

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.

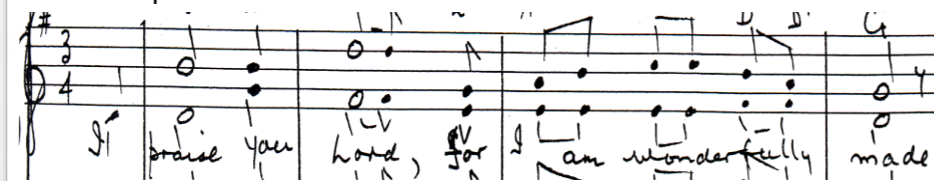
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Baptism Preparation - 9.30am second
and fourth Sunday of the month
Sacrament of Baptism - 11.00am first
and third Sunday of the month . Please
contact the parish office for more
information.

**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
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Psalm Response © Colin D. Smith cfc



Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia! You, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways.
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: Sr Patricia Murphy OLN., Agnes Shepherd, Lorie Aitkin, Betty Cavanagh, Robert Hines.

Anniversaries: Brock Bryant, Sam Pickering, Eileen Sheehan, Patrick John Simmons, Joan Fitzgerald, Kath Leonard, Maryann Hardwick, Wasa El-Khatib.

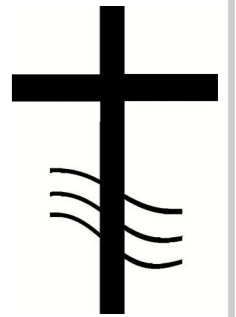
Remembrances: Mary & George Hilliard, Hilliard brothers, Kevin Mills, Mills family, Bernie Hanna, Leslie Denning, Valerie Price, Carr family, Juvita Espiritu, Maria Digiogio, Zenon Berlinski.

Sick: Val Simpson, Patricia Dwyer, Donna Vella, Donna Briemer, Oscar James Morreti, Joy Ball, Betty Fraser, Luis Emilio Garrido, Audrey Kirkman, Malin Tugaga, Pamela Power, Mary Scarf, Louis Aloisio, Olive Brittliff, Frank McLenaghan, Leon de Pradines, Margaret Davin, Helen Taylor, Amanda Sheridan, Karen Pearson, Margrate Sofie, Thambu George, Marta Panczyna, Sue James, Margaret Woollam, Hannah El Khatib, Mary Wood, Vicki Pirie, Therese Horner, Jack Dummett, Jo Farrelle, Yvonne Beattie, Nellie Brown, John Buatava, Paul Hennessy, Ralph Weate, Sue Rose, Anne Singleton.



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St John the Baptist Catholic Church



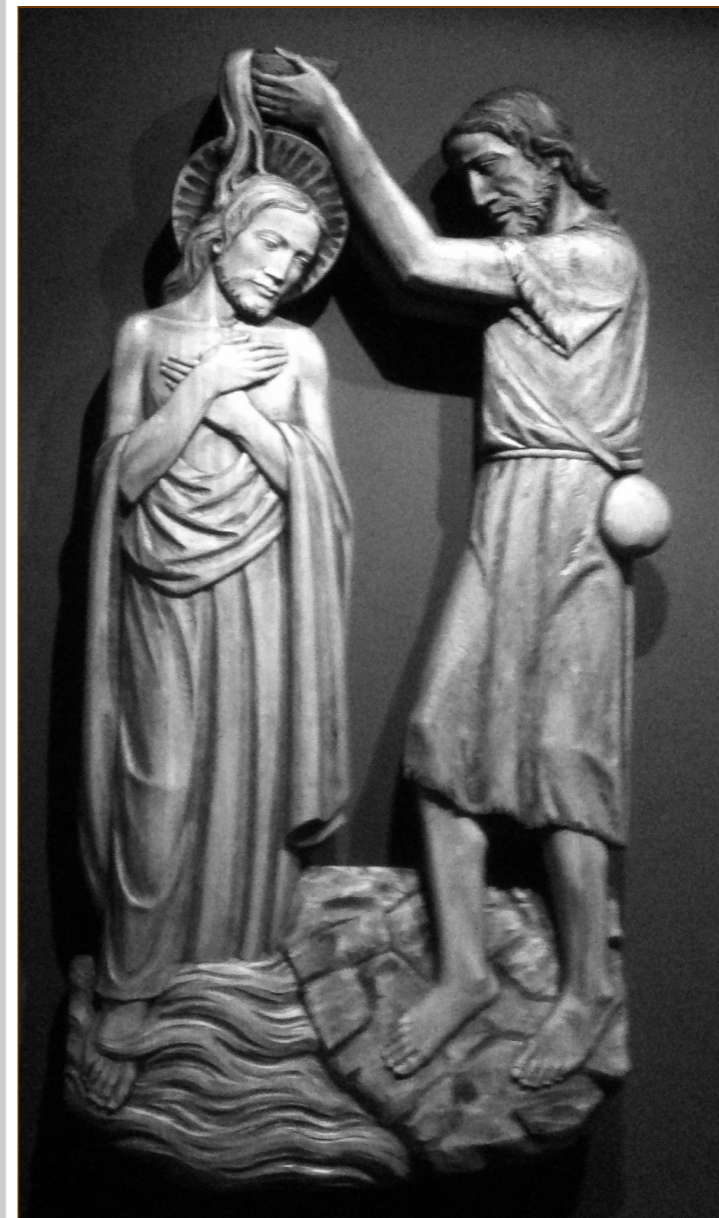
Mission and Vision

Bringing Jesus Christ to ALL, through:
Worship and Liturgy
Outreach
Our Parish School
Hospitality
Adult & Child Faith Formation

The Nativity of St John the Baptist

24th June, 2018, Year B (Psalter Week 4)

Gospel Reflection © Fr Michael Tate



When Elizabeth gave birth to a son, the whole village was quite certain that the child would be called Zechariah after his father. But Elizabeth resisted and Zechariah had no hesitation in writing, 'His name is John' – is John. Present tense.

