OUT OF HOURS MEDICAL EMERGENCY St John the Baptist Church 0438 631 327

"He must increase, I must decrease"

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

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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 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

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 54 Victoria Road / P.O. Box 264 WOY WOY N.S.W. 2256 Phone: (02) 4341 1073 Fax: (02) 4341 0214 Email: parish@woywoycatholic.org.au Website: www.woywoycatholic.org.au

St John the Baptist Primary School:

Principal: Nicole Cumming, 21a Dulkara Rd, South Woy Woy 2256. P 024341 0884 www.sjbwoywoy.dbb.org.au



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Our Saviour Jesus has done away with death and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia!

Readings can be found at www.usccb.org/bible/

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

Recently deceased: Betty Cavanagh, Christine Buchan, Vincent Ryan, Randall Hall, Ralph Weate.

Anniversaries: Joan Fitzgerald, Fred Follett, Margaret McQuillan.

Remembrances: Raymond McQuillan.

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, Jack Dummett, Jo Farrelle, Yvonne Beattie, Nellie Brown, John Buatava, Paul Hennessy, Sue Rose, Anne Singleton.



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**

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B 1st July, 2018, Year B (Psalter Week 1) **Gospel Reflection**



Jesus is on his way to fulfil the request of a named male synagogue official who has given voice on behalf of his ill daughter. Jesus is stopped in his tracks by an unnamed voiceless female who has been ostracised from the social and religious life of the town.

Part of her healing is to get her voice back. She tells Jesus everything and he addresses her with the beautiful title, 'Daughter'. Imagine the joy of this woman hearing such a term of affectionate relationship. Jesus went on: '... your faith has made you whole: go in peace and be healed of your disease.'

Jesus did not regard this as an interruption to his journey to heal the daughter of Jairus. Stopping was an absolute priority subverting the expectations and power structures of society. The healing presence of Jesus was, and is, radically egalitarian.

> Perhaps we could take a moment to pray that we have the courage to touch the hem of Our Lord's cloak in Confession. There we can tell him everything which has left us ill-at-ease in our relationship with God, our fellow human beings and in ourselves. With confidence in his Divine power, we can ask him to heal the dis-ease in some part of our personality. Hear him respond: "Daughter (or son), your faith has made you whole: go in peace and be healed of your disease". Then, share in the joy of the woman of our Gospel story.

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Parish News...

St John the Baptist Feast day : Thank you to the Parish Pastoral Council members, school Parents & Friends & all those parishioners who helped to make last Sunday such a wonderful celebration for our Parish.

St Vincent de Paul would like to thank everyone who responded so generously to last weekend's Clothing Appeal.

Peter's Pence Collection: This weekend we join with other Parishes across the world in taking up the Peter's Pence Collection (leaving collection). The Peter's Pence Collection provides for the charitable works and structures of mercy identified by His Holiness, Pope Francis. By supporting this collection, you join with other Parishes across the world in supporting projects identified by the Pope including emergency assistance to those in need due to natural disaster, war, oppression and disease. Our generosity allows the Holy Father to respond to those suffering with love and compassion. The charitable projects that will directly benefit from the 2018 collection are as follows:

- Support for the Parish school of the Immaculate Conception of Al Huson in Jordan that welcomes young refugees from Syria.
- A reconstruction project for the coastal regions of Ecuador affected by the earthquake.
- In support of the children at the Paediatric Hospital in Bangui, Central African Republic.

Envelopes in the church.

Candidates for Confirmation :

Candidates are preparing for Confirmation on 3 August. Please keep the children in your prayers.

Bus Trip to Newcastle: Wednesday, 4th July, leaving at 8:45am. Cost \$20. Contact Susie Casey 0403 417 639.

Pilgrimage with Fr Timothy: to Fatima, Spain, Lourdes & Medjugorje. 16 days, 17 May –1 June 2019. \$6,950. More detailed information is available on the gathering area table.

Housie: In addition to the regular Saturday nights, housie will also be run on Fridays, 13th and 20th July 2018.

Children's Liturgy 8/7/18: Therese Carroll, Ingrid Stevens & Michael Dixon.

Morning Tea Roster 8/7/18: Parish Pastoral Council.

Volunteer Church Cleaning Roster 6/7/18: Mary McCumstie, Jo Salter, Linda Postestas & Tom French.

Anointing of the Sick will be administered during 4pm Mass, Friday 6 July.

Donations towards flowers for the church: can me made by placing money in an envelope marked "Altar flowers" & placing in either the 1st or 2nd collection.

Explore and learn how we can improve managing our difficult situations, cope better with stress and increase our awareness of our own needs. The Seasons for Growth Adult Program helps build resilience and fosters social and emotional wellbeing, whilst deepening general understanding of the nature and impact of change, loss and grief. Come along to a three hour seminar from 9:30am, "Understanding Change, Loss and Grief" on Tuesday 14 August 2018, at St Joseph's Spirituality & Education Centre, 8 Humphreys Rd, Kincumber. Donation \$20.00 with morning tea. Please contact Linda Brown on 0458 234 548 for enquiries and to register bookings.

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 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.

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R a c h e l ' s V i n e y a r d (healing lives touched by abortion) offers retreats for men, women, couples, grandparents and anyone affected by the termination of pregnancy. The next retreats are in Sydney, 10th-12th August and 16th-18th November both in 2018. w w w.r a c h e l s v i n e y a r d. o r g. a u Otherwise feel free to talk to Lisa on 0422504143.

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.

Catechist Helpers: We're almost halfway through the school year and the children are doing extremely well. While we have temporarily lost two valuable teachers and one helper, we are finding that our class numbers, particularly in composite classes, is putting an extra burden on teachers. In an ideal world every class would have a teacher and a helper, a valuable member of the **ministry** who is there to assist individual children with activities, help the children focus, lead them in prayers and help with reading. It's a lovely role and you can be as involved in the lesson as you want. We'd love to have more helpers, so if you have an hour a week, please call me

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and learn more. Susie 0411 566 622.