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**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for July  
Universal Prayer Intention  
Our Families**

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

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

**Recently Deceased:** Audrey Kirkman, Valerie Simpson, Felix Seady.

**Anniversary:** Brian Jordan, Rudolphus Leslie Moroney, James & Elizabeth Carr, Andrew Lee Seong-Soon, Gina Borg.

**Remembrance:** Zenon Berlinski, Feliciano Soler.

**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, 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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**WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH  
St John the Baptist Catholic Church**



**14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**5<sup>th</sup> July 2020, Year A**

**Psalter Week 2**

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE AT BACK OF GATHERING AREA**



Zach 9: 9-10; Rom 8: 9, 11-13; Mt 11: 25-30

Two striking words come out of the readings are "humble" and "rest." Although they are not usually linked, they, in GOD's eyes, are actually linked and both have a meaning slightly different from the normal understanding of the two words. Zechariah announces that the Messiah (the saviour and king) will come not as a mighty military dictator but as the humble proclaimer of peace. The psalm speaks of GOD as the ruler who is gracious and merciful. St. Paul contrasts earthly life with that of life in the Spirit which brings true life. In the Gospel, Jesus promises rest and freedom from labours and from burdens to those who learn from Jesus for He is meek and humble of heart.

The Gospel passage today begins with Jesus proclaiming a hymn of praise to His **Abba**-Father and describing the close relationship that exists between Himself and His **Abba**. Jesus continues by extending a share in this special bond to all who come to Him. Jesus realizes that many of His disciples (both during His earthly life and today) are weary and burdened. Jesus knows, both from His divine knowledge and human experience, that earthly life can be quite tiresome and challenging. He wants His followers to come to Him and be yoked with Him so that they can learn from Him and have Him take all the effects of the burden.

The concept of being yoked with Jesus speaks of a close relationship, since a yoke joined two beasts of burden together so that they could work together to get a difficult job accomplished. Jesus invites us to be joined with Him so that He can do the majority of the work and take some of the pressure off us. He promises to teach us a way which bring us a reduction of the stress with which life encumbers us.

The challenge for us, however, is that we have to give up our independent and selfish ways and be joined completely with Jesus. We have to humble ourselves and admit that we cannot do it by ourselves. We need to give up control and allow Jesus to help shoulder the burden, in fact, to take most of the burden. In doing so we will find rest and refreshment because Jesus will be doing the greater part of the work.

It is so hard for some of us to give up control – even to Jesus. We think we have to do it all by ourselves. We want to follow the attitude of the song "I Did It My Way." Yet it is when we try to be the master of our own destiny that we are people of the flesh. It is then that we struggle so hard, trying to do a task we were never meant to do alone. We need to let go of the control of our lives and let the Lord Jesus take over. That takes humility. It means we have to humbly admit we are not the be-all and end-all of the world, not even the be-all and end-all of our own lives. It is when we can humbly surrender to GOD that we will experience the rest and freedom from the heavy burden which we carry. Are you ready to surrender to Jesus to take control of you?

AMEN



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OUR FAMILY  
*Caring For Your Family*

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday will be celebrated throughout Australia this Sunday, 5th July.**

*We The Woy Woy Catholic Parish acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.*

Archbishop Pat O'Regan will celebrate a nationally live streamed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday Mass at 11.30am EST. The link will be available at [www.natsicc.org.au](http://www.natsicc.org.au)

**Parish News:**

**New Changes to Mass Numbers and Times**

*As of 1st July 2020 there is no limit for mass attendance. Each person attending Mass will need to maintain the 1.5m 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.

**Reader's Roster:** The reader's roster is now available for collection in the server's sacristy.

**Email addresses:** 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: 10/07/2020** Michael French, Christine French, Rano Spiteri, Cheryl Sillick.

**Security call out charges:** For parishioners who are in possession of a swipe card for the Church grounds, can they be mindful when they are disarming and arming the alarm. If it is not done properly and Fr Timothy is not on site to attend to it, the security company charges a call out fee which has to be paid. If users are unsure of how to operate the security swipe they can contact the Parish Office for assistance. Thank you.

**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.

**Youth News**

We have come a long way now that we can get together without hassles as a group to continue our Leadership Training and complete Understanding Our Vision and Our Mission Statement – the Three Goals and the Eight Components. We have not got too much more to complete and we need to reconnect with the youth of our Parish. I am requesting a date for our next meeting. Please book Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> of this month for our first meeting and Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> and if you are busy please let me know. The first meeting will just be a general meeting and the second meeting will be a training meeting. Everyone interested to join the Youth and Young Adult Ministry in this Parish – you are welcome to attend our meeting Or contact me by email on [sks2230grace@gmail.com](mailto:sks2230grace@gmail.com) or 0412 731 979. Leaders are required to understand the Anointed and Sent Model of Youth Ministry before exercising your gifts as a Leader. Gathering nights in mid - August. He must increase, we must decrease. Kiliti.

**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/>

**First reading**

**Zechariah 9:9-10 ©**

*See now, your king comes humbly to you*

The Lord says this:

Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!  
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!  
See now, your king comes to you;  
he is victorious, he is triumphant,  
humble and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.  
He will banish chariots from Ephraim  
and horses from Jerusalem;  
the bow of war will be banished.  
He will proclaim peace for the nations.  
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,  
from the River to the ends of the earth.

**Second reading**

**Romans 8:9,11-13 ©**

*If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live*

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Mt11:25**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Blessed are you, Father,  
Lord of heaven and earth,  
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom  
to mere children.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel**

**Matthew 11:25-30 ©**

You have hidden these things from the wise and revealed them to little children  
Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses

to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

**Parish Working Bee**

We will be having a parish working bee on Saturday **18th** 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.*

*Please note there will be no Adoration*



**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.

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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.