

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

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

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Psalm Response

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me. *Alleluia!*

5th Sunday of Easter

Readings: 29th April 2018

Acts 9; 26-31, Psalm 21:26-28.30-32; 1 John 3:18-24

John 15: 1-8. Readings can be found at www.usccb.org/bible/

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

Recently deceased: Betty Cresswell, Colleen Gooley, Vilma Beauchamp, Ken Moses, Grant McManus.

Anniversaries: Laurine Francken, Catherine Francken, Dorn Schumacher, Cresencio Alejaga, Eleuteria Alejaga, Numeriano Senajon, Polqueria Bulual, Pedro Bulual, Damiana Bulual, Susana Alejaga, Pascual Alejaga, Joseph Bugeja, Lilian Munro, Elizabeth McAusland, Bob Scholte.

Remembrances: Br Thomas More (John Davidson)FMS, Paula Sandford, Mary & George Hilliard, Hilliard brothers, Kevin Mills, Mills family, Bernie Hanna, Leslie Denning, Valerie Price, Mary & William Colbran.

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, Greg Glanz, Hannah El Khatib, Mary Wood.



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St John the Baptist Catholic Church

Mission and Vision

Bringing Jesus Christ to ALL, through:

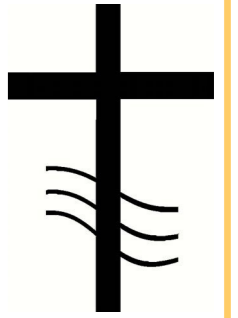
Worship and Liturgy

Outreach

Our Parish School

Hospitality

Adult Faith Formation



Charitable Works Fund

The assessment for our parish for the year 2017/2018 is \$36 147. The final appeal (of 3) for this financial year will be held 5/6 May 2018. We still have a shortfall of \$17 595.50 before our final appeal. If we still have a shortfall this year, we are still liable to make this up sometime. The Diocesan Office at Pennant Hills has need of this money for all their works.

Please can we all give generously.

Parish Finance Committee.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

22nd April, 2018, Year B (Psalter Week 4)

Gospel Reflection

By Fr Michael Tate ©



In the regions where Jesus was an itinerant preacher, three or four flocks could be kept in a communal sheepfold for safety. In the morning, the shepherds would come and, as each called out, the sheep attuned to the sound of his voice would follow to life-giving pasture.

We are surrounded by hundreds of voices clamouring for our attention. We are bombarded by messages, social media incessantly chattering. Jesus invites us to get attuned to *his* voice, listening for the distinctive sound of it so that, even if it is faintly heard in a cacophony, we immediately turn toward it so that we can follow it in a life-giving direction.

How do we get attuned to that voice? By reading the gospels. A Chinese student once told me that the Chinese character for gospel is 'happy sounds'. I like the plural. Jesus' gospel voice is not a monotone

but a polyphony sounding in different ways in different situations.

As disciples, we have to get onto the same wavelength as that voice so that we can echo it in our own lives. We become reverberations of Christ's voice in many different situations, helping him to lead others to life-giving pastures.

We could take a moment to pray for better listening so that we might recognise the gospel voice of Jesus Christ, especially at the moment of death. Then we may hear the one voice we need and long for: 'Today you will be with me in paradise.'

Parish News...

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

Easter House Blessing:

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

Lectio Divina & Bible Study Group:

Monday 23 April, 2.30pm-4pm, Leo Mahon Room.

Children's Liturgy 29/4/18:

Anne Maree Tonkin, Lisa Hutchinson, Ingrid Stevens.

Volunteer Church Cleaning Roster

27/4/18: Kevin Glacken, Christina Thorson, Warren Sparrow, Jo McMillan.

Liturgy Team meeting: This Thursday, 26th April, 7.30pm.

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.

SVdP Volunteers Mass: Saturday, 28th April, 9am.

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.

"Save The Date" The Live, Pray, Love Project:

Trivia Night on Saturday 16 June, Walter Baker Hall (Old church) at 6.30pm. Organise a table of 8 of your friends. BYO food and drinks. Great prizes. Entry - donation. For more information phone Gladys Leger 0421 312 362.

Bus Trip to Palm Beach, Wednesday, 2nd May

leaving 8:45am. Cost \$20 includes morning tea. Contact Susie Casey 0403 417 639.

Rosters: The Readers and Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion rosters are available in the servers sacristy this weekend.

ANZAC day Mass: Public holiday, Wednesday, 25 April 9:00 a.m.

Parish Office will be closed Thursday, 26 April.

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.

Parishioner looking for accommodation. Single male, non-smoker, requiring cabin or flat under \$200 a week. Call Ruth 0400 434 489

Charitable Works Fund Appeal

Weekend of 5/6 May 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.

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 the Parish. Enquiries Rob: 0427 990 818.

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 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.

The Father Factor: If there were some practical things I can do to build my relationship with my children as a father, what would they be? How much of my life is affected by a good relationship with my father? To find some answers to these questions and more, come and see Robert Falzon, acclaimed author and speaker of the 'Father Factor' seminars. He will be addressing the important role of fathers in society, providing practical information on being an intentional father and recovering from absent fathering. All most welcome, in particular, fathers.

Date: Thursday, 10 May

Time: 7.30pm—9.30pm

Venue: Holy Spirit Church, 55 Kincumber Street, Kincumber.

RSVP: faith.formation@dbb.org.au or Cristina Gomez 9847 0428 by 4 May.

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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