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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:

Recently deceased: John Everett, Peter Fanucchi, Gloria Pena.

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

Sick: Chris Mitchell, Don Matheson, Trish Stuart, Colleen Garland, Hanaa El Khatib, Josephine Weate, Mabel Torres, Tristan Mulligan, Ed Hyland, Sheila Rogan, 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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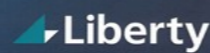
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\$300 donation to a local community centre*

*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 Lawler has access to a panel of lenders through Liberty Network Services Pty Ltd (ABN 45 251 958 678) Australian Credit Licence 4000423 (LNO) including Liberty Financial Pty Ltd (ABN 55 077 246 983) which owns LNS.



WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11th October 2020, Year A (Psalter Week 4)

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>.



An old couple, having been married almost 60 years, died in a car crash. They had been in good health for the previous ten years mainly due to the wife's interest in health food, and exercise. When they reached the pearly gates, St. Peter took them to their mansion which was decked out with a beautiful kitchen and master bath suite, Jacuzzi and lavish buffet breakfast. "How much can we eat?" asked the old man. "Don't you understand?" Peter replied. "This is Heaven, it's all free!" After a sumptuous breakfast the old couple went to the clubhouse of Heaven's extensive golf grounds and saw the lavish buffet lunch. "Well, where are the low-fat and low-cholesterol tables?" the old man asked timidly. Peter replied, "That's the best part, you can eat as much as you like of whatever you like and you never get fat and you never get sick. This is Heaven." The old man

looked at his wife angrily and said, "This is all your fault. If it weren't for your bran muffins and sugar-free diet, I could have been here ten years ago!" Food is used in all three readings today as an image of God's favour and presence with His people. In the first reading Isaiah describes the Messianic banquet on the Lord's mountain. The prophet sees the mountain of the Holy City transformed into a grand banquet hall full of life and good things. He paints the picture of "a feast of rich food and choice wines." The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 23) describes how, like a totally committed shepherd, God spares nothing in order to provide nourishment for His flock. In the second reading Paul says that he lives like a guest invited to the Kingdom of God, enjoying vast spiritual benefits as a man of Faith. So will God provide for us, he assures us, and we can do all things in God who strengthens us. In the Gospel, Jesus describes the eschatological banquet of Heaven in the parable. Our God is a God of invitation. A God who is constantly inviting all people into relationship, inviting all to share in divine life and love. God sends us personal invitations. We call those invitations the promptings of the Holy Spirit, and those invitations arrive in the concrete circumstances of our lives. Every person here who is a regular smoker has the general knowledge that tobacco is harmful and should not be used. But every once in a while, you receive a personal invitation from God to stop smoking. The violence in the parable is not describing God. It is, however, telling us something very important about the choices that we make. When we choose to refuse a personal invitation of God, there are consequences. Those consequences can sometimes be quite violent and destructive. In short, there is a price to pay for saying, "no." When over and over again you refuse the personal invitation to stop smoking, God is not going to punish you, but you might be facing a future that includes a violent and painful death from cancer. When you refuse the invitation to take some action to heal your marriage, God is not going to attack you, but your choice might well lead to a life that is empty or to the upheaval of divorce. God will not punish us, but life will. You know the things to which God is calling you. You can remember all the personal invitations that have been sent to you time after time in the past. This liturgy might be another invitation to add to the list. Do not set those personal invitations aside. Do not imagine that there will be time for another chance tomorrow. Accept the invitation that has been sent. Respond to life today. The parable also tells us something important about ourselves and our own worthiness to accept God's call. The king in the parable is constantly inviting people to come to the wedding banquet of his son. But, no one wants to come. Finally, in frustration he says, "Look, the dinner is ready., but those who were invited were unworthy." What does it mean in the world of this parable to be "unworthy"? It is simple. Unworthiness consists in refusing the invitation. Underlying this parable is a fundamental, theological belief that the invitation of God is supreme. It is really the only thing that matters. Our worthiness, our successes and our failures do not count as much as God's call. Therefore, worthiness does not result from all the good things that we have done, but simply from our willingness to say "yes" to the invitation. Unworthiness is not determined by the mistakes and sins that we have committed, but simply our stubbornness in refusing to come to the wedding banquet. God invites us, and worthiness depends upon whether we say "yes" or "no" to that invitation. To say this in another way, *God does not love us because we are good; we are good because God loves us*. This parable is obviously about invitations: invitations to the banquet of life, invitations to the feast in the Kingdom of God. Invitations are significantly different from general knowledge. Many people possess general knowledge, but an invitation is personal and concrete and it demands a response. I am sure that in the world of the parable, every person knew that the king was holding a wedding banquet for his son. But that general knowledge was quite different from a personal invitation to attend.

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.

On Sunday 4 Oct, Sam French, Aldrin Valdehueza and Roger Delmonte made their Profession of Faith, Oath of Fidelity and Commitment to Celibacy in the Cathedral. Congratulations to all three men, who will be ordained to the Order of Deacons this month. We ask you keep them in your prayers as they continue their vocational journey.



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.

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

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.

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.

2021 Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Training Programmes Equipping the Saints. Eph. 4:12

Two Foundational training programmes in Pastoral care will be offered on the Central Coast in 2021. There will be an online and a Face-to-Face option.

Starting in February students can train in Gosford Hospital and the training can be used towards formal chaplaincy qualifications with the Sydney College of Divinity.

What we offer is an excellent way to develop your pastoral ability and become equipped for ministry with a public or church setting.

If you are interested in training or for further information please contact:

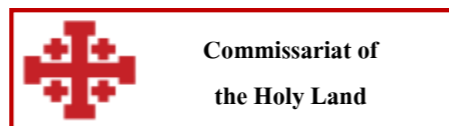
Chaplain Frank Wortley on **02 4320 2253** or
Email: Francis.Wortley@health.nsw.gov.au

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: <http://holylandfranciscansaustralia.org/good-friday/>



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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.

First Reading

IS 25:6-10A

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines. On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, the web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy death forever. The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from every face; the reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the LORD has spoken. On that day it will be said: "Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! This is the LORD for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!" For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm

PS 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6

R. **I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.

R. **I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.**

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side with your rod and your staff that give me courage.

R. **I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.**

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

R. **I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.**

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.

R. **I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.**

Second Reading

PHIL 4:12-14, 19-20

Brothers and sisters: I know how to live in humble circumstances; I know also how to live with abundance. In every circumstance and in all things I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need. I can do all things in him who strengthens me. Still, it was kind of you to share in my distress. My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father, glory forever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia

EPH 1:17-18

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

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

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel

MT 22:1-14

Jesus again in reply spoke to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come. A second time he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those

invited: "Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast." Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business. The rest laid hold of his servants, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged and sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.' The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to meet the guests, he saw a man there not dressed in a wedding garment. The king said to him, 'My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?' But he was reduced to silence. Then the king said to his attendants, 'Bind his hands and feet, and cast him into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.' Many are invited, but few are chosen."

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.