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"He must increase, I must decrease"

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St John the Baptist Primary School

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

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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: Seilala Na'ati, Hugo Cutrone.

Recently Deceased: Joseph Saint-Guillaume, Helen Kelly, Stanislaus Donnellan.

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, Georgie Brigdale.



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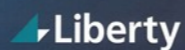
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\$300 donation to a local community centre*

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



OUR FAMILY
*Caring For
Your Family*



Hardwick's on Blackwall

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

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



WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH
St John the Baptist Catholic Church



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

6th September 2020, Year A (Psalter Week 3)

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>.

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

6 - 12 September 2020

PROTECTING CHILDREN IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS



Note: While Covid-19 is sadly turning life upside down for most of society, plans will still go ahead for National Child Protection Week. Events may need to be online, but the message that we all have a part to play will be more important than ever.

This year National Child Protection Week will celebrate its 30th year with the theme:

Putting children first...

'Putting children first' was front of mind when the National Child Protection Week campaign was launched in 1990, with the aim of bringing abuse and neglect out of the shadows and putting child wellbeing on the national agenda.

Since then, the need to put children first has been recognised time and time again as an important pillar for boosting the wellbeing of all children in Australia.

Last year's National Child Protection Week campaign was based on research that shows the importance of putting children first when talking about parenting, and continued the message that conversations are a key part of engaging the whole community in caring for children.

Under this year's theme of 'Putting children first' we invite all Australians to look at how they can prioritise children in their lives and communities and to engage in National Child Protection Week – as individuals, and as part of families, organisations, communities and society.

Putting children first means prioritising the safety and wellbeing of children. To grow up well children need to feel safe and loved, have a chance to play and explore, have a say in decisions that affect them, and access to essential things like food, shelter and healthcare.

For children to thrive we need to come together as a community and put children's needs first during National Child Protection Week and every week.

Please feel free to use the theme in the way that resonates best for you.

This might mean promoting the things we are already doing (or can do) right now to put children's safety and wellbeing first.

It might mean reflecting on the past 30 years of how our communities have been putting children first. It might mean looking ahead and thinking about where we need to focus our attention into the future.

Or perhaps a bit of 'all of the above'.

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**

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.

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:

On behalf of the French family, thank you to all parishioners who kindly expressed condolences on the recent loss of our dear mother/grandmother Margaret. Your prayers and thoughtfulness have been greatly appreciated. May God bless you all.

Cleaning Roster: 11/09/20 Kathleen Cullen, Elena Egan, Maria Owen, Christine French.

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 could collect them, if not contact the Parish Office to arrange an alternative option.

Thank You

A big thank you to everyone who has so kindly donated during these difficult times. Your ongoing generosity and support is incredibly appreciated.

YOUTH NEWS

The Youth Ministry is currently very active in continuing their preparation for our youth. Bernie O’Keeffe and the team have been the empowering force in advocating this exciting ministry.

We are refreshing our training of Mentorship of our Components of Youth Ministry.
Advocacy: Bernie O’ Keeffe/ Sharron O’Keeffe
Evangelisation: Amanda Lawer
Catechist: Ann Hall/ Kiliti
Community Life: Danny Mourani
Praise & Worship: Rosie Naati/Amanda
Justice: Ingrid & Speranza
Pastoral Care: Seilina Naati/ Kiliti
Leadership: Kiliti Naati

Our next Youth Ministry meeting will be with a dinner on the 16th of September at 11 Geoffrey Joseph Close, Karing at 7.00pm. Please book this date and make yourself available.

Everyone interested to join the Youth and Young Adult Ministry in this Parish – as Youth Leaders and Mentors - you are welcome to attend our meeting.

Or contact me by email on sks2230grace@gmail.com or 0412 731 979 or Bernie O’ Keeffe on 0417 698 760.

Leaders are required to understand the Anointed and Sent Model of Youth Ministry before exercising your gifts as a Leader. I hope we will resume Youth Group Gathering nights when we are ready. He must increase, we must decrease. Kiliti.

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 EZ 33:7-9

Thus says the LORD: You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel; when you hear me say anything, you shall warn them for me. If I tell the wicked, “O wicked one, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way, the wicked shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death. But if you warn the wicked, trying to turn him from his way, and he refuses to turn from his way, he shall die for his guilt, but you shall save yourself.

Responsorial Psalm PS 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; let us acclaim the rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him.
R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us. For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.
R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. Oh, that today you would hear his voice: “Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert, Where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works.”
R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading ROM 13:8-10

Brothers and sisters: Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,” and whatever other commandment there may be are summed up in this saying, namely, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.

Alleluia 2 COR 5:19

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel MT 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that ‘every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector. Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be

granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

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/UCfg9euOfmsu-xX7S2tCcNA> or search Heidi Witte-YouTube.

Position Available

Parish Admin Assistant The position is for 21 hours per week, Wed – Fri and also covers Parish Secretary leave as required which will increase the role at times to 5 days per week. View the full advertisement and details on how to apply on the Diocesan website: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions-vacant>

For further information and a position description, please email recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au or phone Jackie Hanson (Chancery HR) on 8379 1667.



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.

“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. www.bbcatholic.org.au/give/charitable-works-fund

Quota for each of the three CWF appeals

The assessment for our parish for this financial year is **\$36,512.**

September 2020	\$12,171
November 2020	\$12,171
May 2020	\$12,171