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"He must increase, I must decrease"

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**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for June
Prayer intention for evangelisation
The Way of the Heart**

We pray for all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

St John the Baptist Church

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Anniversary: Bianca Tignani, Ralph Weate, C Joyce Roberts, Hilda Andrews.

Remembrances: Hugo Cutrone, Bugeja Family, Doris Galea, , Andrew Lee Seong-Soon, Frank & Val McLenaghan, Grima Family.

Sick: Pat Savage, Pat O'Reagan, Ernie Mullins, John Mitchell, Marie Dixon, Michael Taylor, Geoff Floyd, Tom Searle, Donna Vella, Donna Briemer, Oscar James Morreti, Luis Emilio Garrido, Audrey Kirkman, Malin Tugaga, Pamela Power, Mary Scarf, Rose Aloisio, Amanda Sheridan, Audrey Barsenbach, Marta Panczyna, Mary Wood, Therese Horner, Jack Dummett, Jo Farrelle, Anne Singleton, Tina Cohen, Janice Green, Robert Parker, Maureen Wardrop, Ros Harbig, Karen Chorazyczewska, Ada-Primrose Murphy, Larry Cresswell, Ken Joyce, Andrew Muggs, Roger Mitchell, Maureen Fotheringham, Max Annett.



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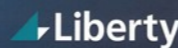
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*For St John's parishioners or their friends who settle a home loan by 30 April 2020. Amanda will donate \$300 to a local community centre. Approved applicants only. Lending criteria apply. Amanda Lawer has access to a panel of lenders through Liberty Network Services Pty Ltd (ABN 65 251 958 628) (Australian Credit Licence 400042) (NSIC) including Liberty Financial Pty Ltd (ABN 55 077 248 983) which owns LNC.

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WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH
St John the Baptist Catholic Church



13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
28th June 2020, Year A



On this Thirteenth Sunday, the church urges us to **welcome Christ in others**. This is especially, through the messengers of God among us. The church equally encourages us to be sensitive to the need of one another in order to **make a positive difference in their lives**.

In the first reading, the generosity of the Shunem couple towards Elisha brought them the blessing and joy of their life. There is much to be learnt from this reading. They were sensitive to the plight and immediate need of the man of God. Little did they know that this was the beginning of their

blessing. Hence, through this act of generosity, hospitality and sensitivity, everything turned around for their good. Their desire of the ages was fulfilled.

On the other hand, Elisha was equally concerned and sensitive to the needs of this Shunem couple. So, rather than over burden them with more request or exploit their generosity, he prayed for them, and blessed them through his prophetic ministry. Thus, **his presence was indeed a blessing to this house**, rather than a burden. It is enough to note that the name of Elisa means: "God saves." This is exactly, what his action affirmed.

In the second reading, Paul recounts how Christ offered us new life through our baptism. He came and offered himself as a ransom, not for his own sake. Rather, for the sake of our salvation. By accepting him through our baptism, we have become one with him in death and in life. Also, by welcoming Christ, we have received a share in his glorious life and are no longer slaves to sin and death. This same Christ lives in others. So, we must equally welcome him in others, including, **in the least of our brothers and sisters**.

In the gospel, Christ spoke clearly to us on the need to **welcome others for His sake**. This is especially, those who bear the good news of salvation. Through generosity and hospitality, like the Shunem family in our first reading, we could attract God's blessings to our home and family. Through these, our lives and fortunes could be transformed as well.

Unfortunately, these days, we take a lot of things for granted. Some of us are so indifferent to others and their needs. This includes indifference to the presence of the "genuine messengers" of God among us. This could be due to the fact that, our society is flooded with many self-proclaimed and false men of God. That is, to the extent that one could hardly differentiate between "the TRUTH & FALSE" because they are vested alike. (Fox clothed in sheep's cloths)

It could also be that, we have become so used to one another, and of course, to men of God, that they have become so ordinary to us.

Life message: We need to be hospitable and generous: Hospitality means acknowledging the presence of God in others and serving Him in them, especially those in whom we least expect to find Him. We, as individuals and as a community, are to look for opportunities to be hospitable--and, of course, there are plenty of ways of offering hospitality. May be hospitality is offered through a kind word to a stranger - or even a smile. A kind smile or a "hello" to someone in a supermarket may be the only kindness that person encounters all day. We become fully alive as Christians through the generous giving of ourselves. What is important is giving of ourselves to people, first, in the way we think about them, for from that spring will flow the ways we speak to them and about them, forgive their failings, encourage them, show them respect, console them, and offer them help. Such generosity reflects warmth radiating from the very love of God. Finally, it is important to ask ourselves these important questions. Do we still value the presence of others? Are we sensitive to their needs? Is our presence a source of blessing to the people we meet or that meet us? Do I believe that Christ is present in others as much as He does in me? Does it really make any difference, or is it an added burden to their life? What good do I bring to the life of others? AMEN

Parish News:

New Changes to Mass Numbers and Times

As of 1st July 2020 the regulated numbers for Masses will be lifted altogether. Each person attending Mass will need to maintain the 1.5 metre social distancing as outlined by the Government. You will also need to continue writing your name on the list at the back of the church. This is very important so we can keep track of those attending in the event of a COVID outbreak.

