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"He must increase, I must decrease"

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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.

St John the Baptist Church

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

Recently Deceased: Geoff Floyd, Allan Ryan, Roberto Ambrosio, Adela G Patino, Miguel Antonio Menz, Malcolm Brooks.

Anniversary: Patrick John Simmons, Gina Borg, Molly Dunne, Veronica & Amy Moloney.

Remembrance: Sadie Connors, Remegio Ambrosio, Jolita Patino, Fawkner, Floyd & Mathew families.

Sick: Pat Savage, Pat O'Reagan, Ernie Mullins, John Mitchell, Marie Dixon, Michael Taylor, 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**



15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

12th July 2020, Year A

Psalter Week 3

PLEASE REMEMBER TO REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE AT BACK OF GATHERING AREA



Sometimes we remember things our parents said, long after they are gone; their words are not dead so long as we are alive and recall them. Even merely spoken words can have an extraordinary life-span. What's true of the ordinary word is even more true of God's. That's what is stressed in today's readings. It's put in the strongest of terms in Isaiah who wrote: "The word that goes from my mouth will not return to me unfulfilled, or before having achieved for what it was sent to do." The only danger we show against God's word is our

deliberate deafness. What we call today SELECTIVE DEAFNESS. And being deaf or hard of hearing is something today's Gospel does not recommend. In fact, it urges us to listen to His word attentively. It urges us to let the Word fall into good soil, so that it can yield a rich harvest in our lives.

We are invited to hear the readings in church, and there is no substitute for hearing God's word. Yet, the richest soil for God's message is in the home. Our home atmosphere must be helpful, if it's to be a good place for growth. If space is made for God in the home, through prayers, treating each other with love, participating in the Mass, forgiving one another in love, there is every chance that the seed will take root and grow in our children's hearts! It doesn't always happen, but on an average, it is the best chance that it will! Our education remains even if we have forgotten the text themselves. We forget so easily what was said in church or school. We never forget what happens in the home. The hate and the tension and the fighting, or the hope and the love and the peace. There are many parents who burn the candle in the night praying for one of their children who was sick. Wasn't that extraordinary? Who could ever forget that? Who could fail to be influenced by it? It's the ordinary things that make the impact on most of us, the daily effort, the daily tedious, and the repeated efforts a father or mother make separately or together to think of us and to remind us of God. It's only when somebody dies and people start looking back that the ordinary daily sacrifices take on a heroic pattern, and people say, "God, she was a great woman" or "he was a great man." If we receive God's word every day in our lives and try to live it, then we are scattering the seed ourselves for the younger generation and generations to come.

It is not the impression given that it's only parents who are expected to receive God's word and live it! I think God's call comes to us at its most personal and urgent when we are young. That's when most of us felt called to our particular vocations. That's when I felt the call to be a priest! God's word has fresh soil and a great future when it falls in a young heart. So if you are young, be generous with God. Be truthful and just and caring and good-living. Let us be faithful to our Sunday Eucharist and give it continued life throughout the week in the great commandment of love. Example: The parents of our pattern St Francis De Sales and the founder of our Congregation Fr Peter Marie Mermier, especially their mothers who sowed the seeds of God's word in their hearts when young age. Fr Peter Mermier said, about his mother that his mother was an extraordinary woman. Let us allow our hearts a fertile place to yield a rich harvest. Can we make it our personal resolutions, our greatest objectives, our life-long ambitions? Amen

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.

Parish News:

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.

Coordinators: Thursday 16th July, we will be having a major cleanout of the storage room downstairs. If your Ministry uses that room could you, or a delegate, please come in to assist with deciding what stays and what goes. If no one shows up, it will be assumed rubbish and discarded. Anyone available help out will be appreciated.

Hand Sanitizer: There is hand sanitizer available for use in the Church. It is located at entry to rear doors and gathering table. Wash your hands when entering and leaving the church.

Collections: The collection containers will be on the sign-in table. Collection bags are **NOT** to be passed around.

Many Thanks: We extend a big thank you to Greg Lalor and Bernie French for their stellar work in fixing the speakers at the weekend.

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

Cleaning Roster: 17/07/2020 Pam Hickey, Elena Egan, Maria Owen, Reg Harrington.

Security call out charges: For parishioners who have a swipe card for the Church grounds, please be mindful when they are disarming and arming the alarms. If not done properly and Fr Timothy is not on site to attend, the security company charges a call out fee which the church has to pay. If users are unsure of how to operate the security swipe they can contact the Parish Office for assistance.

CWF Receipts: CWF receipts are available on the table in the Gathering Area.

Lost and found: A Police Association of NSW badge has been found in the car park. Please contact the Parish Office on 4341 1073 to retrieve it.

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/>

Mass Times: Please note the time changes to **weekday morning Mass and Sunday evening Mass**

Monday - Friday **8:30am**,
Saturday 9am (Adoration after) & 5pm;
Sunday 7:30am, 9:15am & **5pm**.
Healing Mass (1st Friday of the month); 4pm;

Confession Times:

Friday 9am, 3:30pm (1st Friday of the month);
Saturday 9.30 am; 4:30pm;
Sunday 7am.

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.

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.

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

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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.

Please consider putting the majority of your donations in the 2nd collection as this is where it is the most needed.

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.

First reading

Isaiah 55:10-11 ©

The word that goes out from my mouth does not return to me empty

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

Second reading

Romans 8:18-23 ©

The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

Gospel Acclamation

1S3:9, Jn6:68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew

13:1-23 ©

A sower went out to sow

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied, 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive.

For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

Fransalian Quote

Inspiration draws us to faith. If it does not meet with any opposition from us, it leads us even to repentance and charity. (TLG, Book II, Ch. 21).

St. Francis de Sales