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**St John the Baptist Church**

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**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.

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

**Anniversary:** Fr Ferdi Fuhlendorf, Faela Casey, Mary Dolan David Tullipan, Sally King.

**Recently Deceased:** Pauline Johnson.

**Remembrance:** Feliciano Soler, Norma Jarvis, Beverley Taylor, Lynne Jarvis, Mary Gatt.

**Sick:** Larry Sheil, Pauline Hogan, Pat Savage, Ernie Mullins, John Mitchell, Marie Dixon, Michael Taylor, Donna Vella, Jo Farrelle, 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, Anne Singleton, Tina Cohen, Janice Green, Robert Parker, Maureen Wardrop, Ros Harbig, Karen Chorazyczewska, Max Annett, Ada-Primrose Murphy, Larry Cresswell, Ken Joyce, Andrew Muggs, Roger Mitchell, Maureen Fotheringham, Daphne McNab, Shirley Crotty, Eileen Jones, Marie McNamee.



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



**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**9th August 2020, Year A (Psalter Week 3)**

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

**Reflection Michel DeVerteuil: A Trinidadian Holy Ghost Priest, Specialist in Lectio Divina**



At first reading, today's passage looks like one story, but in fact several stories are woven into it, and we cannot meditate on them all at the same time. We therefore separate the various strands and focus on one at a time. We might eventually find a link between them (the early Church did hand down the passage as a unity) but if we do find the link, it must happen spontaneously and in its own time.

In our meditation we choose our perspective. We can focus on Jesus, the ideal leader, parent, friend, spiritual guide; he is also the model of the Church in the world, and indeed of any alternative community which brings

hope to the rest of humanity. On the other hand we can focus on those to whom Jesus ministers – the disciples, the crowd, St Peter. They are ourselves when we have a deep experience of grace and salvation.

Jesus sends away both the disciples and the crowds so that he can go up on the hills by himself and pray. This is the moment when those of us who have authority over others feel the need to get in touch with our deepest selves. We are able to distance ourselves from those we have responsibility for.

By doing this we also give them the space to find themselves – an essential aspect of exercising authority. Even though, like Jesus, we end up having to go and rescue them, it is still a moment of growth – for them and for us.

Jesus becomes aware (because he was at prayer?) that the disciples are in crisis; their boat is far out on the lake, they are battling against a high wind, he walks on the water to meet them. This is a deeply symbolical act in the bible, since the Jews saw the sea as evil, the dwelling place of terrifying monsters. Jesus walking on the water then, especially in a storm, is a deeply moving picture of the good person walking boldly and confidently into an evil environment. Here again we can make the link with verses 22-23 – it was because he was faithful to his times of solitary prayer that he had the power to walk on the water.

The focus shifts to the disciples. When they see Jesus they are terrified, thinking "it is a ghost", but he encourages them. We too when we panic, become suspicious and fearful even of goodness; only gradually do we recognise that it is a moment of grace.

The incident with St Peter is clearly a later addition to the main story. It has touched the imagination of Christians over the centuries, has been painted many times and has been the subject of countless sermons. Here again we can focus either on Jesus or on Peter: – Jesus is the ideal leader and guide. The story reminds us that great leaders have the capacity to bring out the best in people – make them feel that they can step out and go beyond their usual limitations to do great things. A striking picture of the role of the Church in society. Peter represents us when we take a bold step and then once we have stepped out become afraid. Jesus the true friend challenges but does not reject – he continues to offer Peter his support.

The climax of the story. Jesus finishes the task he set himself – he gets into the boat and the wind drops. We must avoid an escapist interpretation. Jesus does not always calm storms, what he always does is convey the message that he has power over the forces of evil. The disciples experience the victory of goodness over evil, grace over sin, life over death. It is a moment of rest, of "blessed assurance" – "the wind drops" – and of security – "Jesus gets in the boat". They know they are in the presence of God, so they "bow down before him".

*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 of these guidelines we will find ourselves with a hefty fine so PLEASE read the signs and the notices and familiarise yourself with the information provided.