Mass Times: Monday - Friday 8:30am, Healing Mass (1st Friday); 4pm; Saturday 9am (followed by Adoration & 5pm; Sunday 7:30am, 9:15am & 5pm.

Confession Times: Friday 9am, 3:30pm (1st Friday); Saturday 9am; 4:30pm; Sunday 7am.

Email address: For those Parishioners who have not been receiving the Parish newsletter via email can you please contact the Parish Office to be added to the mailing list.

Hand Sanitizer: There is hand sanitizer available for use in the Church. It is located at entry to rear doors and gathering table.

Cleaning Roster: 3/07/2020 Mary ,McCumstie
Veronica Jordan, Jo Salter, Linda Potestas.

Bingo's Back!

We are starting back Saturday 4th Jul at 7:30pm with 51 games. Restrictions have been lifted enough for us to do so, however we will be split between the main hall and adjacent room with 2 sets of double doors open.

The main hall will have a strict limit of 125 people and the smaller hall will be limited to 54 people. This is more than enough capacity to run similar to normal. In order for this to work, furniture will be set in each hall and we ask strictly that no one is to move the tables or chairs between the rooms.

Prize money will be based on what it has been previously. However, if the first few weeks are quieter than usual we may need to adjust some of the prize money accordingly.

We have missed you all and really look forward to starting back.

Thank you from Rob and the team

Thank You

A big thank you to everyone who has so kindly donated during these difficult times
Your ongoing generosity and support is incredibly appreciated.

Fransalian Quote

No one can enter the heavenly paradise unless he is pierced with the sword of love
St. Francis de Sales

Parish Working Bee

We will be having a parish working bee on Saturday 11th July starting at 9:30am. Any time you can spare on the day, would be welcomed immensely.

Please, bring your gloves, hat and a drink to stay hydrated.

Hope to see you there.



First reading

2 Kings 4:8-11,13-16 ©

This is a holy man of God; let him rest here

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.' One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. He said to his servant Gehazi, 'Call our Shunammitess. Tell her this: "Look, you have gone to all this trouble for us, what can we do for you? Is there anything you would like said for you to the king or to the commander of the army?"' But she replied, 'I live with my own people about me.' 'What can be done for her then?' he asked. Gehazi answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. This time next year,' he said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

Second reading

Romans 6:3-4,8-11 ©

When we were baptised we went into the tomb with Christ, so that we too might live a new life

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew

10:37-42 ©

Anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of

me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

Attention all kids:

The Kids' Bulletins are a resource for Catholic children who would like to have some fun while learning about the readings from Sunday Mass every week. To learn more click here: <https://thekidsbulletin.com/about/>; to access the bulletins click here: <https://thekidsbulletin.com/>

Parish Collections:

If you would like to make a donation to the Parish at this time please find the bank details below. It is vital that you indicate in the reference what the donation is for. If you are a planned giver please provide your name and envelope number in the reference line.

Account Name: Woy Woy Catholic Parish
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1st collection goes to the Clergy Remuneration Fund for the financial support of the priests.

2nd collection goes towards all the pastoral and operating expenses of the Parish; phones/ photocopier, electricity, insurance, rates, priests' vehicles, staff wages, Presbytery, Church and ground maintenance to name a few.

You can donate via Bpoint by clicking

<https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/woywoyparish>

You can also donate via Tap and go in the church or credit card. You can pick up a pledge forms from the gathering space or request one from the Parish Office.

If your donation is via cheque you can post it to PO Box 264, Woy Woy NSW 2256.

If you would like a set of weekly donation envelopes please contact the Parish Office.

For any enquiries call Triona Meagher on 4341 1073.

2020 Introduction to Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE)

Equipping the Saints. Eph. 4:12

This is an exciting programme that will give you a taste of what being a Pastoral/ Spiritual carer is about. The training will be offered at the Narara Uniting Church, 91 Wyoming Rd, Wyoming NSW 2250. Timing: 9 am-4.30 pm and commencing Monday 10 August and running on consecutive Mondays up to and including 6 September. We provide a positive educational space for you to learn about pastoral/spiritual care, explore your pastoral ability or calling and become equipped for ministry within either a public or church setting. For those interested in this kind of ministry or for more information please contact:

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