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"He must increase, I must decrease"

Administrator

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 5pm;
Sunday 7.30am, 9.15am, 6pm.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday-Friday 7.45am (Monday & Tuesday with Lauds)
Saturday and Public Holidays 9am.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK First Friday
4pm Mass

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE Friday
after morning Mass; First Friday
3.30pm; Saturday 9.30am (after
morning Mass) & 4.30pm; Sunday
7.00am.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Baptism
Preparation - 9.30am second and
fourth Sunday of the month
Sacrament of Baptism - 11.00am first
and third Sunday of the month . Please
contact the parish office for more
information.

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT** Saturday after 9am Mass
until 10am Monday until 9am (Public
Holidays 10.15am) Thursday 7.30pm-
8.30pm for the needs of the Parish.

PARISH CHOIR Enquiries: 0417 659
526. Practice Wed nights in the church
@ 7pm. New members welcome.

Christian Meditation Monday
evenings 6-7pm in the Leo Mahon
room. All welcome. Enquiries 0432 882
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St John the Baptist Church

Cnr Blackwall and Victoria Roads, Woy Woy

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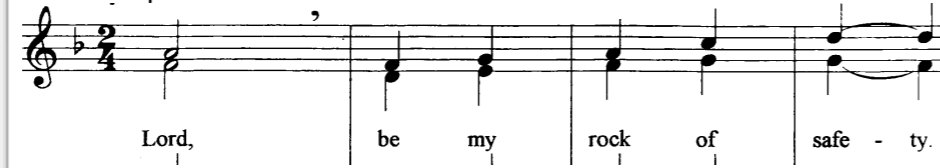
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Psalm Response

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Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! I am the vine and you are the branches, says the Lord; those who live in me, and I in them, will bear much fruit. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Readings: 8th March 2020

Gen 12:1-4; 2 Tim 1:8-10; Mt 17:1-9

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

Recently Deceased: Larry Cullen, Beverley Tomkins, Brian Clarke, Maureen Cowsls.

Remembrances: Mary Dolan, Arthur, Muriel & John Brown , Brown Family.

Sick: Ernie Mullins, John Mitchell, Marie Dixon, Michael Taylor, Kathleen Bezzina, Geoff Floyd, Elaine Finlayson, Tom Searle, Joan Kelleher, Vicki Pirie, Patricia Dwyer, Donna Vella, Donna Briemer, Oscar James Morreti, Betty Fraser, Luis Emilio Garrido, Audrey Kirkman, Malin Tugaga, Pamela Power, Mary Scarf, Louis & Rose Aloisio, Amanda Sheridan, Audey Barsenbach, Marta Panczyna, Mary Wood, Therese Horner, Jack Dummett, Jo Farrelle, Anne Singleton, Tina Cohen, Janice Green, Robert Parker, Maureen Wardrop, Ros Harbig, Sheila Rogan, Karen Chorazyczewska, Ian Wilks, Michael Hourigan, John Horrigan, Ed Hyland, Daphne McNab, Shirley Crotty, Ada-Primrose Murphy, Tim Parker, Lorraine Smith, Larry Cresswell, Ken Joyce, Alison Richmond, June Townsend, Andrew Muggs, Sheila Houghton, Frank Levy, Dorothy Fulton, Roger Mitchell.

Quotes from Amoris Laetitia... "The Joy of Love"
Pope Francis

We also find it hard to make room for the consciences of the faithful, who very often respond as best they can to the Gospel amid their limitations, and are capable of carrying out their own discernment in complex situations. We have been called to form consciences, not to replace them.

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St John the Baptist Catholic Church

Mission and Vision

Bringing Jesus Christ to ALL, through:

Worship and Liturgy

Outreach

Our Parish School

Hospitality

Adult & Child Faith Formation



1st Sunday of Lent

1st March 2020, Year A (Psalter Week 1)

Gospel Reflection—© Fr Richard Leonard SJ



Hearing the story of Adam and Eve in today's first reading reminds me of the little boy who opened the large family Bible with fascination, and looked at the old pages as he turned them. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible, and he picked it up and looked at it closely. It was an old leaf from a tree that had been pressed in between the pages. 'Mummy, look what I found', the little boy called out. 'What have you got there, dear?' his mother asked. With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered: 'I think it's Adam's suit!'

The Genesis story about the origins of sin in the world rewards very careful reading. The serpent promises Eve two things: that her eyes will be opened to know good from evil and that this will make her like God. Such a temptation was irresistible and nothing has changed.

