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"He must increase, I must decrease"

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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:** Stanley Walsh, Fr Terry O'Brien, Mons Vince Malley.

**Remembrance:** Bruno de Souza, Elizabeth Schembri, James & Elizabeth Carr, Geoffrey J Benson.

**Sick:** Trish Stuart, Colleen Garland, Hanaa El Khatib, 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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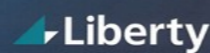
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\*For St John's parishioners or their friends who settle a home loan by 30 April 2020. Amounts will donate \$300 to a local community centre. Approved applicants only. Lending criteria apply. Amanda Lawer. Free access to a panel of lenders through Liberty Network Services Pty Ltd (ABN 65 93 158 428) Australian Credit Licence 408042 (LND) including Liberty Financial Pty Ltd (ABN 65 077 246 983) which owns LND.



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



**27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**4<sup>th</sup> October 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>.



A mother ran into the bedroom when she heard her seven-year-old son scream. She found his two-year-old sister pulling his hair. She gently released the little girl's grip and said comfortingly to the boy, "There, there. She didn't mean it. She doesn't know that hurts." He nodded his acknowledgement, and she left the room. As she started down the hall the little girl screamed. Rushing back in, she asked, "What happened?" The little boy replied, "She knows now."

We live in a violent world. And that is a tragedy, because violence tends to grow. When one person attacks another, it is likely that the person who is attacked will strike back. Soon it is one blow after another in an increasing cycle of pain and anger. In short order, the only option seems to be retaliation. Even though everyone knows that retaliation will be of benefit to no one and will only make things worse. Look at the Middle East. Its history is a continuing cycle of violence. The parties are so wounded and afraid that dialogue and compromise seem to be off the table. There are only more bombings and deaths. Look at so many families in our country, where communication and conflict resolution are replaced by verbal or physical abuse. Living in such violence becomes routine. Once violence finds a foothold in a political situation or in a family, it begets further violence. It becomes the automatic response. It becomes a way of living.

We all witnessed the worst mass-shooting in U.S. history that took place in Las Vegas. 59 innocent lives ended; more than 500 lives traumatized, most in life-changing ways; and an entire country left asking the so-far unanswered question: "Why?!" Once again, in the midst of such evil and darkness of one individual, the goodness, heroism, and selflessness of hundreds and thousands of good people who were the first responders, the human "guardian angels" who ran into the danger to help save lives, is much more impressive than the cowardly act of violence. Let us continue to pray for the victims of violence in Las Vegas.

Today's parable of the vineyard is a parable about violence. It is presenting God's attitude toward it. God, as usual, is the owner of the vineyard. The vineyard is this world. It is a violent world in which the tenants continually beat and kill one another. What is the owner to do with this violent vineyard? He decides to send his son. Now this at first seems like a foolish idea. Why would you send your son, someone that you love, into such a dangerous place? But the choice of the owner is the real point of the parable. This parable is telling us what God has done for us. God has sent his son into our world to end the violence of the vineyard. The church has always interpreted this parable as a description of Jesus' mission, of his death and resurrection. This parable tells us that Jesus came to end the violence of the world not by more violence but by non-violence. Not by striking back but by handing over his life. Not by compounding violence but by absorbing it.

The death of Jesus means many things. But one of the things it means is that Jesus submitted to the violence of the cross rather than increase the violence of the vineyard. God is telling us that the violence of our world will not be defeated by further violence but only by sacrifice and love. We know that Jesus teaches us to turn the other cheek. We know that he commands us to love our enemies. But we can forget that his very cross is a sign for us. He who had the ultimate power to confront violence with more violence, instead chose to absorb violence in order to end it.

Now Jesus' victory over the violence of this world is still very much in progress, and of course we are called to assist him in attaining it. We are challenged to absorb the violence around us rather than to spread it. This cannot mean that we accept abuse or remain in violent situations that harm us. But it does mean that we refuse to respond to violence with more violence. We are called to support political solutions of dialogue and forgiveness. We refuse to be violent people in our family, in our workplace, and in our relationships.

