OUT OF HOURS MEDICAL EMERGENCY St John the Baptist Church 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

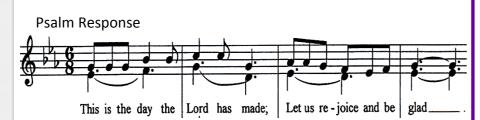
Saturday after 9am Mass until 10am Monday until 9am (Public Holidays 10.15am) Thursday 7.30pm-8.30pm for the needs of the Parish.

PARISH CHOIR

Enquiries: 4341 3367 Practice Wednesday nights in the church @ 7pm

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



Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

2nd Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday

Readings: 8th April 2018 Acts 4: 32-35; Psalm 117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24; 1 John 5:1-6 John 20: 19-31. Readings can be found at www.usccb.org/bible/

Keep Us In Your Prayers

OF YOUR CHARITY PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF

Recently deceased: Daniel Hennessy, Gwen Toohey, Laurence Christopher Hollis.

Anniversaries: Catherine Kennedy.

Remembrances: Mary and George Hillard, Hillard brothers, Kevin Mills Family, Bernie Hanna, Leslie Denning, Valerie Price.

Sick: Val Simpson, Janet Dean, Laura Krauss, Patricia Dwyer, Donna Vella, Oscar James Morreti, Donna Briemer, Joy Ball, Betty Fraser, Luis Emilio Garrido, Audrey Kirkman, Malin Tugaga, Beryl Reynolds, Pamela Power, Mary Scarf, Louis Aloisio, Olive Brittliff, Kevin Houghton, Fr Jack Robson, Darcy Green, Frank McLenaghan, Leon de Pradines, Margaret Davin, Helen Taylor, Amanda Sheridan, Vince Ryan, Karen Pearson, Margrate Sofie, Thambu George.

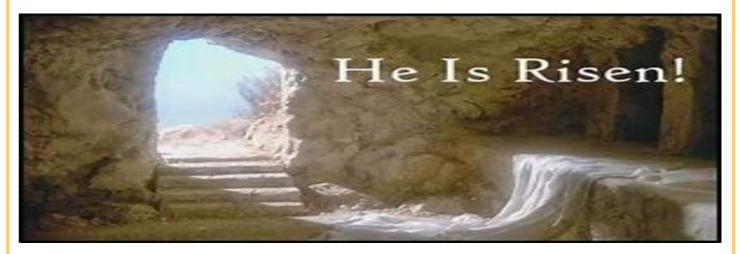
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Mission and Vision Bringing Jesus Christ to ALL, through: Worship and Liturgy Outreach **Our Parish School** Hospitality **Adult Faith Formation**



Easter Sunday 1st April, 2018, Year B

Gospel Reflection From God's Word 2018 Daily Reflections

On being alerted by Mary Magdalene, Peter and John run to the Lord's tomb to see if the body had been stolen by someone – a hypothesis that was ruled out by what they saw there. They re-read the event in a new way, in the light of Scripture. The liturgical assembly on Easter day exults in realising all the hopes of the messianic people of God – the hope of liberation, of entering into the Promised Land, of restoration of justice, of new earth and new heavens. The faithful of Christ have entered into this new reality and live and move in its light. The real newness is Christ who came into the world, lived with humans, died and rose again and is ever present. It is in him that the interior human being is renewed every day (2 Cor 4:6). The exterior man, the old reality, needs to be broken to open up the way for the birth of the new human reality, the fruit of redemption in Christ. 'To put on Christ' is one of the many expressions coined by St Paul to present this mysterious reality of grace. To put on Christ means to enter into him and to live in him so that our life becomes hidden in him and with him in God. Thus, 'anyone who is in Christ is a new creature' (2 Cor 5:17). The Christian is dead to sin and risen with Christ to new life.

WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY EASTER- MAY THE RISEN LORD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

Parish News...

A very happy Easter to all and a warm welcome to our visitors. May the Risen Lord bless you during this holy season of Eastertide. He is Risen .. Alleluia Alleluia...

Easter House Blessing:

Fr Timothy is happy to visit and bless vour house. Please call the Parish Office.

Receiving Holy Communion in our Parish: We welcome our visitors and ask all to respect the local practice of receiving the Lord's Body and Blood; the Body of Christ is received in the hand or the tongue and the Blood of Christ is received by drinking from the cup. We kindly ask you to refrain from dipping the host if this is your parish's custom.

Public Holiday Monday, 2nd April: Morning Mass will be at 9.00am, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

Senior and Junior Servers needed!!! If you would like to assist at our Sunday Masses we would like you to join our team of Senior or Junior Servers. Training will be provided. Please contact our Parish office.

Parish Office will be closed Friday, 30th March and Monday, 2nd April.

Thank You: to the PPC members who are involved in designing the bulletin and giving a new look. Cheers !

Easter Offering Envelopes are available in the church for those who do not have planned giving envelopes.

Children's Liturgy Meeting 8/4/18:Christine French, Lisa Hutchinson, Rebecca Beisler.

Morning Tea Roster 8/4/18: The Craft Group.

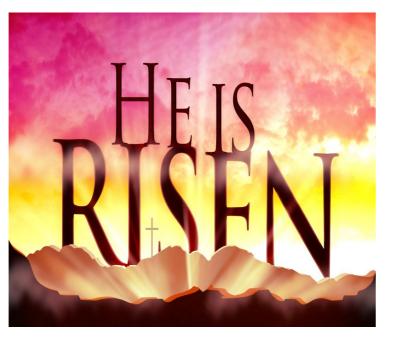
Volunteer Church Cleaning Roster 1/4/18: Linda Potestas, Mabel Torres, Reg Harrington, Tom French.

Divine Mercy Sunday: Prayers 2.30pm-3.30pm, Sunday 8th April, Woy Woy church.

Parish Pastoral Council : members are requested to attend a meeting on Tuesday 10th April at 7pm.

Parish Finance Committee: members are requested to attend a meeting on Thursday 12th April at 7.30pm.

Bus Trip: to Nelson Bay, Wednesday, 11th April. Leaving at 8.45am. Lunch at club. Cost \$20. Morning tea supplied. Contact Susie Casey 0403 417 639.



St John the Baptist Parish and School Dinner Dance 26TH MAY @ THE SCHOOL HALL, 7pm



Live band featuring music from the 60's to present day. Three course meal, glass of champagne on arrival. BYO drinks. Tickets \$45 from parish or school offices.

St John the Baptist Youth Group Held **St Vincent de Paul Society** on the Peninsula assist once a fortnight during school terms and give a hand up to people in need. We have two for high school students (Years 7-12), in Conferences with volunteers sharing the visiting or the Leo Mahon Room. . For more inforoffice work. We always welcome new Volunteers to mation, contact Matthew French on our Conference. Please ring Peter 0425 358 376 or 0411 792 587. Joan 0422 272 339.

St. John's 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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From the Diocese and Beyond
Discernment Retreat for Men: A re-
treat for men at all stages of their dis-
cernment who are considering a vo-
cation to the priesthood. The week-
end includes talks, time for personal
prayer, sacraments, spiritual guid-
ance, Q & A with seminarians and dis-
cussions. Keynote opening address
with Bishop Randazzo.
Retreat will be held 6-8 April. Little
Sisters of the Poor, Randwick. Infor-
mation and Registration:
http://vocationcentre.org.au/events/
discernment-retreat-for-men-2018/
Cash Housie every Saturday night a

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.

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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