

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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The pre - cepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia! Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth. *Alleluia!*

Readings: 7th October 2018
Gen 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16.
Readings can be found at www.usccb.org/bible/

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

Recently Deceased: Elise Winkel, Kate Chis.

Anniversaries: Sara Selim, John Gatt, Allan Cairns, Jim Palmer, James Casey, Thomas Fitzgerald, Bronia Leonard, James & Elizabeth Carr, Norrie, Lou, Denis & Joyce Glacken, Kath, Ted & Charlie Ellison.

Remembrances: The Carr Family.

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, Janice Green, Elaine Finlayson, Louisa Dunne, Robert Parker, Maureen Wardrop, Ros Harbib, Karen Chorazyczewska.

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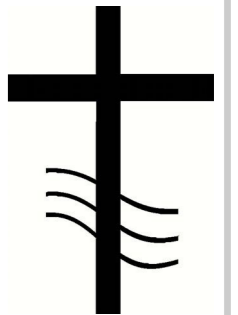


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St John the Baptist Catholic Church

Mission and Vision

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



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B
30th September, 2018, Year B (Psalter Week 2)
Social Justice Sunday

On behalf of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, I present the 2018–2019 Social Justice Statement, *A Place to Call Home: Making a home for everyone in our land.* (Copies on the Gathering area table)

The Statement reflects the deep concern of Australia’s Bishops at the growing problem of homelessness and insecure housing in Australian society. All over our nation, a ruthless housing market leaves people struggling to find secure and affordable housing, whether they live in cities or in regional areas. That struggle has a corrosive effect on family life, on employment, on study and on our capacity to contribute to and benefit from our society. At its worst, the struggle leaves the vulnerable in our society homeless – sleeping on the street, in cars or in doorways, or hoping for a space on someone’s couch or floor. The last Census showed the number of homeless Australians had increased to more than 116,000 people.

The document begins with Jesus’ famous parable of the Good Samaritan – as challenging to us today as it was to his hearers. We are reminded that we have the same experience as the Samaritan: we see people in the street who are in need of help, wounded by violence, misfortune or poverty. We face the same choice: do we walk past or do we stop and help?

Behind the people on the streets is another legion – those who are battling to keep the roof over their heads, wondering if they can make the next rent or mortgage payment. Often, these are people who are employed but whose income is barely enough – or not enough – to keep themselves and their families housed and fed.

The Bishops emphasise that housing is a human right, asserted by documents like the UN Declaration of Human Rights and by the teachings of our Church. Housing, the Bishops say, is ‘an essential entitlement for all people to meet their basic needs, flourish in community and have their inherent human dignity affirmed and upheld by others’.

That human right and the call of the Church has been reinforced by the words and example of Pope Francis, who has made it a priority to reach out to the disadvantaged and marginalised of Rome, including homeless people. We pray that Australia will hear the challenges that this Statement offers: to confront an economy that has allowed housing to become out of the reach of so many; to reach out, like the Samaritan, to the wounded and helpless; and to call on our governments to make hard decisions that will allow everyone in our communities to find secure accommodation. The Statement’s concluding sentence is a message for all of us: ‘Everyone deserves a place to call home’.

With every blessing, Most Rev. Vincent Long Van Nguyen DD OFMConv, Bishop of Parramatta, Chairman, Australian Catholic Social Justice Council

We will be kept safe by ADULTS who...

DO what they are supposed to do and what they say they will do



COMMUNITIES OF SAFETY AND CARE

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...

STEP UP AND SPEAK OUT when we are being hurt, bullied or treated badly.



COMMUNITIES OF SAFETY AND CARE

Parish News...

Welcome to Fr George Hogarty (Columban Father) this weekend. He'll also be staying with us next week while Fr Timothy & Fr Philip are away on retreat. We also welcome Sr Margaret Scully RSC this weekend presenting *Healing in the Family*.

Sam French Acolyte Installation: Congratulations to our parish seminarian, Sam French who will be instituted to the ministry of acolyte during the 6pm Mass this Sunday. The Mass will be celebrated by our Diocesan Administrator Fr. David Ranson. This event is an important step in Sam's ongoing journey towards the priesthood. Parishioners are welcome to attend the Mass, and are all invited to a small celebratory supper in the Leo Mahon room afterwards.

