

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

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Psalm Response © Colin D. Smith cfc

The Lord gave his peo - ple bread from hea - ven.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. *Alleluia!*

Readings: 12th August 2018
1 Kg 19:4-8; Eph 4:30—5:2, 20-24; Jn 6:41-51,
Readings can be found at www.usccb.org/bible/

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

Recently deceased: Tony Camilleri, Adam Langford, Jack Langford.

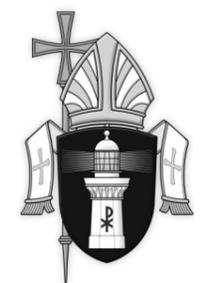
Anniversaries: Noel Palmer, Edna Tighe, Irma Carberry, Lawrence Floor, Rae McEwan, Bunny Mills.

Remembrances: Rogelio Perez Jnr, Mary & George Hilliard, Hilliard brothers, Kevin Mills, Mills family, Bernie Hanna, Leslie Denning, Valerie Price.

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, Mary Wood, Vicki Pirie, Therese Horner, Jack Dummett, Jo Farrelle, Yvonne Beattie, John Buatava, Paul Hennessy, Sue Rose, Anne Singleton, Tina Cohen, Ron Goodwin, Janice Green, Elaine Finlayson, Louisa Dunne, Peter Brunty, Robert Parker, Maureen Wardrop.

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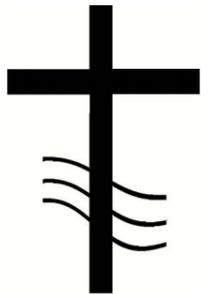
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St John the Baptist Catholic Church

Mission and Vision
Bringing Jesus Christ to ALL, through:
Worship and Liturgy
Outreach
Our Parish School
Hospitality
Adult & Child Faith Formation



18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B
5th August, 2018, Year B (Psalter Week 2)

Plenary Herald

The Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference has announced a Plenary Council of all its dioceses in Australia to be held in 2020/21. Parishioners throughout Australia are called, by their Bishops, to participate in the three phases of the Council: preparation, celebration, and implementation. Learn more at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Every person in whom the Spirit of Christ lives has a capacity for contributing to the growth of the Church that the Spirit is developing in the world. The Plenary Council provides an opportunity to give that capacity a voice. The Spirit speaks through humankind. To listen to and engage in dialogue with the Spirit it is necessary to listen to and speak with each other. The Church is dynamic; it grows and, therefore, changes. It is necessary for us, the People of God, therefore, to listen to and speak with each other, and nurture that growth in order to promote that change.

An opportunity to learn more about and play a meaningful role in the Council will be available to all parishioners here in our own church on Wednesday, 8 August from 10:00a.m.-3:00p.m. when the B.B.I-T.A.I.T.E. present the 2018 eConference: *Listening to the Spirit and Leading Change*. All parishioners are welcome.

The *Plenary Herald* will appear regularly in the Parish Newsletter to inform parishioners and other interested people of Matters relevant to the preparation, celebration and implementation of the Plenary Council.

Parish News...

Charitable Works Fund: The assessment for our parish for this financial year is \$35 198. The first of three appeals will be held this weekend. Envelopes in the church.

HSC trial exams start over the next couple of weeks. Everyone's prayers welcome.

14th National eConference: Synodality in Practice: Listening to the Spirit and Leading Change. To be held in the Leo Mahon room on Wednesday 8th August. Commencing at 10.00am and closing at 3.00pm. Please bring a plate for sharing at lunch time. List of speakers available on the notice board. If attending please write your name on the list in the gathering. Michael Tebbutt will again be facilitating this event for us.

Volunteer Church Cleaning Roster 10/8/18: Veronica Jordan, Brian Jordan, Michael French, Christine French.

Morning Tea Roster 12/8/18:
The Craft Group.

Children's Liturgy 12/8/18: Rebecca Beisler, Anne Maree Tonkin, Gerri O'Keefe.

Gosford Private Hospital: Wyoming Parish has advised that if you wish to receive Holy Communion on Sunday morning, please ensure that they complete the question on the Admission Form that asks your religion and tick the box that asks "Do you wish to be visited by your church". Alternatively please ask a relative/friend to contact the Wyoming parish office on 4324 3962.

Tax Receipts for Charitable Works Fund (CWF) for last financial year are available in the gathering area.

The Live, Pray, Love, Project:
Healing in the Family with Sister Margaret Scully RSC

When: Weekend 29-30 Sept 2018
(Saturday 10.15am, concluding with Mass at 5pm) (Sunday 11.00am to 2.00pm, preceded by Mass at 9.15am)

Where: Leo Mahon room,
Please bring a plate to share

Cost: \$10 registration before 21 Sept 2018:
- cash into Woy Woy parish office or
- BSB 062784 Acct 12006100 Reference [Initial and Surname] 'LPL'

Information: Please contact Gladys on 0421 312 362 for more information. It is recommended that if you can only attend on one day, it should be the Saturday.

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. Those interested may leave their names with the Parish Office.



Charitable Works Fund: Thank you to our compassionate and generous parishioners for supporting the Charitable Works Fund. Thanks to you our Parish almost reached its target of \$36 147 in the last financial year. The August CWF Appeal focuses on two brave young families sharing their experience of the CatholicCare Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Practitioner Program (one of the charities supported by the CWF) You can read more about their stories in the August edition of *Broken Bay News*. The Charitable Works Fund is 100% tax deductible and 98.25 cents of every dollar goes to five beneficiaries.

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate©

Some religions, and even strands of Catholicism, try to suppress appetites in order to achieve some 'out-of-this-world' liberation. But appetites are good things, telling us what we humans need as bodily, social, spiritual beings. They provide a reality check against our tendency to think that salvation is exclusively about the soul.

Our appetites for food and drink, for affection and companionship, for the truth about the Big Picture of our life journey, need to be satisfied or we disintegrate in various ways.

Our Lord Jesus Christ proclaims in today's Gospel that He is the total satisfaction of our deepest human appetites: 'I am the Bread from Heaven which gives life to the world.'

That 'Life' is nothing less than participation in Divine Life, existing in the Big Picture in the way God intended. That is the nourishment offered not to a particular tribe or ethnic group, but to the whole of humanity, indeed to the whole of creation.

We could take a moment to pray for faith to recognise that the bread brought up at the Offertory is truly transformed: no longer short term food like manna in the desert, but 'the Bread of Life', the Real Presence of the One who nourishes our humanity, indeed who gives Life *to the world*.

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.

15 Days Pilgrimage of a Lifetime to Jordan and Israel, May 2018

By Phil Curtis. (continued). We were told that the Sycamore tree only grows in Jericho. We walked into the muddy Jordan River to visit the site where John the Baptist baptized Jesus. We drove down to the Dead Sea and visited Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found by a Bedouin shepherd in 1947. The Dead Sea Scrolls contain the oldest existing versions of Biblical scripture. Later in Jerusalem, we visited the wonderful Israeli Museum where, in the Shrine of the Book (underground hall) we were able to view some of the Dead Sea Scrolls. The **Dead Sea** is an inland lake and lies half in Israel and half in Jordan. It is 1,348 feet below sea level and it is also the lowest point on earth. The water is so mineral laden that it is around 26% solid salt (sodium chloride and other minerals). It was a wonderful experience to float in the Dead Sea. We were told that if we covered ourselves in the mud we would be rejuvenated by 10 years. We did so and alas no change.

We visited **Canna** where Jesus performed His first miracle changing water into wine.

(to be continued next week)

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 have temporarily lost two valuable teachers and one helper and 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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