

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
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Praise the Lord, my soul, and bless his holy name!

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. *Alleluia!*

Readings: 16th September 2018
Is 50:5-9; James 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35.
Readings can be found at www.usccb.org/bible/

Keep Us In Your Prayers OF YOUR CHARITY PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF
Recently Deceased: Phyl Shirvington, John Hill.
Anniversaries: Luzviminda Etcuban, Thomas, Ellen & Molly Molloy, Barbara Cooper, Patricia Ryan.
Remembrances: Allan Cairns, Mary & George Hilliard, Hilliard brothers, Kevin Mills, Mills Family, Bernie Hanna, Leslie Denning, Valerie Price, Remetio Ambrosio,
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.

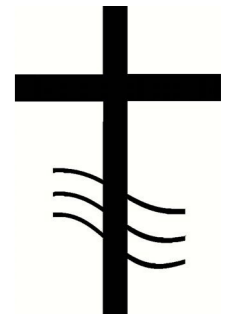
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St John the Baptist Catholic Church



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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B
9th September, 2018, Year B (Psalter Week 3)

Child Protection Sunday 2018

The children, young and vulnerable people of the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay must be kept safe.

We will be kept safe by ADULTS who...

CARE

for us as we are a precious gift from God

COMMUNITIES OF SAFETY AND CARE

RESPECT our rights, abilities, contributions, needs and wishes

COMMUNITIES OF SAFETY AND CARE

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.

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

Year of Youth

2018

"OPEN NEW HORIZONS FOR SPREADING JOY"

Parish News...

Fransalian Spirituality Retreat:

Come to know about St Francis de Sales. Conducted by Fr Mario D'Souza over all weekend Masses 22nd & 23rd of September, with a **special Mass on Friday 21st September at 7:00 p.m.**

Dear Parishioners - We have noticed that some of our state school Scripture students don't "really" know the three foundation prayers of the Catholic faith - the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be. As Year 6 students have roughly 10 weeks of lessons remaining before they leave us to attend High School, we are putting in a programme that will ensure they really KNOW these prayers thoroughly. We ask your support of our efforts by offering *your* prayers for these children so they too will always have the comfort and love contained in these glorious prayers. In gratitude - Susie and the Catechist Team.

Volunteer Church Cleaning Roster 14/9/18:

Anisha Burns, Elena Egan, Judith Easterbrook & Christine French.

Children's Liturgy 16/9/18: Marian Bowyer, Mimi Lambert & Ingrid Stevens.

Parish Pastoral Council: Next meeting will be Tuesday, 11 September at 7pm.

Planned Giving Envelopes now available in the gathering area. Please note your envelope number may have changed. The new envelopes started last 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.



Baptism Preparation Group Meeting:

Wednesday, 12th September at 6:30pm in the Boardroom.

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.

Plenary Herald

We, the People of God, have a problem with bishops. Bishops have been invested with absolute authority within their dioceses within an inordinately hierarchical church.

It is not surprising, then, that the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse identified clericalism and leadership, as contributing factors to the appalling record of child sexual abuse in the Catholic church. Clericalism is linked, among the clergy, to a sense of entitlement, superiority and exclusion, and abuse of power. (Report, 68) Leadership in a culture of clericalism can be devastating.

The Royal Commission has remarked on the catastrophic failure of the leadership of the Catholic church in its response to the scandal of child sexual abuse. The Royal Commission noted further that the bishops may have been unsuitable for their mission to govern appropriately because the criteria for selection may have been inadequate. In an insightful observation the Royal Commission noted that "meaningful and direct consultation with, and participation of, lay people in the appointment of bishops, as well as greater transparency in that process, would make bishops more accountable and responsive to the lay people of the Catholic church." Recommendation 16.8 in the Commission's report deals with this issue.

The Truth, Justice, Healing Council supports this recommendation. The Council said in its response to the Report of the Royal Commission that the Australian Catholic Community is advised to discuss the benefits of Recommendation 16.8 in consultations and discussions leading to the Plenary Council.

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.

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 Ref [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.

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 retreat is in Sydney, 16th-18th November both in 2018. www.rachelsvineyard.org.au Otherwise feel free to talk to Lisa on 0422 504 143.

An Evening of Musical Delight.

Central Coast Philharmonia Choir, Choir of St Joseph's Catholic College & special guest artists.

Entry Fee: Donation to Mary Macs. St Patricks Catholic Church, East Gosford. Thursday, 13th September at 7pm.

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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