

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.

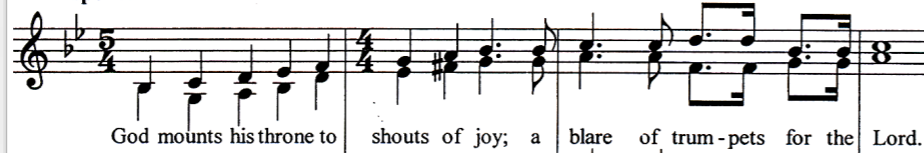
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Baptism Preparation - 9.30am second
and fourth Sunday of the month
Sacrament of Baptism - 11.00am first
and third Sunday of the month . Please
contact the parish office for more
information.

**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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St John the Baptist Primary School:
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Psalm Response



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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world. *Alleluia!*

Pentecost Sunday

Readings: 20th May 2018
Acts 2:1-11, Psalm 103:1,24, 29-31,34; Gal 5:16-25 or 1 Cor 12:3-7,
12-13; Jn 15-26-27, 16:12-15 or Jn 20:19-23.
Readings can be found at www.usccb.org/bible/

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

Recently deceased: Greg Glanz, George Gallacher, Terry Bretly.

Anniversaries: C.R. Castillo, S.K. Castillo, Betty Cusack, John Baker,
Reg Hogan, Iris Quanchie, Myra Oakes, Sam Pickering, Mary
Moulds.

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, Hannah El Khatib,
Mary Wood, Therese Horner.

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Mission and Vision

Bringing Jesus Christ to ALL, through:

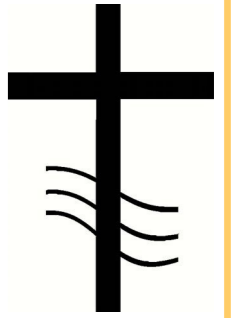
Worship and Liturgy

Outreach

Our Parish School

Hospitality

Adult & Child Faith Formation



Charitable Works Fund (CWF) 

Last week's final appeal raised \$13 840.95!!!!

Thank you for your wonderful generosity to support
such important work in the Diocese.

Our shortfall is now only \$3 754.55—it's not too late to donate!
We're hoping to meet this quota before the end of this financial year.

The Ascension of the Lord

13th May, 2018, Year B (Psalter Week 3)

Gospel Reflection By Fr Michael Tate ©



Our Risen Lord could have appeared to groups of followers generation after generation until now. But he withdrew his visible bodily presence from us. Why? I think because he needed to wean human beings from our tendency to be self-centred. The Resurrection starts the transformation of the *whole* of creation, not just us. Ordinary human beings are the heart and mind and voice of non-angelic creation. We love and understand and speak on its behalf. The transforming effect of Our Lord's glorified humanity is much more profound. Every molecule, every quantum of energy, the

past, present and future are all in the process of being changed towards 'the fullness of him who fills the whole creation'.

At every Mass, this divine resurrection power is at work. Elements of the universe, wheat-bread, grapes-wine, become the Real Presence of Our Lord's glorified body.

The privilege of a ministerial priest is to be the ritual servant of this divine transformation. Invoking the Holy Spirit and reciting the words of the Last Supper is the priest's role in Our Lord's creative real anticipation of the end of time.

We could take a moment to pray for the grace to let go of our self-centredness, to stop staring into the empty sky as though lamenting Our Lord's absence, and to savour the privilege of receiving his Real Presence in the transformed elements of creation as we and they share in that Holy Communion which is the destiny of the whole cosmos.

Parish News...

Fr Timothy & Fr Philip: We welcome back Fr Philip from his time overseas & farewell Fr Timothy on his pilgrimage to Jordan, Israel & Dubai, returning early June.

First Holy Communion: Please pray for our children making their first Holy Communion over the next two 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 28th 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 20/5/18:

Therese Carroll, Ingrid Stevens & Emma Baker.

Volunteer Church Cleaning Roster

18/5/18: Anisha Burns, Elena Egan, Judith Easterbrook & Jo McMillan.

"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.

Feast Day: The PPC is organising a parish event to mark the feast day of our patron Saint John the Baptist on Sunday 24 June 2018. If you would like to take part or have ideas please phone Gladys Leger on 0421 312 362 or Bernard French on 0407 214 699.

Parish Pastoral Council: Next meeting will be Monday, 4 June at 7pm. This will replace the cancelled meeting of Tuesday, 12th June.

Communion in hospital: Please call the Parish Office if you or a parishioner are in hospital and would like to receive Holy Communion. There have been cases where some weekend hospital staff on the Peninsula are unable to provide lists of Catholic patients.

Cuppa and a Chat: A group of seniors meet every third Monday in the Leo Mahon room, due 21st May, 1.00pm-2.30pm. If you would like to join us phone Bernard 4341 6343. Transport provided.

Lectio Divina & Bible Study Group:

Monday 14th May, 2.30pm - 4pm, Leo Mahon Room.

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.

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.

Taize: Taize evening 19th May at 6.30pm, vigil of Pentecost. Please come and celebrate and experience the sacred with an evening of prayer, song and silence on the vigil of our church's birthday and feast day in Holy Spirit church, Kincumber. The church will be candlelit, and we will have a light supper in the narthex after 5pm Mass and before the taize evening commences at 6.30pm. Please feel free to invite your friends, as taize is ecumenical Christian worship. Contact Liz – 0432 261 505

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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