

**OUT OF HOURS MEDICAL EMERGENCY**  
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"He must increase, I must decrease"

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

**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 11.30am & 4.30pm;  
Sunday 7.00am.

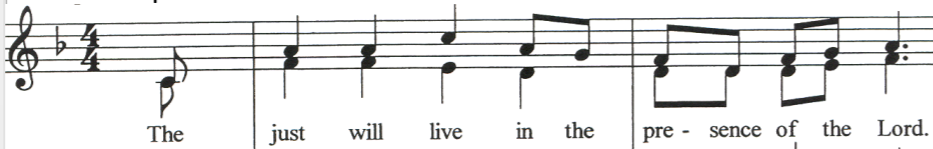
**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**  
Baptism Preparation - 9.30am second and fourth Sunday of the month  
Sacrament of Baptism - 11.00am first and third Sunday of the month . Please contact the parish office for more information.

**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:**  
Principal: Nicole Cumming, 21a Dulkara Rd, South Woy Woy  
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**Gospel Acclamation**  
*Alleluia, alleluia!* The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation.  
*Alleluia!*

Readings: 9th September 2018  
Is 35:4-7; James 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37.  
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:** John Hill.

**Anniversaries:** Brian Murphy, Colin O'Reilly, Eileen Floor.

**Remembrances:** Mary Gatt, Mary Justic.

**Sick:** Patricia Dwyer, Donna Vella, Donna Briemer, Joy Ball, 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, 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, Mary Drinan.

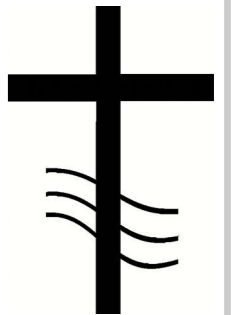


# WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH

## 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**



### 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B 2nd September, 2018, Year B (Psalter Week 2)

**Gospel Reflection** © Richard Leonard SJ.



I read a terrific book the other day entitled 'Shadows and the Dark'. It is by Australian Jesuit Fr John Cowburn who is Professor of Philosophy at Jesuit Theological College, Melbourne. This book explores how we can hold to a loving God in the face of evil. The idea for the book came when Fr John fell from his bicycle, broke his collarbone and was awaiting surgery in hospital. While there, an old religious sister came to his room to give him Holy Communion before going to the operating theatre. Fr John told her about the accident. Sister said, 'Well Father, God must have known you needed a little holiday, so he arranged for your fall'. John replied, 'If that's true Sister I'm pleased God didn't want me to take a sabbatical!' From Jesus' day to ours, when bad things happen to good

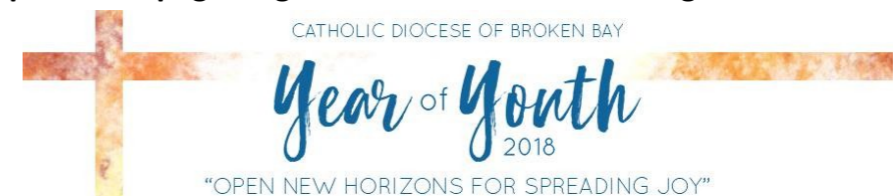
people it seems easier to blame God or Satan. By his own admission Fr John had an accident because he didn't take enough care on his bike. End of story. That God can bring something good out of such an accident is grace building on nature. What Jesus confronts in today's Gospel is 'The-devil-made-me-do-it' theology. And his response is as challenging now as it was in first century Palestine.

For as long as we blame our most destructive behaviour on evil acting upon us in all its guises, empty promises and powers, then we remain some way from taking the sort of responsibility for the condition of our hearts that might see them fully converted by Christ's saving love. This is not to say that evil does not exist or that it cannot have a powerful effect upon us, quite the opposite. Just as grace builds on love and goodness, evil grows out of estrangement and hatred. As Christians we hold that God has given us free will, and evil's hold on our hearts is often the result of the poor choices and smaller compromises we have made along the way.

The way we look at the evil in our lives and the world also affects our compassion. For if we're not in touch with the greed that leads to theft, the anger that leads to murder, the desire for power that leads to rape, or the alienation that leads to terrorism, then it's hard for us to be compassionate toward the perpetrators of these evil acts. The degree to which we know what our hearts are capable of leads us to be grateful for the graces we receive and cultivate, and to be compassionate toward those who have missed out on this good news and who, by nurture or free will, have chosen evil as their fundamental option.

May this Eucharist enable us to take in the broken body of Christ because we know we are a broken people in need of its power, and as Christ's blood is poured for us, may we be poured out in love, so that, through us, others might hear His call to a conversion of heart.

**Our parish will be hosting the Catholic Youth Broken Bay Pilgrim Cross until 14 September as part of its pilgrimage around the Diocese during the Year of Youth.**



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## Parish News...

