

**OUT OF HOURS MEDICAL EMERGENCY**  
0438 631 327

"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.

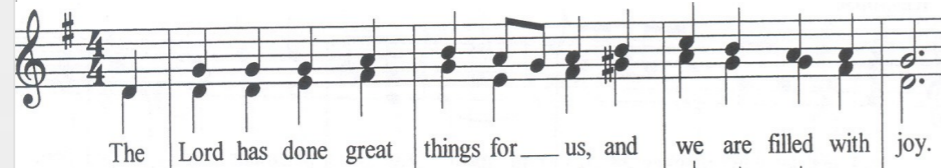
**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**  
Baptism Preparation - 9.30am second  
and fourth Sunday of the month  
Sacrament of Baptism - 11.00am first  
and third Sunday of the month . Please  
contact the parish office for more  
information.

**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  
54 Victoria Road / P.O. Box 264 WOY WOY N.S.W. 2256  
Phone: (02) 4341 1073 Fax: (02) 4341 0214  
Email: parish@woywoycatholic.org.au  
Website: www.woywoycatholic.org.au  
**St John the Baptist Primary School:**  
Principal: Nicole Cumming, 21a Dulkara Rd, South Woy Woy  
2256. P 024341 0884 www.sjbwoywoy.dbb.org.au

Psalm Response © Colin D. Smith cfc



**Gospel Acclamation**  
*Alleluia, alleluia!* Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away  
with death, and brought us life through his gospel. *Alleluia!*

Readings: 4th November 2018  
Deut 6:2-6; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28-34.  
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:** Kay Gutajar, Yvonne Beattie, John Grumley,  
Marge Connelly.

**Anniversaries:** Alina Uminski, Vincenzo Zappavigna.

**Sick:** Patricia Dwyer, Donna Vella, Donna Briemer,  
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, John Buatava, Paul Hennessy, Sue Rose, Anne Singleton,  
Tina Cohen, Janice Green, Elaine Finlayson, Louisa Dunne,  
Robert Parker, Maureen Wardrop, Ros Harbig, Sheila Rogan,  
Karen Chorazyczewska, Leo Fry.

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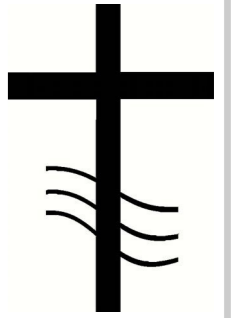


# WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH

## 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



### Charitable Works Fund

The assessment for our parish for the year 2018/2019 is \$35 198  
or \$11 733 for each of the three appeals.  
We collected \$9 426 in the first appeal in August 2018.

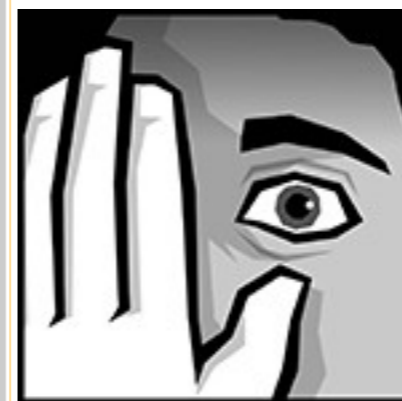
The second appeal for this year will be held 3/4 November 2018.

**The CWF supports five vital services** (details next page).

Please can we all give generously. Parish Finance Committee.

### 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B 28th October, 2018, Year B (Psalter Week 2)

Gospel Reflection © Fr Michael Tate



Bartimaeus sat on the side of the way, having pilgrims throw coins onto his cloak spread out before him. But the presence of Jesus encouraged him to abandon his cloak, jump up from his ground level existence and ask to truly see the way from Jesus' perspective. Jesus responded to this act of faith by curing the disease so that Bartimaeus could see ahead in the same way as Jesus and follow him on 'the Way' (the earliest name for Christianity). You and I can remain with the security of a familiar existence, hoping to be tossed a few coins of consolation to satisfy our various hungers. But Jesus wants us to take courage, to jump up and to share his vision.

This takes faith, but we are in a better situation than Bartimaeus. *He* knew only that Jesus was on the way from Jericho to Jerusalem. *We* believe that, in Jerusalem, Jesus was lifted well above ground level and then had the astounding victory over the worst that death could do. We might pause for a moment to pray for the courage to abandon whatever is keeping us grounded, so that with Bishop Richard of Chichester we may see Christ more clearly, love him more dearly, and follow him more nearly.

## Parish News...

**HSC students:** Please keep these students in your prayers during the exam period 18 October to 9 November.

**Presentation of Candidates for Reconciliation** will be at all Masses this weekend. Please keep these children in your prayers.

**All Souls Memorial Mass:** Parishioners are warmly invited to celebrate this special Mass on all Souls Day, Friday, 2nd November, 7.00pm. Together as a Parish community, we will remember our deceased family and friends and all those who have experienced the loss of a loved one this year.

