

**OUT OF HOURS MEDICAL EMERGENCY**  
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"He must increase, I must decrease"

**Fr. Timothy Raj. M.S.F.S.**  
Administrator

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Assistant Priest

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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  
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**St John the Baptist Primary School:**  
Principal: Nicole Cumming, 21a Dulkara Rd, South Woy Woy  
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The Lord has re - vealed to the na - tions his sa - ving power.

**Gospel Acclamation**  
*Alleluia, alleluia!* All who love me will keep my words, and my  
Father will love them and we will come to them. *Alleluia!*

**The Ascension of the Lord**  
Readings: 13th May 2018  
Acts 1:1-11, Psalm 46:2-3, 6-9; Eph 4:1-13 or Eph 1:17-23,  
Mk 16:15-20. 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:** Jose Maria Enedaguila, Norma Courtney,  
Paco Gomez Del Valle, Irene Stanhope, Patricia Mary Lange,  
Thomas Fauvette.

**Anniversaries:** Richard Kemp, Gladys Daniel, Leo Bugeja, Alfred  
Bugeja, Carmen Catania.

**Remembrances:** Laurel Smee, Ena Dobbs, Gwen Toohey, Judy Goo-  
dacre, Aniano Guardie Snr.

**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, Therese Horner.



## 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 (CWF)

The assessment for our parish for the year 2017/2018 is \$36 147.  
The final appeal (of 3) for this financial year will be this weekend.  
We still have a shortfall of \$17 595.50 before this 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.

### Sixth Sunday of Easter

6th May, 2018, Year B (Psalter Week 2)

**Gospel Reflection** By Fr Michael Tate ©



A pagan Roman officer was so evidently graced by the Holy Spirit that St Peter realised that the followers of Jesus Christ need not be constrained within the confines of Judaism. This incident, together with St Paul's mission, has helped Christianity spread to every tribe and nation on the face of the earth. 'Catholic' simply means 'world wide', and the Church's universal mission is to preach the truth of Christ's victory over death and the true meaning of love: 'No greater love can a man have than to lay down his life for his friend.'

In our experience, this is best exemplified in the desire of a mother or father to substitute themselves for a dying infant or child. Our Lord practised what he preached with incredible intensity. He substituted himself for the whole of humanity dying because of a broken relationship with its Creator. He did so on behalf of us whom he calls friends, those with whom he wishes to share his victory over death.

This is the message entrusted to the members of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church to be spread to the people of every tribe and nation. We could take a moment to pray that we better express our undying gratitude for our status as friends of the Risen Lord, and better do our part as missionary disciples spreading the news of his great love embracing the whole of humanity.

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## Parish News...

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

**Sacrament of Confirmation:** The Catholic Parish of Woy Woy Peninsula is about to start a programme to prepare baptised Catholic children who are currently in Year 2 or above and have reached the age of discretion (normally about 7 years of age) for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The parent or guardian who will accompany the child through the programme is required to attend an Information Night on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018, at 7.30pm, Walter Baker Hall, 100 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy. Enrolment forms will be handed out on the night. Further enquiries please call the Parish Office 4341 1073.

**Children's Liturgy 13/5/18:** Frances Giunta, Rose Giunta & Jenny Fitzgerald.

**Volunteer Church Cleaning Roster 11/5/18:** Christine French, Kathleen Cullen, Bill Cantley & Mabel Torres.

**Morning Tea Roster 13/5/18:** El Shaddai group.

**Lectio Divina & Bible Study Group:** Monday 7th May, 2.30pm-4pm, Leo Mahon Room.

**Memorial Mass** for Paco Gomez del Valle, recently deceased husband of Anna Nunez, will be celebrated in the Leo Mahon room on Tuesday, 8th May at 2.00 pm. All are welcome to join us to support Anna in her grief.

**"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.

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  
Payments by Friday, 18th May.

## 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.

**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.

**Pentecost Sunday 20th May-** Catholic Charismatic Renewal Celebrations at OLQP Parish Greystanes. Principal Celebrant Fr. Isuru Weliwatte MGL. Commencing 11.30am with Prayer & Praise, followed by Mass, lunch and healing service. Enquiries 96341654, 98102499 or [www.ccrnsw.org.au](http://www.ccrnsw.org.au)

**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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