday, 23 March to Wednesday, 27 March.

Fr. Gilbert Carlo svd (Divine Word Missionary), will be conducting a retreat in our Parish church during Lent.

The Retreat is focused on Prayer, Meditation, Contemplation, Eucharist & the Word of God, which deepens our relationship with God & one another...

Saturday/Sunday, March 23/ 24 : Homily at weekend Masses.

Monday, March 25: 7.00pm Mass, followed by talk & reflection; 7.30pm – 8.30pm.

Healing through God's Love and Forgiveness: Reflection Isaiah 53.5; 'By his wounds, we are healed'.

Tuesday, March 26: 7.00pm Mass followed by talk & reflection; 7.30pm – 8.30pm.

Healing through the Word of God & Eucharistic Adoration: Reflection Matthew 8.8; 'By our faith on the Word of God, we are healed'.

Wednesday, March 27: 7.00pm Concluding Mass with Reflection on Eternal life. 'By His Body and Blood we are healed'.

Confession: Monday - Wednesday: 6pm -6.45pm.

Please call the Parish office if you need transport to attend the retreat.

Fr. Gilbert Carlo svd (Divine Word Missionary), has been conducting scripture based meditative retreats since 1989, in India, Australia, USA, UK, Germany and many other countries to promote contemplation in the Church.

Contact details of Fr. Gilbert Carlo SVD:
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Fransalian Quote

"The same everlasting Father who cares for you today will care for you tomorrow and every day.

Either he will shield you from suffering or give you unfailing strength to bear it.

Be at peace then and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginings."

St. Francis de Sales

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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