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"He must increase, I must decrease"

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**Fr. Philip Thottam. M.S.F.S.**  
Assistant Priest

**Office Staff**  
Helen Cameron & Raelene Spithill

**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.

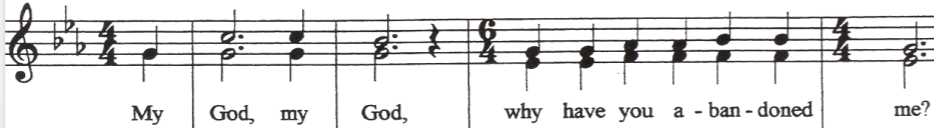
**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**  
Baptism Preparation - 9.30am second  
and fourth Sunday of the month  
Sacrament of Baptism - 11.00am first  
and third Sunday of the month . Please  
contact the parish office for more  
information.

**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**  
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**St John the Baptist Primary School:**  
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My God, my God, why have you a-ban-doned me?

**Gospel Acclamation** *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!* Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high, and gave him a name above all other names.  
*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*

Readings: 21st April 2019 Acts 10:34, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9.

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

**Recently Deceased:** Johnny Baker, Noren Baker, Jean Shaw.

**Anniversaries:** Catherine Kennedy, Mary Gatt, Bob Scholte, Polqueria Numeriano, Senajon Alejaga.

**Remembrances** Mary, Katerina & Frank Justic, Mary & George Hilliard, Hilliard Brothers, Kevin Mills, the Mills family, Bernie Hanna, Leslie Denning, Valerie Price.

**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, Anne Singleton, Tina Cohen, Janice Green, Robert Parker, Maureen Wardrop, Ros Harbig, Sheila Rogan, Karen Chorazyczewska,Carolynn Jupp, Ed Hyland, Carmel Diorio, Maureen Frost, Ian Wilks, Daphne McNab, Shirley Crotty, Mary Dolan, John Corrigan, Anne Gan, Hanna El Khatib, Tim Parker, Lorraine Smith, Alison Richmond, June Townsend, Kathy Ward, Paul Kuether, Ken Joyce, Josie Weate, Audey Barsenbach.

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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**

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

**14 April 2019, Year C (Psalter Week 2)**

**Gospel Reflection © Richard Leonard SJ.**

The crowd who cheered on Palm Sunday proved to be a fickle lot. It took them no time at all to move from the cries of adulation of Palm Sunday to the derision of Good Friday, and back again, with frightening speed. What is most worrying, however, is that we can do the same just as easily.

Take, for example, in our own country, where on the one hand we tell the original inhabitants of this great land that they have some claim on it and then change the rules when they begin to make such a claim. You don't have to look far for Calvary. Try being black in a white world.

We bask in the myth that this is the land of the fair go, but seem to think that this fair go is primarily for white people born of an Anglo Celtic, Christian background. You don't have to search too far for Calvary. Try being Asian in a Eurocentric world.

As Christians we affirm that women and men are made in the image and likeness of God, but in the Church and society we find new arguments to keep men in power and women only fractionally developing their God-given talents. You don't have to seek out Calvary. Try being a woman in a man's world.

Our society tells the gay community they may have been born with a desire for a same sex partner and that no one should discriminate against them, yet we deny them basic rights for legal security and dignity. You don't have to hunt for Calvary. Try being gay in a straight world.

Our society sings the praises of IVF and its associated technologies and proclaim how hundreds more couples are now 'complete' as a result of having a baby and yet each year we abort tens of thousands of unborn babies. You don't have to explore far to find Calvary. Try being a pregnant mother in an unsympathetic and death-dealing world.

The reality is that Palm Sunday is not a yearly historical pageant. It is the day when we hear proclaimed that:

– our God knows what it's like to be heralded on Sunday and condemned on Friday;

– our God loved us so much that he laid down his own life so that we might live;

– our God showed us that the price of walking on palm branches is in the taking up of the cross.

And how do we do that? How do we face all the Calvaries of our world and be Christ-like?

In the Passion we are told that Jesus did five things:

– He healed the ear of the High Priest's servant;

– He spoke the truth to Pilate;

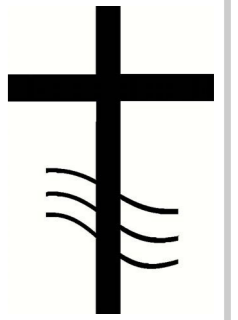
– He empathised with the women of Jerusalem;

– He forgave those who condemned him;

– He had compassion toward the other criminal being crucified.

