

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

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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 living bread from heaven, says the Lord; Whoever eats this bread will live for ever. *Alleluia!*

Readings can be found at www.usccb.org/bible/

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

Recently deceased: Nina Vlahovich.

Anniversaries: Martin Bell.

Remembrances: Bugeja, Catania & Grima families, Mary, Katerina & Frank Justic.

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, Frank McLenaghan, Leon de Pradines, Margaret Davin, Helen Taylor, Amanda Sheridan, Vince Ryan, Karen Pearson, Margrate Sofie, Thambu George, Marta Panczyna, Margaret Woollam, Sue James, Hannah El Khatib, Mary Wood, Therese Horner, Betty Cavanagh, Jack Dummett, Vicki Pirie, Yvonne Beattie.



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St John the Baptist Catholic Church

Mission and Vision

Bringing Jesus Christ to ALL, through:

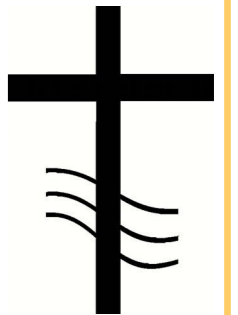
Worship and Liturgy

Outreach

Our Parish School

Hospitality

Adult & Child Faith Formation



The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

3rd June, 2018, Year B (Psalter Week 1)

Gospel Reflection By Richard Leonard SJ ©



In years gone by the major focus of this feast of Corpus Christi was a procession that usually concluded with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Many of us have fond memories of Benediction: a bejewelled cope and monstrance, the flickering candles, the Divine Praises and Latin hymns. It all worked to create a magical atmosphere. As richly theatrical as it was, the magical side of it was part of the problem.

In medieval times Catholics rarely received Holy Communion. So much so it was in this context that the Church ruled that we have to communicate at

least once a year. In the absence of communion, veneration of the Blessed Sacrament took on a great significance. Seeing the host was thought to impart an intense power.

Although in the last 100 years we have been encouraged to receive communion more frequently, the magical properties ascribed to the host persist in some people's devotional thinking.

As Catholics we believe that Jesus is really and personally present to us in the broken bread and shared cup of the Eucharist. And although we believe that Christ is present in the Scriptures, the assembly and the ministers of the Church, we hold that Christ's presence under the form of bread and wine is one filled with the greatest intimacy and uniqueness.

The Eucharist is not intimate and unique because it is magic. It's not intimate and unique because we gaze upon the elements. The Eucharist is intimate and unique because earthly signs are transformed by God's love, and are consumed in faith. As we eat and drink these elements Christ becomes part of us, and we come alive in Christ.

In the fifth century Saint Augustine taught his people that if they truly loved the Eucharist they would become what they eat. The same is true for us today. By receiving into our hands the bread – blessed and broken, the cup – poured and shared, we say 'Amen' to becoming the same in Christ: blessed, broken, poured out and shared in love. We commune with God and God with us in the Eucharist so that just as earthly gifts are transformed into Christ so through us will be the entire world, and all things in it.

There is a huge and important difference between grace and magic. One is a trick for show. The other is the power of love, which expresses itself in faith, hope and service.

In a profound poem French Jesuit Didier Rimaud challenges those of us who love the Eucharist to see it linked to the liberation begun in the Exodus, consummated in the Resurrection and working in our world today.

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Parish News...

Presentation of Candidates:

Candidates preparing for Confirmation in August will be presented at all Masses this weekend. Please keep the children in your prayers.

Children's Mass: Children and their families are invited to be involved in a special Mass at our church on Friday evening, 22nd June (time to be advised). This will be part of our preparation and celebration of the Feast Day of St John the Baptist on Sunday 24th June. Children of all ages and their families are welcome to be involved. Please contact Celeste Boonaerts for information 0407 703 759.

Feast Day: The Parish Pastoral Council 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. The PPC is inviting a representative from each parish ministry to

attend a meeting on Monday 4 June, 6.30pm in the Leo Mahon room. Please phone parish office to confirm your attendance. There will be a parish council meeting following this meeting.

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

Volunteer Church Cleaning Roster 8/6/18: Anisha Burns, Elena Egan, Michael French & Judith Easterbrook.

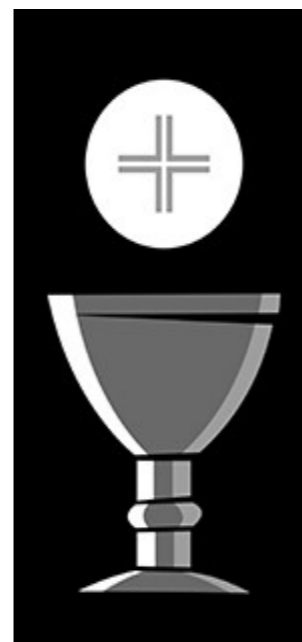
Children's Liturgy 10/6/18: Brenda Sweet, Rebecca Beisler and Gerri O'Keefe.

Morning Tea Roster 10/6/18: Youth group.

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal: Will be held on the weekend of 9th & 10th June 2018. Envelopes in the church.

Our sincere thanks to the friends and parishioners of St John the Baptist Parish and to those who prepared and participated in making the day a celebration of Greg's life. Marie Glanz and Family.

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In remembrance of you,
We take the bread of Easter in
our hands,
This Bread do we consume:
It does no longer taste of bitter
herbs,
nor of unleavened bread.
It is the bread of a land promised
us
where we shall be set free.
In remembrance of you,
We take the wine of Easter at our
feast,
This wine do we hold dear.
It does no longer taste of bitter
springs,
nor of dark salty pools.
It is the wine of land promised us
where we shall be made whole.
In remembrance of you,
From exile we return.
In remembrance of you,
We walk across the sea!

No wonder the early Christians called the Body and Blood of Christ, 'food for the journey'. May this Eucharist strengthen and embolden us to help God liberate and transform the world through how we spend our lives.

Richard Leonard SJ ©

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.

"Happy in your faith but looking for that bit extra?"

Have you considered Cursillo? The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle is having a Cursillo weekend from 7pm Friday 8 June to 5pm Monday 11 June at Myuna Bay. For more information, phone John Setz 0438 524 714 or Joanne Standing 0401 438 967.

What is Cursillo? Cursillo is a three-day presentation designed to build enthusiasm for and to renew your commitment to your faith. It is especially helpful for those who take an active role somewhere in the life of the congregation. Why? History has shown us that people who attend Cursillo return from the event highly motivated with a strong desire to serve in the parish and share their experience.

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.

LIVE PRAY LOVE PROJECT PRESENTS:

TRIVIA NIGHT

Building our Parish Community

SAT JUNE 16 | 6:30 PM | WALTER BAKER HALL
BYO FOOD & DRINK | RSVP GLADYS 0421312362

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