This caused great consternation in the village. This could only mean that more shocking breaks with tradition were to come. And in the last verse of today's Gospel, we learn that this now young man is not preparing for priestly service at the Temple!

He is out in the wilderness! He has adopted the lifestyle of the most marginal, living outside settled existence where tradition suffocates.

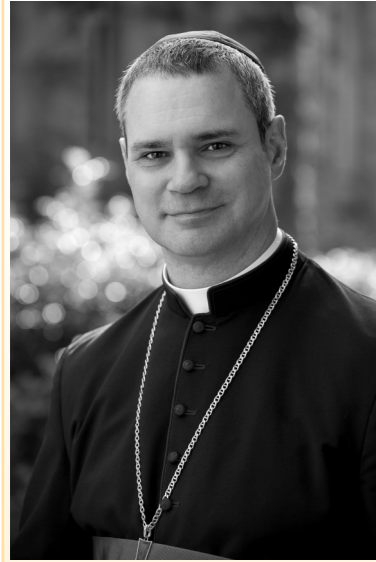
Pope Francis constantly urges us to be challenged by those existing on the margins. This encompasses not only those who are suffering exclusion, injustice or who are simply without the necessities of life. He is also concerned with those on the peripheries of world power. Perhaps this is best symbolised in the choosing of a Cardinal from Tonga which has only 15,000 Catholics!

We could pause for a moment to pray that we are sufficiently open to receive God's messengers, who may erupt from the margins, from 'the wilderness' of the peripheries, even from Argentina!

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Parish News...



Welcome Bishop Peter:

We welcome Bishop Peter to our parish this Sunday, joining us to celebrate our Patron Saint Feast Day.

St Vincent de Paul Winter Clothing Appeal:

Will be held this weekend 23/24 June 2018. Please leave collection bags in

the box provided in the gathering area.

Peter's Pence Appeal, 1 July 2018: We are joining with others across the world by taking up a collection for the charitable works and structures of mercy identified by Pope Francis. The funds, which are sent to the Vatican, are then allocated to projects across the world, which support victims of war, oppression and disasters. Envelopes in the church.

Liturgy Team meeting: This Thursday, 28th June, 7.30pm.

Catechists' Meeting: Our June meeting will be held on the 28th starting at 9am, as usual. There is quite a bit of business to address, including changes within the Catechist hierarchy, WWC check lists and the on-going need for helpers. And as there will be **no meeting in July**, we really need to get together and attend to all these very important matters. They **need your personal attention**.

Thanks everyone - Susie

Bus Trip to Newcastle: Wednesday, 27th June, leaving at 8:45am. Cost \$20. Contact Susie Casey 0403 417 639.

Ecumenical Missionary Morning:

Thursday, June 28th at Umina Beach Salvation Army, 9 Sydney Ave, Umina Beach. Guest speaker Major Melaenie-Anne Holland. R.S.V.P. To [nayo-mia.anderson@ae.salvationarmy.org](mailto:nayomia.anderson@ae.salvationarmy.org) or phone Joyce 0418653246 or phone Mary 0407911904

SJB School: Enrolments for the 2019 school year are closing now. Please contact the school on 4341 0884 for more information.

Betty Cavanagh entered eternity on 20 June, and the family would like to extend an invitation to anyone who wants to come to join them for a short vigil of prayer, refreshments and story sharing in the Leo Mahon Room on Tuesday 26 June from 2pm till 3.15pm, starting with a Rosary at 2pm and then the Chaplet of Mercy at 3pm, with all the other good stuff in between. Her funeral Mass will be at 11am on Wednesday 27 June, here at St John the Baptist, Woy Woy, preceded by a Rosary commencing at 10.30am.

Annual Marriage Mass & Renewal of Vows

The Marriage Mass and Renewal of Vows will take place on Sunday, 8th July at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, at 10.30 am. All married couples are welcome. Mass will be celebrated by His Grace, Archbishop Anthony Fisher. Married couples wishing to attend to renew their vows should register with the Life, Marriage and Family Centre at LMEvents@sydneycatholic.org or 9307 8404. Registered couples celebrating 50th, 55th, 60th, or 65th wedding anniversaries will receive a special certificate from Archbishop Fisher. Special recognition will also be given to couples who were married at the Cathedral.

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.

Catechist Helpers: We're almost halfway through the school year and the children are doing extremely well. While we have temporarily lost two valuable teachers and one helper, we are finding that our class numbers, particularly in composite classes, is putting an extra burden on teachers. In an ideal world every class would have a teacher and a helper, a **valuable member of the ministry** who is there to assist individual children with activities, help the children focus, lead them in prayers and help with reading. It's a lovely role and you can be as involved in the lesson as you want.

We'd love to have more helpers, so if you have an hour a week, please call me and learn more. Susie 0411 566 622.

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 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.



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