Knowledge is a gift given us by God. I am always grateful for being a Catholic because, along with other long-standing Christian denominations, we highly value scholarship, rational thought and inquiry. As anxious as the Church has sometimes been about scientific investigations, our best traditions are to see God revealed in human thoughts and scientific achievements that ennoble our human family. It is the application of knowledge, or the way it is abused, that can be harmful.

On the domestic front, many families have a 'know-it-all', the relative who has an extraordinary ability to retain facts and figures and who seems to gain a sense of self-worth by correcting us mid-sentence when we get a number, place or fact wrong. He or she can be very irritating. On the world stage we have seen how scientific knowledge can try and seduce us into believing that all scientific achievements are good no matter how unknown the consequences of these choices might be for future generations. Every new piece of knowledge brings with it wonderful potentialities and serious responsibilities. As this story demonstrates, the temptation to know as much as God has never been more real than it is right now.

One day a group of scientists got together and decided that man had come a long way and no longer needed God. The scientists walk up to God and say, 'God we've decided that we no longer need you. We're to the point that we can clone people and do many miraculous things, so why don't you just go on and get lost.'

God listened patiently and after the scientists were finished, said, 'Very well! How about this? Let's have a woman-and-man-making contest.' To which they agreed. However God added, 'How about we do this just like I did back in the old days with Adam?' The scientists said, 'Sure, no problem', and bent down and grabbed some dirt. God just looked at them and said, 'No, no, no. You go and get your own dirt!'

Today's Gospel is about knowledge too. Satan knows who Jesus is. His temptations are an attempt to get Jesus to betray his humanity and not endure the limitations of his daily life. Jesus knows that the only way to be true to his divinity is allow us to see it shine in and through his human life. The rejection of the temptation to compromise his frail human frame gives us the hope that we, too, can glimpse the power of God's greatness in every moment we reject the desire to be directors of our own destiny and to see good triumph over evil in the choices we make.

It's a relief to know we don't have to be God! May this Lent see us do what we are created for: to use all our knowledge to praise, reverence and serve the Loving One who willed us into being.

Parish News

Office Closure: The office will be closed on Tuesday 3rd March 2020 and will reopen Wednesday 4th March. Sorry for any inconvenience.

New Bus Fund Collection: Our parish bus brings approximately 35 parishioners to weekend Masses, is used for day trips, Sit and Chat transportation and assists in delivering Family Ministry and St Vincent de Paul hampers at Christmas. All money donated to this collection will go into a Bus Trust Fund and will be used towards purchasing a new bus when the need arises.

First Holy Communion Programme 2020: Presentation of candidates preparing for the sacrament of Holy Communion at all Masses this weekend. Please keep them in your prayers.

Project Compassion: Your donation to Project Compassion gives expression to the Gospel imperative to pursue justice and help those vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice. Project Compassion envelopes are available in the Gathering Area.

Thank you: Fr Jayaseelan would like to thank each and everyone for the kindness extended to him during his visit here. He particularly enjoyed morning tea last week.

World Day of Prayer: It is our turn to host World Day of Prayer. The Service will be held on Friday 6th March Commencing at 10.30 am. There will be approximately 995 services celebrated on the same day across Australia. This years service has been written by the women of Zimbabwe. Refreshments will be held afterwards in the Leo Mahon Room We would like some help from some of our parishioners to serve and prepare the refreshments. Please call Phoebe Glacken 0416 056 324 or 0407 911 904. Everyone is welcome.

Coronavirus: We have received a directive from our Vicar General advising that the Chalice is not to be shared at any Mass but is to be reserved for the Celebrant(s) only.

Welcome to our new Assistant Priest : On behalf of Fr Timothy and the Parish Community we would like to extend our welcome to Fr Lourduwamy who will be arriving on 3 March and will be assisting Fr Timothy in our parish.

Lenten Programme 2020

Fridays - Stations of the Cross at 6.30 p.m.

Wednesdays - Stations of the Cross at 6.30p.m. followed by the Eucharist at 7.00p.m.

2nd Rite of Reconciliation: Friday, 3rd April at 7.00 pm.

SJB PARISH YOUTH MINISTRY

Our Parish Vision is Bringing Jesus Christ to All. : "He must increase, I must decrease".

