

OUT OF HOURS MEDICAL EMERGENCY
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"He must increase, I must decrease"

Fr. Timothy Raj. M.S.F.S.
Administrator

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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
church @ 7pm

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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St John the Baptist Primary School:

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Psalm Response

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Gospel Acclamation *Alleluia, alleluia!* All who love me
will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we
will come to them. *Alleluia!*

Readings: 2nd June 2019

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Lk 24:46-53.

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

Recently Deceased: Lorraine Barrett, Beryl Ellerington,
Grant Bastian, Deacon Jim Caulfield, Robert Hawke.

Anniversaries: Erno Honyi, Patrick Byrne.

Remembrances: Mary, Katerina & Frank Justic.

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,
Carolynn Jupp, Ed Hyland, Daphne McNab, Shirley Crotty,
Mary Dolan, John Corrigan, Hanna El Khatib, Tim Parker,
Lorraine Smith, Alison Richmond, June Townsend, Kathy Ward,
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Mission and Vision

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Outreach

Our Parish School

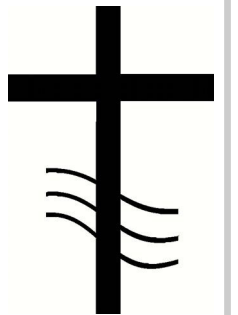
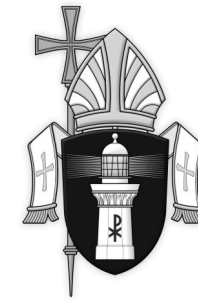
Hospitality

Adult & Child Faith Formation

Sixth Sunday of Easter

26 May 2019, Year C (Psalter Week 2)

Gospel Reflection © Richard Leonard SJ.



Have you noticed how many books, films, television and radio programs harken back to yesteryear? 'Retrospectives' are huge in the art world. Have you noticed when musicians play more romantic classical music in the first half and contemporary music in the second half that people leave at half time? It seems the public likes the art of the 19th Century more than that of today. Nostalgia is big business and we cannot get enough of it.

Nostalgia literarily means 'a yearning for home'. And if our artistic tastes reveal anything about who we are at present, maybe the home we yearn for is where things are clearer, roles are more defined, accepted harmony is developed and discord and dissonance is avoided – at least in public.

In today's Gospel, Jesus says that as a result of our love for him and fidelity to his word, the Father will come and make a home with us. The image of God as homemaker is, sadly, not very developed in Christian spirituality, maybe because too many undomesticated men have had too much of the say for far too long! But this is an image that holds a lot for how and where we meet God.

The best homes are places where we relax because we are ourselves, we are known and we know the others with whom we live. It's a common experience, for example, that when we have been out from our homes, as soon as we enter our front door we want to go to the loo. There is something intimate and familiar about our home that enables us to relax on many levels as we turn the key. Home is an earthy place where we don't get away with much and our vulnerability can be on display. Christian homes are particularly hospitable places, where Christ dwells in them to the degree that dignity, love and forgiveness are present.

A home, however, is more than a house in which people live. Homes need work and attention. A friend of mine says memories rarely just happen, they need to be created. That's the sort of attention to a family's life that turns a house into a home.

And this is the world in which God enters our lives. God wants us to be relaxed and vulnerable in God's presence. We don't need to put on a show or say what we think God wants to hear, that's a theatre where we preform, not a home where we know each other. Easter faith is about being comfortable and intimate, about being who we are, rather than the persona we would prefer God to see.

As with most of our homes, being at home with God has its ups and downs, days when we think we cannot bear to stay one more moment, other days where we could never imagine being anywhere else and then most days where we are neither up nor down and we just get on with the routine of our lives. God the homemaker remains faithful through it all, offering the gift of Easter peace, sending us out to proclaim Christ's Kingdom, welcoming us home eager to learn how everything went and reassuring us always that while God is at home with us our hearts should never be troubled and we are not to be afraid.

For Christians, nostalgia is not about living in the past, it is about yearning for the sort of home where our heart truly is.

Parish News...

First Holy Communion: Please pray for our children making their first Holy Communion at weekend Masses through to Pentecost Sunday.

Sacrament of Confirmation: The Catholic Parish of Woy Woy Peninsula is about to start a programme to prepare baptised Catholic children who are currently in Year 2 or above and have reached the age of discretion (normally about 7 years of age) for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The parent or guardian who will accompany the child through the programme is required to attend an Information Night on Tuesday 4th June 2019, at 7.30pm, Walter Baker Hall, 100 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy. Enrolment forms will be handed out on the night. Further enquiries please call the Parish Office 4341 1073.

