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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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Psalm Response

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak. *Alleluia!*

4th Sunday of Easter

Readings: 22nd April 2018
Acts 4: 8-12, Psalm 117:1,8-9,21-23.26.28-29; 1 John 3:1-2
John 10: 11-18.

Keep Us In Your Prayers

OF YOUR CHARITY PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF

Recently deceased: John Hamer, John Sandford, Louis Gauci.

Anniversaries: Bob Scholte, Frank Savage, Mary Gatt.

Remembrances: Church & McDonnell families.

Sick: Val Simpson, , 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, Patricia Baxter, Marta Panczyna, Margaret Woollam, Sue James.

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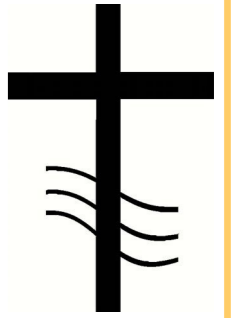
Worship and Liturgy

Outreach

Our Parish School

Hospitality

Adult Faith Formation



Third Sunday of Easter

15th April, 2018, Year B (Psalter Week 3)

Gospel Reflection

By Fr Michael Tate ©

When Jesus appeared to them, the disciples thought they were seeing a ghost, a sort of projection of a human image on the screen of the world but with no human depth and vitality. In fact, ghosts seem to drain life and warmth from those they encounter.

The disciples became convinced that they were in the presence of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ when he assumed a characteristic way of acting – sharing a companionable meal (of fish).

His bodily presence of *that* sort is now withdrawn from us. But we are now encountered by him in the Mass which has many dimensions, one of which is that of a sacred meal. When we share in the sacramental signs of his Real Presence in the Heavenly Bread and Spiritual Drink of Holy Communion, he brings us the life and warmth of the Risen Son.

In fact, he shares his very life with us, and because his life is gloriously fully human, we become less ghost-like as he heals those parts of our personality which drain goodness and vitality from the world.

We could take a moment to pray to take greater opportunities to share in the Real Presence of Our Risen Lord under the appearance of bread and wine. This will move us from the illusion of being alive to that vitality which is nourished by his glorified humanity.

Parish News...

First Holy Communion: Please pray for our children making their first Holy Communion over the next six weeks.

Easter House Blessing:

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

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.

Children's Liturgy Meeting 15/4/18:

Therese Carroll, Hanna El Khatib, Michael Dixon.

Volunteer Church Cleaning Roster

20/4/18: Veronica Jordan, Brian Jordan, Jo Salter, Bev Whackett.

Morning Tea Roster 22/4/18:

The Live Pray Love Project.

Lectio Divina & Bible Study Group:

There will be no Bible Study group this week. It will resume on Monday 23 April, 2.30pm-4pm, Leo Mahon Room.

Catechists: There will be NO catechists meeting in April. Please pray for all our school children that they have a happy, safe & energy-renewing school holidays.

Vatican Astronomer Br Guy Consolmagno SJ

The Diocese of Broken Bay welcomes Br Guy Consolmagno SJ, the Director of the Vatican Observatory, for a series of presentations in April. Br Guy holds a PhD in Planetary Science, and will explore the fascinating topic of how faith and science co-exist. Be enriched by this stimulating conversation about the connectedness of life, science and faith. Br Guy has published a number of books, the latest titled "Would You Baptise an Extraterrestrial?"

Monday 30 April: "Looking Up at the Stars:

We're all Connected" 7.00pm – 9.30pm, St Peter's Catholic College, Tuggerah. Includes a viewing of the night sky with telescopes (weather permitting)

Enquiries: faith.formation@dbb.org.au or 9847 0428 RSVP: www.trybooking.com/UCJL

St John the Baptist Parish & 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.

ENCOUNTER CATHOLIC MINISTRIES PRESENTS:

7PM SILENCE

Young Adults Prayer and Social Night

AGES 18-30 | ADORATION | REFLECTIVE MUSIC | DINNER & DRINKS
7PM FRI 20TH APRIL | ST PAT'S CHURCH EAST GOSFORD

Baptism: We welcome into our Faith community and pray for Dylan Ryan who was baptised last Sunday.

Cuppa and a Chat: A group of seniors meet every third Monday in the Leo Mahon room, due 16th April, 1.30pm-3pm. If you would like to join us phone Bernard 4341 6343. Transport provided.

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 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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