Courtesy Bus Service: URGENT

The Courtesy Bus Service has been serving our parishioners for about ten years. Over that time many people have given their time to drive the bus. Age & impairment of one sort or another have taken their toll and we no longer have sufficient drivers to continue to provide the service at the same level. Women and men who have a licence to drive a car are invited to share in this invaluable ministry. Please call Vince (0418 485 417) or Bernard (0422 292 759) for more information.

Volunteer Church Cleaning Roster 5/10/18:

Pam Hickey, Mabel Torres, Christina Thorson & Mary McCumstie.

Youth Fundraising: Thank you for your generous donations earlier this month that raised \$1801 for youth activities within the Parish.

A Date for your Diary: Sunday 18th November 2018 at 2.00pm: To celebrate the Dedication of St John the Baptist Church, the Music Ministry of Woy Woy Parish will present a **Songs of Praise concert** of favourite hymns as sung at St John The Baptist Church.
Time: 2pm followed by afternoon tea at 3pm.
Mark your diary and come and raise your voice in song at St John The Baptist Church, Woy Woy.
More information closer to the date.

Plenary Herald

Reform, in the Christian Church, has a distinguished history. The person who planted the seeds from which the Church of Christ grew was a Jewish reformer, Jesus of Nazareth. His herald was John the Baptist. Reform is built into the DNA of the Catholic Christian Church. To be a Catholic is to be a reformer.

A **Plenary Council** belongs to a reform tradition which began in the life of Jesus. The church in Australia will convene, in 2020/21, a Plenary Council which will involve the whole church, laity, consecrated persons and clergy. Each element within the church is required to participate in the reform of the church. Our concern, here, is with the contribution that can be made by the laity.

In our parish, during October and November, there will be several reminders, during each of the weekend Masses, of our responsibility, as People of God, to **participate** in the preparation of the Australian church for the celebration and implementation of the Plenary Council.

If you have access to the internet you may like to visit the Plenary Council website: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au
Some things that may happen during Mass are:

- ✓ Video presentation of church leaders promoting interest in the plenary council;
- ✓ Intercessory prayers for the success of the Council;
- ✓ Prayers for guidance towards the Council;
- ✓ Reflections on the Council in the Plenary Herald.

An Update to the Affordable Housing Campaign

(from Margaret Hagan, Chairperson Social Justice Committee, Warnervale Catholic Church).
Thank you for all your support so far. It was very heartening to get so much support from you when we spoke last month.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY FOCUS – HOMELESSNESS. YOUR ACTIONS SO FAR HAVE GAINED EFFECT. THE COUNCIL HAVE MADE THEIR IDEAS PUBLIC –NOW WE HAVE TO SUPPORT THEM.

This is an opportunity for you to review the information, provide comments, feedback and support for the Affordable Housing proposals. If you put the address below into your computer you will reach the page with the report AND go down to the submission report. Type in details and comments and move down and send. Submissions can be made until 5pm Monday 8 October.

<https://www.yourvoiceourcoast.com/affordable-and-alternative-housing-strategy> or email ask@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au or online at yourvoiceourcoast.com

or by post PO Box 20 Wyong NSW 2259 or by post PO Box 21 Gosford NSW 2250

Any submissions received during this period will be reported to Council as part of the Council report recommending the Strategy be adopted.

Do you have an hour per week to befriend someone in your local community who is lonely and struggling with mental wellbeing? Compeer, part of St Vincent de Paul Society, is looking for 5 female volunteers to meet ladies in the Kincumber and Peninsula areas for a coffee or to go for a walk. Can you help? Training and ongoing support provided. Contact Cat, Compeer Central Coast Coordinator on 0436 111 102, compeercentralcoast@vinnies.org.au or visit www.compeer.org.au.

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 Ken 0400 335 351 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.

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 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.

Catechists conduct special religious education classes at the four Primary State Schools in our Parish. Experience isn't necessary—but Volunteers are always needed—to teach and help. Details: Susie 0411 566 622 without any obligation.

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