

**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

### 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!* The prince of this world will now be cast out,  
and when I am lifted up from the earth I will draw all to myself,  
says the Lord. *Alleluia!*

Readings can be found at [www.usccb.org/bible/](http://www.usccb.org/bible/)

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

**Recently deceased:** Vince Ryan, Kevin Houghton, Nina Vlahovich,  
Jack Renshaw, Manfred Maerz, Keith McGuigan, Shirley Calabria,  
Abraham Wilson.

**Anniversaries:** Esteban Soler, Margaret Juratowitch,  
Maryann Hardwick.

**Sick:** Val Simpson, Patricia Dwyer, Donna Vella, Donna Briemer,  
Oscar James Morreti, Joy Ball, Betty Fraser, Luis Emilio Garrido,  
Audrey Kirkman, Malin Tugaga, Pamela Power, Mary Scarf,  
Louis Aloisio, Olive Brittliff, Frank McLenaghan, Leon de Pradines,  
Margaret Davin, Helen Taylor, Amanda Sheridan, Karen Pearson,  
Margrate Sofie, Thambu George, Marta Panczyna, Sue James,  
Margaret Woollam, Hannah El Khatib, Mary Wood, Vicki Pirie,  
Therese Horner, Betty Cavanagh, Jack Dummett, Jo Farrelle,  
Yvonne Beattie, Nellie Brown, John Buatava.

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## WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH

### St John the Baptist Catholic Church

#### Mission and Vision

Bringing Jesus Christ to ALL, through:

Worship and Liturgy

Outreach

Our Parish School

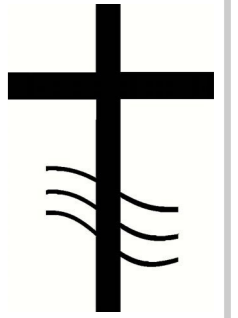
Hospitality

Adult & Child Faith Formation

### 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10th June, 2018, Year B (Psalter Week 2)

Gospel Reflection © Fr Michael Tate



### Avoiding the real Jesus

This Gospel passage portrays two ways in which we can reject the *real* Jesus Christ. One way is quite common and we all engage in it to one degree or another. Thank goodness it is forgivable. The other is rare but has very dire consequences.

The first way is to domesticate Jesus, and that is what members of his blood family were trying to do. They thought he was 'out of his mind', already provoking a severe reaction from the religious and political authorities. He was madly putting himself in harm's way and he had to be restrained.

But Jesus would not give up his mission to establish the reign of God on earth, the signs of which were the curing of bodies and minds, and the forgiving of sins, embodying the merciful healing presence of God, come what may (and he did know what was coming!).

His Nazareth family were trying to reduce him to manageable size so that he did not imperil himself, and them. So, he dramatically creates a new family constituted by those who, like him, are dedicated to doing the will of God.

You and I have to ask: 'Have I tried to domesticate Jesus Christ, to reduce him to a non-threatening Jesus-meek-and-mild?' If so, we are closer to the family of Nazareth standing just outside his circle, ready to run for cover, than to the family of Jesus Christ seated around him really listening to him and therefore vulnerable.

The second way to reject the real Jesus Christ is to completely, and with malice aforethought, misconstrue all the evidence of Jesus' mission on earth and claim that it must be Satanic, that he must be in league with the devil.

Jesus quickly retorts that, if that were the case there must be a civil war going on in Satania, because he is constantly undoing the devil's work by merciful healing. The charge is non-sense.

Worse than that, if you grievously mislead others by saying publicly, as did these religious leaders, that Jesus is diabolically acting because 'He has an unclean spirit', then it is this malicious misleading of others that is unforgivable. You have deliberately put the salvation of others at risk.

This is real blasphemy, not some outburst of language disrespecting God, but a deliberate turning against God's plan to send the Holy Spirit of Jesus Christ amongst us for our salvation.

You have also made yourself the sort of person who, at death, will not recognise the saving presence of the Risen Lord for who he is – the source of forgiveness necessary to be swept up into the loving eternal life of God.

The fact that you are here listening to this homily leads me, with pastoral confidence not presumption, to say that you need not be worried that you have committed *this* blasphemy.

You and I may be more justly worried about the first mode of rejection of the real Jesus.

Fortunately, we can with the grace of God recognise this and determine to read and hear the Gospels, discern the will of God for our lives and come back within the ultimate family allegiance of those who dare to call God 'our Father'.



## Parish News...

### Presentation of Candidates:

Candidates preparing for Confirmation in August will be presented at 6pm Mass this weekend. Please keep the children in your prayers.

**St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal:** Will be held this the weekend as a leaving collection. Envelopes in the church.

**St Vincent de Paul Winter Clothing Appeal:** Will be held on the weekend 23/24 June 2018. Collection bags will be in the gathering area this weekend.

**Children's Liturgy 17/6/18:** Frances Giunta, Rose Giunta & Jenny Fitzgerald.

**SJB School:** Enrolments for the 2019 school year are closing now. Please contact the school on 4341 0884 for more information.

**Children's Mass:** Children and their families are invited to be involved in a special Mass at our church on Friday evening, 22nd June at 6pm. This will be part of our preparation and celebration of the Feast Day of St John the Baptist on Sunday 24th June. Children of all ages and their families are welcome to be involved. Please contact Celeste Boonaerts for information 0407 703 759.

**Feast Day:** The Parish Pastoral Council is organising a parish event to mark the feast day of our patron Saint John the Baptist on Sunday 24 June 2018. If you would like to take part or have ideas please phone Gladys Leger on 0421 312 362 or Bernard French on 0407 214 699.

**Volunteer Church Cleaning Roster 15/6/18:** Brian Jordan, Kathleen Cullen, Reg Harrington & Veronica Jordan.

### Annual Marriage Mass & Renewal of Vows

The Marriage Mass and Renewal of Vows will take place on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> July at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, at 10.30 am. All married couples are welcome. Mass will be celebrated by His Grace, Archbishop Anthony Fisher. Married couples wishing to attend to renew their vows should register with the Life, Marriage and Family Centre on 9307 8404 or LMFevents@sydneycatholic.org. Registered couples celebrating 50<sup>th</sup>, 55<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, or 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversaries will receive a special certificate from Archbishop Fisher. Special recognition will also be given to couples who were married at the Cathedral.

**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 Peter 0425 358 376 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.

**Positions Vacant** The following two employed positions are now vacant at MacKillop Catholic Parish, Warnervale. A job-share position for the Parish Secretary position at MacKillop Parish Warnervale for twelve hours per week over two days. The parish secretary provides support for parish communication, administration, financial processes, parish property, compliance and diocesan support. The position of Catechists Co-ordinator for four hours per week supporting the catechists who teach SRE in the state schools in the parish. Both positions are child-related work. Although these are two separate positions we will consider one person for the two roles, if he/she is the best candidate for both positions. Please contact Fr Vince Casey for role descriptions and more details. [vince.casey@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:vince.casey@bbcatholic.org.au) or 8379 1741. Written applications for the positions must be received before 5pm on Friday 15 June. 2018.

**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 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.

**Catechists** conduct special religious education classes at the four Primary State Schools in our Parish. Experience isn't necessary—but Volunteers are always needed—to teach and help. Details: Susie 0411 566 622 without any obligation.

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