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.

### 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, Servers and Readers.** This information will be handed over the Health Department should an outbreak occur.

**Attention Readers, Servers & Musicians (organists and cantors)** Please note that readers, servers & musicians are included in 100 person headcount. Fr Timothy has asked those rostered to arrive a little earlier than normal to sign in. **Can readers sit in the small section at the front of the Church which is reserved for Servers.**

**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.

**The Feast of Mary Mackillop:** On the Feast day of Mary Mackillop, Saturday 8th August 2020, Mary Mackillop Place will be closed. Mass in the Mary Mackillop Memorial Chapel will be livestreamed at 10am followed by a time of prayer at the Tomb

**Lost and Found:** A gold and pearl earring has been lost. It is of great sentimental value. If found contact the Parish Office please on 4341 1073.

### Attention all kids:

The Kid's Bulletins are a resource for Catholic children who would like to have some fun while learning about the from Sunday Mass every week. To learn more click <https://thekidsbulletin.com/about/>. To access the bulletins click <https://thekidsbulletin.com>  
To access free online Children's liturgy of the Word videos click <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfg9euOFFmsu-xx7S2tCcNA> or search Heidi Witte-YouTube.

**Cleaning Roster: 14/08/2020** Veronica Jordan, Michael French, Christine French, Pam Hickey.

### Become a catechist in 2020!

We are in need of new Special Religious Education teachers or catechists. The following classes need their own Special Religious Education Teacher.

We have classes available at:

**Woy Woy South Primary** with classes at 9am and 9.30am on Tuesdays

**Ettalong Primary** with classes at 10:20am and 11:30am on Tuesdays

**Woy Woy Primary** with classes at 9am. and 9:30 am on Wednesdays

**Umina Primary** with classes at 9:20am. and 10am. on Fridays

If you have never been in a classroom, you will be teamed up with an experienced catechist and 'learn as you go.'

The original meaning of "catechist" is one who "echoes God's word", however catechists are much more than that. Facilitating a child's faith formation is a rewarding experience that does not require a teacher's degree or an advanced degree in theology: all it requires is enthusiasm, as well as generosity in sharing your time with others.

Classes are once a week and run for 30-35 mins. Resources, lesson plans, teacher's manuals, student workbooks, free support and training are provided. Please contact Michael on 0407 218 677. He will be able to answer your questions and help you take the first steps to becoming a Special Religious Education teacher

### 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.**

### First reading

**1 Kings 19:9,11-13 ©**

*The Lord was not in the wind, or the earthquake, or the fire*

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

### Second reading

**Romans 9:1-5 ©**

*I would willingly be condemned if it could help my brothers*

What I want to say now is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

### Gospel Acclamation

**cf Ps129:5**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
My soul is waiting for the Lord,  
I count on his word.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

**Matthew 14:22-33 ©**

*Jesus walks on the water*

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once

Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

### St. Francis De Sales Guides:

*Lessons on Love - Let there be no evil*

Love is the foundation of genuine relationships, friendship and LIFE itself. However, love is also the most misinterpreted, misunderstood and misused and abused reality. Therefore, in the coming few days let's learn from SFS some very practical realistic advice and lessons on love, relationships, friendship and live love in genuine form.

SFS says, "Love holds first rank among all the emotions. It is the king of all the movements of the heart.

\*"Love changes all the rest to itself and makes us such as what is loved. (In other words, we become like what we love)

Therefore, He says, \*"Be on Guard that there is no evil in your love. Because if there is evil in your love, soon you will completely become evil.

### Reflection:

It's very true in our life. We are captivated by love and become like what we love.

If what we love is noble worthy, our life becomes noble, prosperous and progressive.

If what we love is blame worthy, our life losses focus, becomes regressive, regretful and destructive.

### Resolve:

\*Love is a basic emotion to all of us but let us resolve to remove all evil from it.

\* Examine whether what we love is praise worthy or blame worthy. And keep up praise worthy love and give up blame worthy love.

\* Seek God's grace in this process for it is nearly impossible to overcome such evil without His grace.

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