There can be times where a violent response is justified as a defense. But even in those circumstances the violence we use will beget more violence. This is why Jesus challenges us not to feed violence but to starve it. Not to respond in kind—to reject every violent word and action. We are to walk away from the monster rather than to inflame it. This is not the way of the world. But it is the way of Jesus. His very cross is a sign of his non-violent gospel. Today we are challenged to take up that cross and follow 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.*



### 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 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.

### Cash Housie

We are temporarily operating at Ettalong Diggers, Wednesday nights 7.30pm. 50 games, cash prizes. We will return to our normal venue once restrictions lift. Proceeds benefit the Parish. Enquiries: Rob 0427 990 818.

### Attention all kids:

The Kids' Bulletins are a resource for Catholic children who would like to have some fun while learning about the readings from the Sunday Mass every week.

To learn more click <https://thekidsbulletin.com/about/>  
To access the bulletins click <https://thekidsbulletin.com/tag/the-kids-bulletin/>  
To access free online Children's liturgy of the Word videos click <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfg9euOFFmsu-xX7S2tCcNA> or search Heidi Witte- YouTube.

### Parish News:

**Public Holiday:** Please remember onday Mass will be at 9am. Parish Office will also be closed.

**Daylight Savings:** Clocks go forward 1 hour Saturday 4th October

**Cleaning Roster: 02/10/20** - Linda Potestas, Kathleen Cullen, Michael French, Christine French.

**Email addresses:** For those Parishioners who have not been receiving the Parish newsletter via email, please contact the Parish Office to be added to the mailing list.

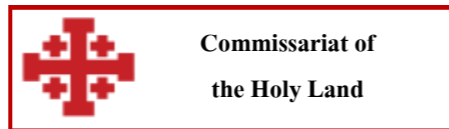
**Rosary:** Public Rosary, 10am Saturday 10th October outside Kincumber Post Office. On this day Rosary rallies will be held across Australia on the Saturday closest to the 13th of October when the 'Miracle of the Sun' occurred in Fatima, Portugal in 1917 before 70,000 people. Enquiries 0438 320 927.

**Hearing Aids:** 2 hearing aids have been found in the Church. They are on the gathering table for collection.

**Leaving Collection:** At this time we have #3 collections scheduled. Holy Land (which would normally occur on Good Friday), Catholic Mission & Church Aid - Emergency in Lebanon. What we have decided to do in our Parish is to take general Leaving collection for these 3 appeals and divide the donations into equal amounts. If you would prefer to donate individually you can do so directly via each website below.



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WS - [www.aidtochurch.org](http://www.aidtochurch.org)



PH: 02 9369.9300

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PH: 02 9919 7841

WS: <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/>

### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for October

#### The Laity's Mission in the Church

We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

### First Reading

IS 5:1-7

Let me now sing of my friend, my friend's song concerning his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside; he spaded it, cleared it of stones, and planted the choicest vines; within it he built a watchtower, and hewed out a wine press. Then he looked for the crop of grapes, but what it yielded was wild grapes. Now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard: What more was there to do for my vineyard that I had not done? Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes, did it bring forth wild grapes? Now, I will let you know what I mean to do with my vineyard: take away its hedge, give it to grazing, break through its wall, let it be trampled! Yes, I will make it a ruin: it shall not be pruned or hoed, but overgrown with thorns and briars; I will command the clouds not to send rain upon it. The vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished plant; he looked for judgment, but see, bloodshed! for justice, but hark, the outcry!

**Responsorial Psalm PS 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20**

**R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.**

A vine from Egypt you transplanted; you drove away the nations and planted it. It put forth its foliage to the Sea, its shoots as far as the River.

**R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.**

Why have you broken down its walls, so that every passerby plucks its fruit, the boar from the forest lays it waste, and the beasts of the field feed upon it?

**R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.**

Once again, O LORD of hosts, look down from heaven, and see; take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

**R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.**

Then we will no more withdraw from you; give us new life, and we will call upon your name. O LORD, God of hosts, restore us; if your face shine upon us, then we shall be saved.

**R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.**

### Second Reading

PHIL 4:6-9

Brothers and sisters: Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.

### Alleluia

JN 15:16

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, to go and bear fruit that will remain.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

### Gospel

MT 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: "Hear another parable.

There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went on a journey. When vintage time drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce. But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat, another they killed, and a third they stoned. Again, he sent other servants, more numerous than the first ones, but they treated them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.' They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?" They answered him, "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the proper times." Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures:

*The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes? Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."*

### 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 form from the gathering space or request one from the Parish Office.