Youth Ministry Training is well on the way with five sessions completed. Our next training is on this coming Wednesday from 7.00pm to 9.00pm and on Saturday the 7th from 10.00am to 3.00pm.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK MUST BE IN BY THE 6TH OF MARCH PLEASE

YOUTH OPENING NIGHT

8TH OF MARCH 2020

LEO MAHON ROOM (WILL RELOCATE IF MORE PEOPLE ARE ATTENDING)

FAMILY DINNER WITH THE YOUTH

7.15 PM – 9.00PM

**Bring your sons and daughters and your family
Please book with Kiliti on 0412731979 or Bernie on 0417698760 COME AND SEE!**

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS DISCIPLESHIP A MEAL AND FUN GAMES

We have decided to start the **First Youth Meeting with a FAMILY DINNER**. All the youth and young adults that sign up plus the families of the Youth Ministry Team are invited to attend and welcome everyone. Details will follow soon for catering and responsibilities.



It is not too late to join us if you wanted to be part of this great ministry. **All adults that are participating are required to be trained and complete Working with Children's check** by the 6th of March before activating your gifts and talents to help. Please email your WWCC to woywoyparish@bbcatholic.org.au. Those who cannot make it to the training at the above times will be trained in their available time – please let me know in advance. Our Youth Ministry Team are still recruiting for:
Youth Leaders and Mentors (Aged 18 and over needed – we will train you)
Youth Group Members aged 12 – 17
Young Adult Members aged 18 – 30
Please sign up on pages provided if you want to be a Youth Member. Contact Kiliti 0412731979 or the Parish Office 4341 1073.



Old Boys' Invitation to Open Day

SATURDAY 7 MARCH 2020
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Old boys are invited to tour the College on our Open Day

- Come and see how the College has changed
- View old yearbooks and photographs
- Tell us what you've been doing post-school
- Have a sausage sandwich and reminisce with old friends

Old Boys' check in on the concourse

Eucharistic Miracle at Buenos Aires

Parishioners are invited to hear Mr Ron Tesoriero speak about his experiences with The Eucharistic Miracle at Buenos Aires. Ron is a lawyer and documentary maker. With Mike Willesee he investigated the facts and scientific evidence of how living heart tissue emerged from a communion host. How did life come from nonliving matter? His website reasontobelieve.com.au is a must to view. Ron will be speaking at a dinner at the Davistown RSL on Thursday 19th March, 7:00 for 7:15. The dinner is hosted by the Catenian Association. Cost is \$30, a 2 course dinner with wine.

For catering: Please RSVP Wednesday 11th March 2020. SMS 0410434840

email: brisbanewatercircle@gmail.com

St John Paul II Pilgrimage

20 days Pilgrimage to Croatia and All Italian Shrines with Fr Timothy Raj MSFS Spiritual Director. Francis Williams (Travel Coordinator)

Depart Sydney Thursday 3 September 2020 and return Sydney Tuesday 22 September 2020 (17 nights)

Trip includes

Round-trip airfare Sydney/Dubai/Zagreb/Dubrovnik - Venice/Dubai/Sydney. One way flight Split/Rome 17 nights centrally located 3 stars hotels: (or similar)

Francis William will be here on 8th March 2020 to meet with those who have given the names for the Pilgrimage after 9.15a.m. Mass at Leo Mohan's room. To contact: His telephone number is 0404 893 877 or by email at perthfamily888@gmail.com.

Salesian Thought

Blessed are the obedient, for God will never let them go astray. (IDL, Part III, Ch. 11)

Saint Francis de Sales

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March Prayer intention for evangelisation - Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

Rosters

Volunteer Church Cleaning 06/03/20: Cheryl Sillick, Elena Egan, Maria Owen, Linda Potestas.

Children's Liturgy 08/03/20: Anne Marie Tonkin, Roselle Bravo, Gerri O'Keeffe.

Cash Housie every Saturday night at Peninsula Community Centre, Cnr Ocean Beach Rd & McMasters Rd, Woy Woy. Games start at 7.30pm and finish 10.20pm, cash prizes. Ticket sales from 6pm. Proceeds benefit the Parish.

Enquiries Rob: 0427 990 818.

St Vincent de Paul Society on the Peninsula assist and give a hand up to people in need. We have two Conferences with volunteers sharing the visiting or office work. New Volunteers are always welcome. Please ring Pat 0403 672 077 or Peter 0425 358 376.

Ethel Cox Parish Centre - "Mary Mac's Place" Hospitality volunteers provide nutritious, freshly cooked meals and information and referrals to appropriate community services. Open Monday to Friday, 11am-1pm, at the Ethel Cox Parish Centre. For more information, please contact 4341 0584.

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