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"He must increase, I must decrease"

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**St John the Baptist Church**

Cnr Blackwall and Victoria Roads, Woy Woy

**Ethel Cox Parish Centre**

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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:** Sebastian Lee Hee-Chang, Sally King, David Staunton.

**Recently Deceased:** Margaret Quilkey, Peter Burrow.

**Remembrance:** Mary Catania, Frank, Mary & Katerina Justic.

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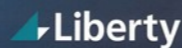
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\*For St John's parishioners or their friends who settle a home loan by 30 April 2020. Amanda will donate \$300 to a local community centre. Approved applicants only. Lending criteria apply. Amanda Lawer has access to a panel of lenders through Liberty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



**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**16<sup>th</sup> August 2020, Year A (Psalter Week 4)**

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



**Feast of the Assumption**

With this feast of Mary's Assumption to Heaven, we proclaim that when Mary's earthly life was over, she was raised into heaven, body and soul, where she lives with Christ in union with the Trinity.

As with all that we believe about Mary, the teaching of the Assumption really comes down to what we believe about Jesus. Jesus' incarnation and resurrection both show us that God seeks us out, makes us holy, and will raise us from the dead as whole human persons—body and soul together. Just as we were created with a soul united to a body, so we will be saved in both soul and body.

Though our souls separate from our bodies when we die, our souls will be reunited with our glorified bodies at the end of time when we are resurrected from the dead.

Mary's Assumption into heaven is simply the precursor to this reality. In this, and in all things, she goes before us in faith.

The Church established this feast in 1950, at a time when the world needed an affirmation of the dignity of the human person, body and soul. It came at the conclusion of two world wars, after the slaughter of so many in the middle of the most violent and bloody century in human history.

It is easy to compartmentalize the spiritual life from the daily life we lead at work and at home. Mary's Assumption into heaven is a reminder that our faith cannot be abstracted from our experience as embodied persons in the world. If like Mary, we can reflect God's holiness in our day-to-day lives, we will also conquer death and be raised, body and soul, to the glory of heaven. Let us strive to emulate Mary's faithfulness with both our bodies and our souls.

Today is a Holy Day of Obligation, when Catholics gather around the world to celebrate an important aspect of our faith. Mary's Assumption is depicted in a wall mural in the Basilica as well as in this stained glass window; the reliquary chapel contains fragments of what was to be Mary's tomb.

On this feast of the Assumption, may we follow Mary's example by reflecting God's holiness in body and soul!



75th Anniversary

**End of the Second World War**

Australia Remembers 2020

On 15 August 1945, Japan surrendered and in doing so ended war in the Pacific with Australia and America, and the final chapter of the Second World War. Saturday 15 August 2020 marks the 75th anniversary of the surrender, what has become known as VP or VJ day (Victory in the Pacific or Victory over Japan). Just as many churches rang their bells in 1945 on hearing the announcement that the war was over, the bells of our parish church rang out at 11am in commemoration of the anniversary of the surrender and the sacrifice made by so many in another terrible and unnecessary war. Lest We Forget.

*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 font walls, just inside the church doors. Collection bags are **NOT** to be passed around.

**Cleaning Roster: 21/08/2020** Kevin Glacken, Kathleen Cullen, Maria Owen, Elena Egan.

### Youth News:

Our Youth Ministry Team has started to meet up again in preparation for what might be happening within our Parish in the near future. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> of August in the Leo Mahon room at 7.00 pm. Please come prepared for our Refresher Training of our Model – Anointed and Sent Comprehensive Youth Ministry) After the refresher Nights we will move to Youth Night planning and Programming.

All who are interested in joining our Youth Ministry Team aged 18 and above. Please contact Kiliti on [sk2230grace@gmail.com](mailto:sk2230grace@gmail.com) or 0412 731 979 or Bernie O'Keefe on 0417 698 760

Young Adults are encouraged to come forward and join our team in reaching out to our parish teenagers and young adult as well. This is an opportunity for you to participate in the training.

### 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  
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

Isaiah 56:1,6-7

*I will bring foreigners to my holy mountain*

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

### Second reading Romans

11:13-15,29-32

*With Israel, God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice*

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

### Gospel Acclamation

cf.Mt4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom  
Alleluia!

### Gospel Matthew

15:21-28

*The Canaanite woman debates with Jesus and saves her daughter*

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

### St. Francis De Sales Guides:

*Lessons on Love - Flirtatious & Fickle love is destructive - Detest it*

When there is Sensual love and relationship between two persons without the intention of marriage or outside marriage, SFS refers it as flirtations and fickle love. He says, they are just some miserable specimens or phantoms of friendship. They do not deserve the name of friendship nor Love. Many fall prey to this kind of friendship and love.

\*He says, in some cases for years or months it may not directly end in unchastity against the body but corrupts the soul through bad thoughts, desires, sighs, and flirtations, etc.

\*Some don't even pay attention to the choice of their love instead are moved by their taste and instinct not by reason. \*The moment they see a pleasant person who pleases their instinct, they start with flirtations captivated by external looks.

\*Still others engage in such foolish love because they think it gives some glory, some identity and control. (Eg. with Superiors, in work set up, famous personalities, influential persons etc.).

\*Some others feel it's ok to just have some fun, to give in a little, what's wrong, I am not going to give in fully.

But St. Francis cautions,

\*"you think a spark of love, you will be astonished to see that in an instant it will seize your heart and reduce all your good resolve to ashes and your reputation to smoke."

\*To this list I would like to add a recent trend.' If a boy or girl is not in love, it is considered today that something is wrong with them. So they are pressurised to fall prey.

\*What is interesting to note, in all these cases is, such relationships initially do not begin in the name of Sensuality, instead they always begin in the name of admiration, appreciation, cordiality, care, support, power, identity, name, fame, etc and slowly and steadily head to the inevitable evil of sensual love and destruction of oneself.

\*Yet more dangerous aspect of this fickle love is that in most of the cases, the externals are the parameters of our judgment. We fall prey without examining the interior attitudes, conduct, character etc. Thus thrusting oneself into these miserable traps from which it becomes very difficult to extricate.

\*"Such love consequently, steal Genuine love from ourselves, our heart from God, from the wife, husband, (mother/father and family) where it belonged."

\*"On the contrary such love, wastes time, compromises on honour, dignity, reputation, leads to perpetual distrust, jealousy and anxieties/ Guilt."

\*St. Francis observes: what foolishness it is to gamble the principal power(love) we have to no purpose, on such trifling stakes and lose it.

\*The whole of our Love is reserved for God in gratitude for creating us, preserving and saving us. God seeks humans only for our soul, our soul only for His will and His will only for His love.

### Resolve:

\*Genuine love creates Life.

\*Happiness, joy, sharing, caring and sacrificing, forgiving, etc are spontaneous expressions that we can find only in genuine love not in flirtations and fickle love.

\*Genuine love unites us with our Family, with what is good, valuable and praiseworthy and ultimately with God. So seek Genuine Love and relationship. Detest the rest.