

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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Psalm Response

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me:
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. *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, Nina Vlahovich.

Anniversaries: Marcus McNamara, William Arahill,
Eamon Manning James & Elizabeth Carr, Eugene Avar, Eric Searle,
Madge E. Walsh, Andrew Lee Seung-Soon, Brian McPhee.

Remembrances: Agnes Arahill.

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, Leon de Pradines, Margaret Davin,
Helen Taylor, Amanda Sheridan, Karen Pearson, Margrate Sofie,
Thambu George, Marta Panczyna, Sue James, Margaret Woollam,
Mary Wood, Vicki Pirie, Therese Horner, Jack Dummett,
Jo Farrelle, Yvonne Beattie, Nellie Brown, John Buatava,
Paul Hennessy, Sue Rose, Anne Singleton, Tina Cohen,
Ron Goodwin.



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St John the Baptist Catholic Church

Mission and Vision

Bringing Jesus Christ to ALL, through:

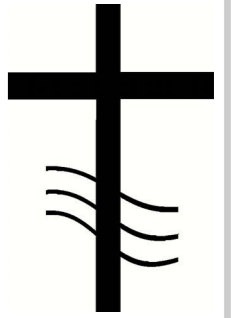
Worship and Liturgy

Outreach

Our Parish School

Hospitality

Adult & Child Faith Formation



14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

8th July, 2018, Year B (Psalter Week 2)

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The call and commission of the prophet Ezekiel are recounted in today's first reading. Ezekiel does not assume the role of prophet to himself. It is God who sends him, to the people that God selects, with the message that God determines. God has chosen a mere human (son of man) to accomplish God's designs. This experience of God is not a reassuring one for Ezekiel. He is told that the Israelites, to whom he is being sent, are a rebellious people, hard of face and obstinate of heart. Still, whether they resist the prophet or heed him, they will know that there has been a prophet among them, because of the dire consequences their rebelliousness will bring upon them.

The sentiments of the psalmist are clearly stated at the outset. Lifting up one's eyes is a gesture of humble longing. God dwells in the heavens and reigns from there as a king governs from the throne. The psalmist attends to God as a diligent household servant attends to the hands of the master and mistress. The people who have turned to God for help are overwhelmed by the disdain they suffer. They still turn to God with confidence, trusting that this sovereign God who reigns over all will snatch them from their predicament and be openhanded in bestowing the favours that they need.

Paul situates his apostleship within the paradox of the cross of Jesus. He knows that it is foolish to allow himself to become proud of any spiritual favours he has received. Lest this might happen, he is stricken with a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan. What this affliction might have been is not clear. Paul prayed to be relieved of his affliction, but was told: 'Power is made perfect in weakness'. Thus Paul came to know that real power is to be found in vulnerability, for stripped of power one is more likely to turn to God. Now, when Paul endures insults, hardships, persecutions and constraints, he is strong with the power of Christ.

Jesus returns to his hometown (literally his father's house) and he is identified as the son of his mother. It is precisely because he originated from these people that he is rejected by them. The fact that Jesus spoke in the synagogue was not extraordinary, since adult men took their turns explaining the Scriptures. What upset the crowd was the content of his message. Their astonishment did not give birth to faith; it grew out of skepticism and developed into rejection. Their questions sprang from resentment, not awe. Who did he think he was? Without realising it, they were asking the right question, but for the wrong reason. Had they really wanted to know, his identity might have been revealed to them. It seems that those who knew Jesus the best understood him the least.

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Parish News...

Candidates for Confirmation :

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

Peter's Pence Collection: Thank you for all your generous support last week as we gathered to take up the Peter's Pence collection for the Holy Father. Our parish collected \$2,155.60 which will be added with the collections of other parishes in our Diocese and sent to the Vatican to support the charitable works and structures of mercy identified by Pope Francis.

Parish Pastoral Council: Next meeting will be Tuesday, 10 July at 7pm.

Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, 11 July 2018.

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

Volunteer Church Cleaning Roster 13/7/18:

Michael French, Christine French, Veronica Jordan & Brian Jordan.

Children's Liturgy 15/7/18: Marian Bowyer, Mary Wood & Carol Yates.

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.

Coffee, Cake & Chat: This month we will be celebrating Christmas in July! Harry's Restaurant, Ettalong Bowling Club, Springwood Ave, Monday, 16th July at 12pm. Christmas lunch: Roast & Pudding \$20. To book please call Bernard Edwards 4341 6343. All Welcome.

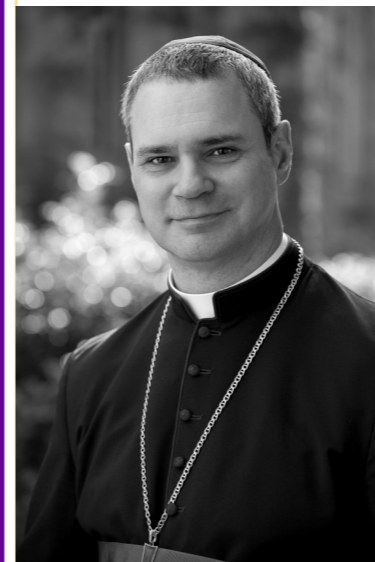
The Seasons for Growth Adult Program:

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.

Seeking a more intimate union with Jesus

Presenter: Bishop David Walker
Cost: \$750.00 (concessions apply)
When: July 9: 6:00 pm – July 15: 1:30 pm
How do I grow in my faith life?
Where: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville
Contact: 8795 3400
Email: retreats@carmelite.com
www.carmeliteretreats.com.au

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli's Farewell Mass



With the appointment of Most Rev Peter A Comensoli as the ninth Archbishop of Melbourne, the Diocese of Broken Bay will hold a Farewell Mass for him with all the faithful of the Diocese invited.
Date: Sunday 22 July 2018
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Venue: Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara

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.

Rachel's Vineyard (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. www.rachelsvineyard.org.au 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 and learn more. Susie 0411 566 622.**

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