OUT OF HOURS MEDICAL EMERGENCY St John the Baptist Church

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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

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 54 Victoria Road / P.O. Box 264 WOY WOY N.S.W. 2256

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Psalm Response

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! If we love another, God will live in us in perfect love. *Alleluia!*

Readings: 14th October 2018

Wis 7:7-11; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30.

Readings can be found at www.usccb.org/bible/

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

Anniversaries: Frank Schmidt, Barry Follet, Mollie Quinn, Noelle Davidovic, Mary Grealy, Peter Grealy, Charles Dreis.

Remembrances: Sally King, Patricia Hogan, Bruno de Souza, Vera Tracey, Edward & Doreen Baker, Lydia & Alfred Dreis.

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, Sheila Rogan.

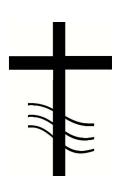
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St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B 7th October, 2018, Year B (Psalter Week 3) **Gospel Reflection** © Fr Michael Tate



Counter-cultural on Marriage

Very occasionally, I am asked: 'What is the most important sacrament, Father?' There is a case to be made for Baptism, or Holy Communion, and no doubt I could mount the arguments. But marriage has to be a strong contender. Why? God wants human beings to exist in his 'image and likeness', imaginative ways of mirroring God's life in material creation.

But we are, to a greater or lesser degree, shattered or fractured images. We need restoring, reintegrating, to be made whole again. And the sacraments do this in their various specific ways.

One of the differences between human beings is that between male and female. These distinctive ways of being human are meant to be integrated into a unity which does not abolish the difference.

Our Lord reminded his Jewish audience of this by going to the Jewish creation stories and alluding to the passage in Genesis. He says: 'But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body.'

So, Our Lord is saying that when a man and woman cleave to each other in marriage, that is 'a Paradise moment'. Gender difference is incorporated into a new unity which does not abolish, but paradoxically enhances the difference.

Same sex partners can, of course, bring many virtues and loving dimensions to their relationship: enduring friendship, care in troubled times, joy. But they cannot embody the celebration of difference in the way a heterosexual couple do when cleaving into a new unity. That latter deserves its own title: 'Marriage'. Of course, marriage is present in every phase of human history, and in every culture, religious and nonreligious alike. It is not a creation of the Church.

But the Church celebrates this 'Paradisal' unity by way of Sacrament, restoring male and female as an holistic image of God.

What happens when that unity is fractured? Our Lord teaches: '...what God has united, man must not divide.' This was counter-cultural in the Jewish and Roman societies of his day, as it is in the Australian society of today.

But, we all know of instances, some very close to us, where the sad trauma of this dividing has occurred. Is the Church sufficiently a place where an injured or wounded party can find the healing presence of God? Can we have pastoral practices which give the 'medicine of immortality' to a wounded party within the communion of the Church?

We could pause a moment to pray for the Church to be a minister of grace to help hold men and women together in the gender-enhancing unity of marriage, and to be a minister of mercy when that unity is fractured.

Parish News...

Thank you from Sam & the French Family for everyone who helped celebrate Sam's Acolyte Installation at last Sunday night's Mass. Thanks also to all who provided the celebratory supper & all those who attended in the Leo Mahon room after Mass.

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 taker 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.

Cuppa and a Chat: A group of seniors meet every third Monday in the Leo Mahon room, due 15th October, 1.00pm-2.30pm. If you would like to join us phone Bernard 4341 6343. Transport provided.

Baptismal Preparation: Parents seeking to have their baby baptized are required to attend a talk about the significance of the ceremony. Important issues are raised and the participants view a brief film, which complements the talk which has been given. The meeting take less than an hour and occurs on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Parishioners who would like to be part of the group that presents the preparation talks are asked to contact the Parish office 4341 1073.

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

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has convened a Council of the whole Australian Church to be held in Adelaide in 2020. All churches throughout Australia are preparing for this historic event.

A church Council (or Synod as it is called in the language of the church) is an assembly of representatives of the People of God. Synods are convened by the Pope at the request of bishops.

Synods are a part of the process of leading and governing the Catholic church. While, in respect of the manner in which Catholics understand and live their faith and confront contemporary social issues in the light of their understanding of the gospels, decisions are made by bishops, the leaders of the universal church insist that these decisions must be informed by the people who are affected by those decisions.

Canon law, which is the body of law according to which the church is governed, states that all People of God, including the laity, have a "right and duty, in keeping with their knowledge, competence and position, to manifest to their pastors their views on matters which concern the good to the church. (Canon 212.2)

The Plenary Council (Synod) to be held in Adelaide provides an opportunity for all the People of God to exercise this right and duty. Pope Benedict XVI said, just before he resigned, "The laity should not be considered as collaborators with the clergy but as the people truly co-responsible for the life of the church".

Volunteer Church Cleaning Roster 12/10/18:

Linda Postestas, Jo McMillan, Bill Cantley & Christine French.

Children's Liturgy 14/10/18: Mary Wood. Rebecca Beisler & Carol Yates.

Morning Tea Roster 14/10/18: Youth group.

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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.

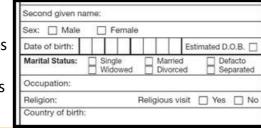
This is an opportunity for you to review the information, provide comments, feedback and support for the Affordable Housing proposals. If you put the address below into your computer you will reach the page with the report AND go down to the submission report. Type in details and comments and move down 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.

Patients Admission to Gosford Private Hospital

If any parishioners, family or friends are to be admitted to the hospital and if they wish to receive Holy Communion on Sunday morning, please ensure that you complete the question on the Admission Form (see below) that asks "Religion" and tick the box "Religious Visit". Alternatively please ask a relative/friend to contact the Wyoming parish office on 4324 3962 to request a hospital visit. We have been advised by the hospital that their policy has been reviewed because of

the Privacy Act and we are not able to visit a patient unless the patient specifically requests



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.

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.

"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.

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