Fr Philip's message: Your very generous gift was forwarded to Fr Philip this week. He conveys his sincere appreciation to all contributors and well wishers.

The 2019 St. Vincent de Paul Winter Clothing Appeal will be held this weekend the 25/26th May. Bags for this appeal are available in the gathering area. Please give generously to assist the poor.

Bus Trip: Wednesday, 5th June to Windsor via Wisemans Ferry. Leaving 8.45am, cost \$20. For more info call Susie Casey 0403 417 639.



Novena of
MASSES

SAT 15 JUN 5PM
SUN 16 JUN 7:30, 9:15, 6PM
MON-FRI 17-21 JUN 7PM
SAT 22 JUN 5PM
SUN 23 JUN 7:30, 9:15AM

NINE MASSES | DIFFERENT CELEBRANT | SHARING
ON ST JOHN THE BAPTIST | GRAND FINALE SUN
23RD 9:15 MASS | SJB CHURCH WOY WOY

Prayer for a New Bishop

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

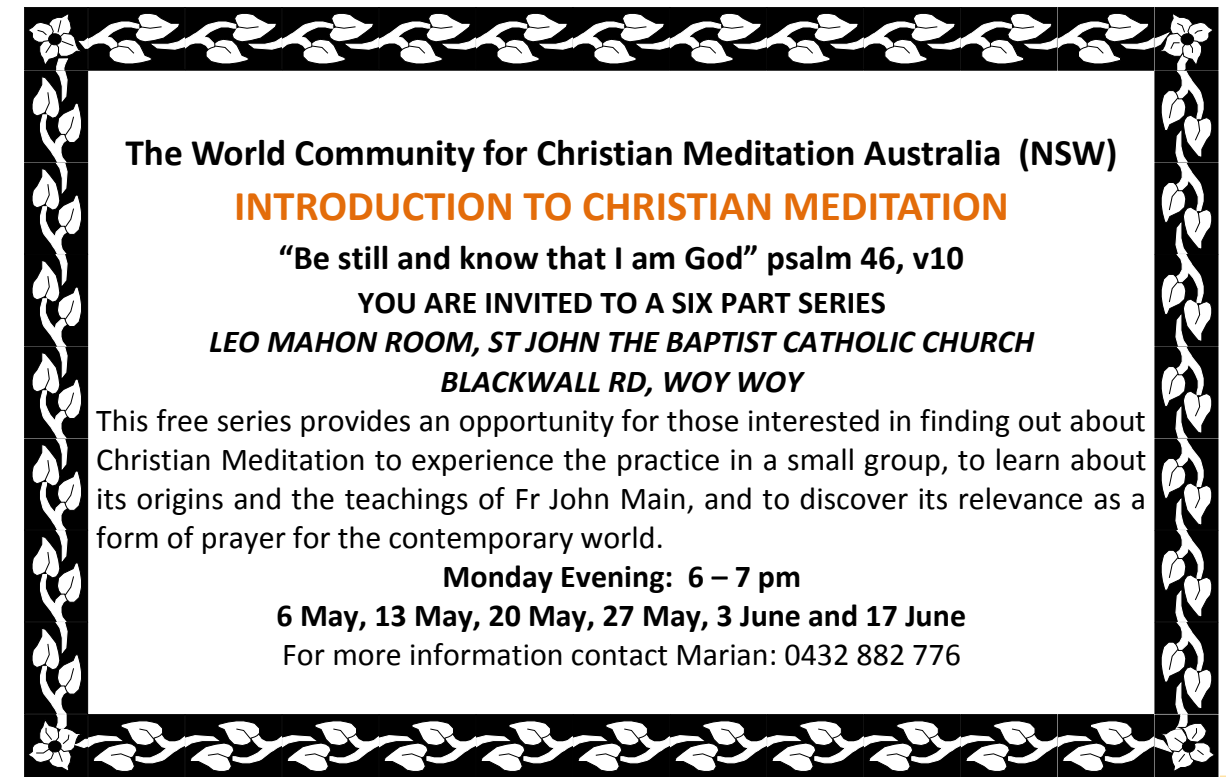
In your immense love, grant to your Church a pastor who will please you by his holiness and aid us with his unfailing care.

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.



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"Be still and know that I am God" psalm 46, v10
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Monday Evening: 6 – 7 pm
6 May, 13 May, 20 May, 27 May, 3 June and 17 June
For more information contact Marian: 0432 882 776

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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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