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"He must increase, I must decrease"

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St John the Baptist Primary School

St John the Baptist Primary School is now enrolling for Kindergarten 2021. For all enquiries

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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: Allan Ryan, Peter Gallagher, Geoff Floyd, Noeline Cairns., Marie Bugeja, Mike Feneck.

Anniversary: Patrick John Simmons, Melvee Carkeek, Bon Andersen, Albert David Snell, Sr Patricia Snell RSJ, Terry Curtis, Milagros Farthing, Prudencia Potestas, Sergei de Souza.

Remembrance: .Crisostomo Castillo, Sinforosa Castillo.

Sick: Pat Savage, 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 Chorazyczevska, Ada-Primrose Murphy, Larry Cresswell, Ken Joyce, Andrew Muggs, Roger Mitchell, Maureen Fotheringham, Max Annett, Daphne McNab, Shirley Crotty.



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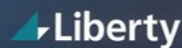
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*For St John's parishioners or their friends who settle a home loan by 30 April 2020. Amanda will donate \$300 to a local community centre. Approved applicants only. Lending criteria apply. Amanda Lawer has access to a panel of lenders through Liberty Network Services Pty Ltd (ABN 66 251 198 628) (Australian Credit Licence 400042) (SLN) including Liberty Financial Pty Ltd (ABN 55 077 248 983) which owns LMS.



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



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

19th July 2020, Year A

Psalter Week 4

PLEASE REMEMBER TO REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE AT BACK OF GATHERING AREA



The **Gospel** is from St. Matthew 13:24-43.

Today's parable is Christ's answer to the question so frequently asked: "Why does God permit evil to triumph so often in this world, why are the wicked allowed to prosper?" The triumph of the wicked is short-lived, the reward of the Christian who suffers from their wickedness is everlasting. The very wickedness and injustices of evil-doers are one of the ways that God uses to perfect his chosen people. It is only on a battlefield that a true soldier can be proved.

In the parable, the weed does not destroy the wheat. It only makes it more difficult for the wheat to grow to maturity. So it is with the Christian. No one can take our faith from us, but living up to it is made more difficult by the evil influence and bad example of sinners. If some

succumb to this evil influence and give up the practice of our long cherished faith, the fault is theirs. God can force no man to serve him.

The patience of the farmer in letting the weed grow on until harvest time, exemplifies the infinite mercy of God toward sinners. The weed could not change its nature, but sinners can change their ways and God gives them every chance and every help to do this, up to their last moment of life. No sinner will be excluded from heaven because of the sins he committed but because he did not repent of these sins while he had the opportunity. Ex Judas Iscariot could have been forgiven had he repented, but he chose the other way! The woman caught in adultery was forgiven because she repented.

We must learn a double lesson of patience from this parable. **First**, to be patient with those who make our spiritual progress more difficult for us—they are actually helping us to be better Christians if we bear with patience the injuries they inflict on us. **Second**, we must try to imitate the patience God shows in his dealings with sinners. While we must not approve of their evil deeds, or their sins, we must still look on them as our brothers and sisters, and do all in our power to put them back on the right road to heaven. We can do this by good example, and by fervent prayer for their conversion. This is not easy for human nature, but we can be certain that God will give us the necessary grace and strength to overcome our natural weakness and aversion, if we try to act with charity and true human interest toward our erring fellow human being.

By acting thus, we will not only be helping a weak brother on the rugged road to heaven, we will also be making doubly sure of our own arrival there, for God will never be outdone in generosity.

A moment of prayerful silence so that the Word of God may enter into us and enlighten our life. Some questions to help us in our personal reflection.

- What is your reaction towards the evil that you see around you and in yourself? Is it the reaction of the servants or that of the owner?
- b) What are the signs of the presence of the Reign that you can see in the world and in your life?
- c) What image of God appears from these three parables? Is this your image of God?
- d) Do I look at others as the way Jesus sees them?
- e) If Jesus is around me how would he have seen me?

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.

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.

Sacrament of Confirmation 2020: Bishop Anthony has advised that the Sacrament of Confirmation will not be celebrated in 2020. This will mean that the acceptance of candidates into the programme will be delayed until 2021. The Sacrament of Confirmation going forward will be celebrated with those who have reached the age of 8, and who are typically in Year 3. Reconciliation and Eucharist will therefore be celebrated with those who are 9 and in Year 4.

Cleaning Roster: 24/07/2020 Kevin Glacken, Laurie Jarvis, Peter Smith, Christina Thorson.

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.

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.

Living Will Cenacle Meetings: The Living Will Cenacle will now be meeting monthly on the 1st Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be after 9 am mass on Thursday, 6th August.

As a Parish Community there is nothing more uplifting than joining together to sing our Hymns however; we strongly ask you to refrain from singing at this time, due to the risks attached to Covid-19

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 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
BSB: 062 784
Account Number: 1200 8001

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 (this goes to 2nd collection) 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.

First reading

Wis 12:13, 16-19 ©

You will grant repentance after sin

There is no God, other than you, who cares for every thing, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

Second reading

Rom 8:26-27 ©

The Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God. .

Gospel Acclamation

cf.Ep1:17,18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 13:24-43 ©

Let them both grow till the harvest

Jesus put another parable before the crowds: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest

time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

He put another parable before them: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy: I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

YOUTH NEWS

I am asking the Youth Ministry Committee if they could please book Wednesday the 22nd for our meeting at 7.00pm at Leo Mahon room, and if you are busy please let me know. This meeting will just be a general meeting and we will decide what we are doing. Everyone interested in joining 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 or 0412 731 979. Leaders are required to understand the Anointed and Sent Model of Youth Ministry before exercising your gifts as a Leader. I hope we will resume Youth Group Gathering nights When we are ready. He must increase, we must decrease. Kiliti.