### All Soul's Day cemetery visits:

Point Clare: Prayers start in the Green Hut 10.30am, Friday 2nd November. Palmdale: Prayers start 12.00pm at the undercover area to the East of the Chapels (next to the Native Gardens).

**The Book of the Names of the Dead** will be in the church during November. You are invited to write the names of the faithful departed in it. A lamp will be lit at all Masses.

**SVdP Clothing Appeal:** This weekend 27/28 October 2018. Please leave collection bags in the gathering area.

**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. More information closer to the date.

**Feast Day of Christ the King on Sunday 25th November.** The Parish Pastoral Council would like to invite all parishioners to participate in a whole-of- Parish Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, during the Feast of Christ the King on Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> November. You are invited to "watch and wait" and remain "silent" in His Presence and open yourself to His Graces which flow from the Eucharist, the source of life for our Church.

The Eucharistic Adoration, God and Man reaching out for each other at the same time, will be after the 9.15 Mass and continue throughout the day until closing after Benediction at 4.30 pm.

We envisage many Ministries, groups and individuals will take up our invitation to attend for a half-hour or hour of Adoration and contemplation. If you are able to attend please write your name on a timetable in the gathering area.

## Charitable Works Fund Appeal

Weekend of

3/4 November 2018.

Envelopes available in the church.

When you make your donation to the Charitable Works Fund, **your donation helps 5 charities** that help the people in the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay.

**The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD).** Donations go towards training catechists and developing authorised curriculum materials for up to 21,000 Catholic students in public schools in the Diocese.

**CatholicCare Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Program.** Donations provide training and Pastoral Care Practitioners to support staff, patients and their families in seven hospitals in our Diocese.

**St Lucy's School.** Donations go to providing resources for primary school students with special needs.

**St Edmund's College.** Donations go to providing resources for high school students with special needs.

**Ephpheta Centre.** Donations go to support advocacy and sacramental programs for deaf and hard of hearing people.

Every dollar helps and  
100% of your donation is tax deductible.

**November Mass Envelopes** are available in the gathering area. All Masses during November will be for November Mass intentions. Normal intentions will resume in December.

**Church Cleaning Roster 2/11/18:** Pam Hickey, Linda Potestas, Mary McCumstie & Mabel Torres.

**Catholic Mission:** Thank you for supporting last week's appeal raising \$875.



CATHOLIC YOUTH BROKEN BAY PRESENTS:

# PRAISEFEST

Central Coast Catholic Youth Festival

HIGH SCHOOL & YOUNG ADULTS | BBQ & DRINKS | LIVE BAND  
6PM FRI 2 NOV | 165 SERPENTINE RD, TERRIGAL

## Plenary Herald

What does it mean to be a baptised follower of Jesus in the Catholic church?

I believe that the essence of being Catholic is experiencing an encounter with God. This encounter will involve speaking with and listening to God manifesting Godself in the Holy Spirit. This dialogue can only occur through God's creation. We encounter God in our lives through other people, and through God's living word. In this encounter we need to discern God's will: for us, for Australia, for the world.

Throughout history God has spoken, not only to the clergy, but also to the lay people. Compare the encounters between Jesus and the clergy of his day with his encounters with the poor, the sick, the incapacitated, the marginalised.

In the inspired mythology of Genesis God speaks to Adam and Eve about shame, about a disciplinary matter, eating the forbidden fruit. God listens to Adam and Eve and explains to them the consequences of their actions. Adam and Eve encountered God in the reality of their lives. God revealed Godself in the realities of everyday lives and politics all through history. God continues to reveal Godself in this way.

In the Catholic church all the people of God encounter God. It is imperative, therefore, that all the people of God speak with God about how God's word should be interpreted in the realities of contemporary life. This is what a synodal church looks like: all the people of God involved in aggiornamento. If the Plenary Council is to succeed in its ambition to bring synodality to the church in Australia then the baptised followers of Jesus in Australia need to speak boldly about what God is asking of Australia

**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.

**Jubila Singers presents an a cappella concert "Soaring Voices" on Sunday November 4, 2.30 pm**  
St John the Baptist Church, Woy Woy.  
45 singers sing in harmony songs from around the world in Latin, Scottish Gaelic, Latvian, German and Xhosa. All welcome.  
Free - donations appreciated  
Duration: Approximately 1 hour 15 minutes including short break.  
For more information, contact the Director, Jane Becktel: 0422 005 901 or jubilasingers@gmail.com  
<https://jubilasingers.com.au>

**Central Coast Philharmonia**  
presents Haydn's Lord Nelson Mass:  
in our church Saturday, 10 November at 7:30 p.m.  
Adults: \$30, Conc.: \$27, Child U16: Free.  
Book at: [www.trybooking.com/UIFN](http://www.trybooking.com/UIFN)

**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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