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"He must increase, I must decrease"

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St John the Baptist Primary School

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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

Cnr Blackwall and Victoria Roads, Woy Woy

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Anniversary: Sergei de Souza, Jack Busby, Shiela Walsh.

Sick: Pat Savage, Ernie Mullins, John Mitchell, Marie Dixon, Michael Taylor, 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, Daphne McNab, Shirley Crotty, Eileen Jones.



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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 65 251 198 628) (Australian Credit Licence 400042) (NSIC) including Liberty Financial Pty Ltd (ABN 55 077 248 983) which owns LNS.



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



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
26th July 2020, Year A (Psalter Week 1)
A Parishioner's Thoughts

PLEASE REMEMBER TO REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE AT BACK OF GATHERING AREA



The Priest and the Profession

Profession is a funny word to use when describing the role of a Priest. Typically, a profession is chosen based on the individual's strengths and interests; but becoming a Priest is much more than that alone as it is a Vocation, a call from God. It takes commitment and many years of education and training to reach the level of enlightenment to that of a Priest.

No amount of training can prepare a man for the unexpected aspects of Parish life. We need to bear in mind that our Priests are human like everyone else.

They feel the same emotions, the same fears and the same frustrations. Every weekend we fulfil our obligation of weekly Mass and we go home to our families, friends or even pets but our Priest's lives can be so isolated. Yes, they have the support and friendship of the people but at the end of each day they are alone. This is more so felt with those living in small country towns or who are here from another country. Some may live in a shared presbytery with another Priest or two, but they still lead an autonomous existence. Baptisms, Weddings, Confirmation etc., standard practices we come to expect from a Priest, are some of the most joyous in a family's life but again, after the Sacrament is over and the celebration moves on to the next venue, the Priest is often forgotten. Then there are the late night calls for Last Rites to someone they have formed a bond with outside of Church. They must maintain their Priestly position but also grieve for a friend.

There is an enormous pressure on our Priests who are ultimately responsible for the overseeing of all Parish administration duties and must also ensure both Canon Laws and Civil Laws are upheld, as well as liturgical procedures. However, the most difficult to manage is the many different personalities which make up a Parish community and as with any good shepherd it is the role of the Priest to guide his flock. As a Parishioner we need take responsibility for our own actions and ask ourselves if our comments or behaviour is being our best Christian self. No one 'owns' our Church, no one 'owns' our Parish, we need to all work together to create a wonderful, inclusive community where people feel comfortable to be involved. Ideas and contribution towards the Church that come from a place of good intention should be expressed to the Priest but the final decision and responsibility lies with him and should be respected. Disrespect towards a Priest is like a child disrespecting a parent; honour thy mother and father as we have been commanded. We are to honour our Priests, obey them in lawful activity and defend their good character. There are times when risk of harm to a person or the Church may occur when a person has the right to speak up however this should not include personality clashes, flat-out judgement and liturgical pettiness. Think of a doctor; one would not attend a surgery and quote from a medical journal, questioning the doctor on his knowledge of a profession they have dedicated their life to.

In this ever changing world where moral and social practices are becoming more accepted, we need to hold on to the one thing that keeps our religion together, OUR PRIESTS.

We need to show honour and respect for our Priests, as they are our connection with the Lord.

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.

PLEASE NOTE: It is extremely important that every Parishioner is aware of the health advice during this Pandemic. If the church is found to be in breach these guideline we will find ourselves with a hefty fine so PLEASE read the signs and the notices and familiarise yourself with the information provided.

Parish News:

The number of people per Masses has been capped again. The maximum number allowed is 100 people. When you arrive for Mass there will be someone at the sign-in table conducting a headcount. Once 100 people are signed in, any remaining people will be invited to attend the Walter Baker Hall where a simultaneous Mass will be held. **It is imperative that EVERY PERSON who enters the church or Hall for Mass puts their name and contact details on the list in the Gathering Space. This includes Musicians and Servers and Readers.** This information will be handed over the Health Department should an outbreak occur.

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

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.

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.

Fransalian Quote

Live humbly, trusting in the Lord rather than in fear of the Lord. (AE VI, 416 SC II, p.147)

St. Francis de Sales

Thank You

A big thank you to everyone who gave their time last week in both the clearing up of the store room downstairs on Thursday and Friday and to those involved in the working bee on Saturday. Your assistance and generosity, as always, was invaluable.

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

1 Kg 3:5, 7-12 ©

Solomon chooses the gift of wisdom

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its number cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

Second reading

Rom 8:28-30 ©

Those he called, he justified

We know that by turning everything to their good, God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 13:44-52 ©

He sells everything he owns and buys the field

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is

like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

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.

Bank: Commonwealth Bank
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 (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.