**Planned Giving Envelopes** now available in the gathering area. Please note your envelope number may have changed. The new envelopes start this Sunday. For those wishing to donate to Planned Giving please call the Parish Office on 4341 1073. Giving may be made by envelopes, electronic funds transfer or a monthly credit card deduction.

**Garden Working Bee:** Saturday, 8 September from 10am-4pm. Lunch provided.

**Bus Trip:** to Windsor, Wednesday 5th September, leaving 8:45a.m. Cost \$20, morning tea included. Contact Susie Casey 0403 417 639.

**Anointing of the Sick** will be administered during 4pm Mass, Friday 7 September.

**Volunteer Church Cleaning Roster 7/9/18:** Pam Hickey, Tom French, Veronica Jordan & Brian Jordan.

**Children's Liturgy 9/9/18:** Frances Giunta, Rose Guinta & Jenny Fitzgerald.

**Morning Tea Roster 9/9/18:** El Shaddai group.

**Baptism Preparation Group Meeting:** Wednesday, 12th September at 6:30pm in the Boardroom.

### 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.

### Donations for LED Lighting Upgrade

The Parish Finance Committee has approved the proposal to reduce ongoing electricity costs by upgrading the lighting within the site to LED's with NSW's Energy Saving Scheme. The upgrade will cost \$15 192. Donations may be placed in an envelope clearly noting "LED lighting upgrade" & may be placed with either collection bag or brought to the Parish Office. For your convenience a supply of these donation envelopes is available on the gathering area table.

### Plenary Herald

In the sixth chapter of the Gospel according to John, Jesus discloses to his disciples his expectations of his followers.

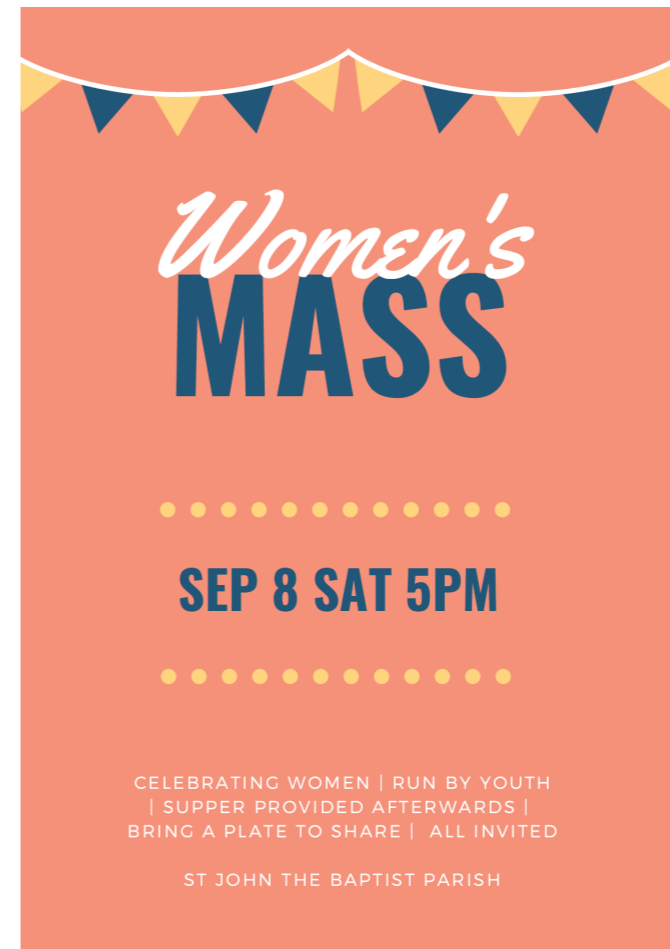
*I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever, and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh. (Jn. 6:5)*

*Living for ever, having eternal life* was a continuing theme throughout the teaching of Jesus:

*Anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. (Jn 5:24)*

The teaching of Jesus in Scripture and the interpretation of scripture by the People of God has established a tradition, a living tradition, which constitutes the foundation of Catholic faith. Each generation is called by the Holy Spirit to contribute to the life of the tradition to enable the People of God to live out their eternal lives meaningfully.

This is what the Plenary Council is all about: giving voice to the sense of the faith, how our common faith makes sense in each culture and each generation in which it is lived. The Holy Spirit is the energy driving this enrichment of the living tradition and "the Spirit's instrument for interpreting divine revelation is the *sensus fidei*, a 'sense of the faith'. It is capacity which the Spirit gives, along with the gift of faith, to every baptized believer and to the church as a whole". (Ormond Rush)



**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.

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, via the Bishops Commission for Liturgy, has released **new guidelines to encourage the reverent reception of Holy Communion** in the Latin Rite, based on the Church's liturgical norms. Sharing in the Body of and the Blood of Christ is a sacramental expression of Communion with Christ, the Catholic Church and the local community. This new document, dated July 2018, provides guidelines for Extraordinary Ministers of Communion and for Communicants-copies available on the gathering area table.

**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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