And here's the rub: in facing our personal passion and being with those who face their Calvary we are called to do likewise.

If Holy Week means anything it means we end this week as we began it – processing. Walking away from inflicting pain to being a healer, desisting with lies and speaking the truth, resisting the temptation to judge and embracing empathy as our first response and, always and everywhere, being generous with forgiveness and compassion. No more and no less is asked of us if we are to follow 'the King of Love on Calvary'.



## Parish News...

**Fr Philip will be leaving us** 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.

**Sacrament of Penance:** Saturday morning time will change from 11:30am to 9:30am (after 9am Mass).

**Wardens:** Please write your name on the list in the wardens cupboard if you are able to assist during Easter Masses.

**Chrism Mass:** will be celebrated at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 16 April at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara. The parish bus will be available, leaving at 5.15pm. Please call the parish office on 4341 1073 to book a seat.

### Mass on Wednesday nights during Lent:

At 6.30pm there will be Stations of the Cross followed by Mass (approx. 6.50pm).

**Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm,** Thursday 18th April. It is a long standing custom to watch before the Blessed Sacrament for a few hours after Mass. The period of adoration will end at 10 pm. This is the best day to bring in your Project Compassion box or envelopes to the Church. Alternatively bring in your contribution to one of the Easter Masses.

**Volunteer Church Cleaning Roster: Wednesday, 17/4/19:** Veronica Jordan, Brian Jordan, Jo Salter & Bev Whackett.

**Good Friday Envelopes:** Donations will help to support the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing financial assistance to schools, medical centres, parishes and orphanages, welfare projects and poor Christians and it helps to preserve the sacred shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Envelopes are in the church for your convenience.

**Easter Offering Envelopes** are in the church for your convenience.

**Ecumenical Dawn Service** on Easter Sunday morning, 21st April, 6am at Umina Beach Surf Club. Fr Timothy is preaching the homily & it is a very

fulfilling service—please make an effort to come. Breakfast will be served at the Salvation Army Umina after the service.

**Project Compassion:** Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season, which is themed "Give Lent 100%". You are empowering communities with hope and helping those in great need to shape a better future for themselves, their families and their communities. Lives change when we all give 100%. You can also donate by phoning 1800 024 413 or [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion).

**Cuppa and a Chat:** A group of seniors meet every third Monday in the Leo Mahon room, due 15th April, 1.00pm-2.30pm. If you would like to join us phone Pat on 0403 672 077. Transport provided.

**Bus trip to Warners Bay:** Wednesday, 17th April, leaving 9am. Morning tea at Morrisset, lunch at Belmont Sailing Club. Cost \$20. Call Susie 0403 417 639.

### Divine Mercy Sunday

Prayers 2.30pm-3.30pm, Sunday 28 April, Woy Woy church

**Anzac Memorabilia** will be on display at Woy Woy Presbyterian Church Blackwall Rd on Tuesday 16th April at 11am followed by a light lunch. Admission \$10.

## Easter Bingo Marathon 100 Games

Easter Saturday – 20th April 2019.

100 Games, \$100, \$150, \$200 Prizes and a chance of winning \$2,000 jackpot (game 50 reverts to \$1,000 if not won in certain calls, game 100 unlimited).

\$48 for 6 tickets in 50 games (\$96 for 100 games).

2:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at Peninsula Community Centre, 93 McMasters Rd Woy Woy. Free Catering during half time break 5.30pm. Free Tea and Coffee all day.

Operated by Woy Woy Catholic Parish Housie, Enquiries: Rob - 0427 990 818 or [w w c p h o u s i e @ h o t m a i l . c o m](mailto:w w c p h o u s i e @ h o t m a i l . c o m) FACEBOOK/Woy Woy Bingo.

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## Holy Week 2019

### Holy Thursday

7:00pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper

### Good Friday

9:00am - Stations of the Cross -  
in our Church

10:00am - Stations of the Cross at  
SJB Primary School

21a Dulkara Rd South Woy Woy

12:00pm—Last Seven Words of Jesus

3:00pm - The Lord's Passion

### Easter Saturday

8:00am - Devotion to Mother of  
Sorrows

7:00pm—Easter Vigil

### Easter Sunday

7:30am, 9:15am and 6:00pm

### Easter Monday

9:00am

**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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