

**OUT OF HOURS MEDICAL EMERGENCY**

0438 631 327

"He must increase, I must decrease"

**Administrator**

Fr. Timothy Raj M.S.F.S.

**Assistant Priest**

Fr. A Lourduswamy M.S.F.S.

**Office Secretary**

Triona Meagher

**Admin Assistant**

Raelene Spithill



**St John the Baptist Church**

Cnr Blackwall and Victoria Roads, Woy Woy

**Ethel Cox Parish Centre**

100 Blackwall Road Woy Woy

**Parish Office:** Open Mon, Wed & Fri 9.30 am - 4.00 pm  
and Tues & Thu 8.30 am - 3.00 pm

54 Victoria Road / PO Box 264, WOY WOY NSW 2256

Phone: (02) 4341 1073

Email: woywoyparish@bbcatholic.org.au

**St John the Baptist Primary School**

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

P: 02 4341 0884 E: www.sjbwoywoy.dbb.org.au

**Follow us:**

Website

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/woywoy>

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/stjohnthebaptist.woywoy>



**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:** Roy Ferris.

**Recently Deceased:** Michael van Ommen, Peter Worsley.

**Sick:** Josephine Weate, Mabel Torres, Tristan Mulligan, Ed Hyland, Sheila Rogan, Joan Fleming, Maria Linda Cabatingan, Eileen Jones, 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, Gorgie Brigdale.



**Bryan J. Reid Funeral Services**

1/39 Victoria Road, Woy Woy.

**Free Call:** 1800 032 225

100% Australian Owned



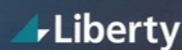
**Tanti Financial Services**

control your future

**Meet your local finance expert**

- Home and Car Loans
- Business Loans
- SMSF Loans
- Personal Loans

Amanda Lawer Liberty Adviser  
0478 055 609



**\$300 donation to a local community centre\***

\*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 (AFSL 65 251 198 628) (Australian Credit Licence 400042) (ASIC including Liberty Financial Pty Ltd (ABN 55 077 248 983) which owns LMS.



**CALVARY FUNERALS**  
LOW COST FUNERAL DIRECTORS  
OUR FAMILY  
*Caring For Your Family*

Tel: 1300 663 753  
1/77 Rawson Rd Woy Woy



**Hardwick's on Blackwall**

(Opposite corner to our church)  
4/115 Blackwall Rd,  
Woy Woy



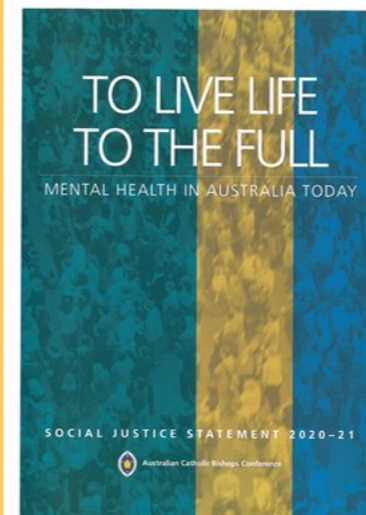
**WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH**  
**St John the Baptist Catholic Church**



**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**30<sup>th</sup> August 2020, Year A (Psalter Week 2)**

It is important now that **everyone at our celebration wear a mask**. People are encouraged to bring their own mask. However, there will be a supply of them available for those who may have forgotten one, a small donation to cover this cost is greatly appreciated. For further guidelines about masks, including mask types and who should and shouldn't wear them can be found here; <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/face-masks>.

**Sunday, 30th August marks Social Justice Sunday.**



The Catholic bishops of Australia have released the Social Justice Statement 2020-21, on the critical subject of mental health. Faith communities, governments and individuals are encouraged to make mental health a priority.

**To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today**

The COVID-19 pandemic is impacting the mental health of many members of our parishes, schools and communities. In fact, most of us will experience a mental health problem at some point over the course of our lives. Understanding mental health will help us to be aware of those who need our support. Our parishes, organisations and communities can be places of acceptance care and healing, not places of rejection, judgment or stigma.

In the Social Justice Statement *To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today*, the Bishops welcome the deinstitutionalisation of mental health care in Australia. However, without adequately funded community mental health services, there is a gap in the system through which people continue to fall. Social determinants including poverty, living conditions, and personal security are significant contributors to mental ill-health. The Statement highlights the experience of First Nations people and communities, asylum seekers and refugees, people who are homeless and those who are in prison.

The Bishops observe that "our society tends to draw away from, or to push away, those who confront us with our frailties and limitations" which is "completely at odds with the story of Jesus" who "takes on the frailty of the human condition" and "draws near to those who are sick or who have disabilities, those who are marginalized or despised". People living with mental ill-health are part of the Body of Christ – 'us' and not 'them' – and share equally in Jesus' promise of the fullness of life (Jn 10:10).

The Bishops invite us all to reject stigmatisation, to work for the transformation of social determinants of mental ill-health, and to call for policies and service provision that meets the needs of the poorest and most marginalised members of our community. The 2020-2021 Social Justice Statement, *To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today*, can be downloaded from the Office for Social Justice website: [http://bit.ly/SocialJustice\\_202](http://bit.ly/SocialJustice_202)

*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.*

### Covid19 Updates:

*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. — IF YOU FEEL UNWELL PLEASE STAY HOME*

**Our Diocese has had another Church closure - Holy Name Church at Wairoa. Please keep them in your Prayers.**

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

**Face Masks:** To be worn at Mass including upon entering and when leaving.

**Singing:** Chanting is permitted during our services however it is asked you still refrain from singing. The Cantor is to sing alone.

### Parish News:

**Cleaning Roster: 04/09/20** Pam Hickey, Kevin Glacken, Christina Thorson, Mary McCumstie.

**Planned Giving Envelopes:** PGE are available for collection from the table. For those not attending Church at the moment, You may have a friend or family member who could collect them, if not contact the Parish Office to arrange an alternative option.

**Living Well Cenacle Meeting:** The next monthly meeting (held on the 1st Thursday of the month) will be Thursday 3 September after morning mass. All are welcome.

### 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

Jeremiah 20:7-9

You duped me, O LORD, and I let myself be duped; you were too strong for me, and you triumphed. All the day I am an object of laughter; everyone mocks me.

Whenever I speak, I must cry out, violence and outrage is my message; the word of the LORD has brought me derision and reproach all the day. I say to myself, I will not mention him, I will speak in his name no more. But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it.

### Responsorial Psalm

PS 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

R. **My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

O God, you are my God whom I seek; for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

R. **My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary to see your power and your glory, For your kindness is a greater good than life; my lips shall glorify you.

R. **My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

Thus will I bless you while I live; lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name. As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied, and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you.

R. **My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

You are my help, and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy. My soul clings fast to you; your right hand upholds me.

R. **My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

### Second reading

Romans 12:1-2

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.

### Gospel Acclamation

Eph 1:17-18

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call.

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

### Gospel

Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on

the third day be raised.

Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you." He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct."

**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.



### Families across Broken Bay need your help September 2020 CWF Appeal

Your generous donation will support five Catholic agencies and ministries helping families and neighbours in our Broken Bay Diocese. The Charitable Works Fund Appeal is 100% tax deductible.

### Donate online

[www.bbcatholic.org.au/give/charitable-works-fund](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/give/charitable-works-fund)

Your gift helps families like Sonia's. When Sonia's mum Patricia – or Pat - was diagnosed with cancer the family was overwhelmed with fear, sadness and anger about dealing with this terrible disease.

Thankfully, Pat was introduced to Peter Brown, a Pastoral Care practitioner and part of the Broken Bay Hospital Chaplaincy program.

Peter was able to sit with Pat and talk about her worries, and "be God's presence in that vulnerability". A powerful comfort in her time of darkness. **Your gift today will bring much needed help to families across Broken Bay** and bring alive the mission of Jesus.

*"He has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed"* Luke 4:18

**How to give**—Support by making an [online donation](#) or by completing a CWF envelope (available in Church). Online donations are allocated towards your parish CWF target.