

**OUT OF HOURS MEDICAL EMERGENCY**  
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"He must increase, I must decrease"

**Administrator**

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

**Office Staff**

Raelene Spithill, Johnson Mani, Triona Meagher.

**SUNDAY MASS TIMES**

Vigil Saturday 5pm;  
Sunday 7.30am, 9.15am, 6pm.

**WEEKDAY MASS TIMES**

Monday-Friday 7.45am (Monday & Tuesday with Lauds)  
Saturday and Public Holidays 9am.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK** First Friday  
4pm Mass

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE** Friday  
after morning Mass; First Friday  
3.30pm; Saturday 9.30am (after  
morning Mass) & 4.30pm; Sunday  
7.00am.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** Baptism  
Preparation - 9.30am second and  
fourth Sunday of the month  
Sacrament of Baptism - 11.00am first  
and third Sunday of the month . Please  
contact the parish office for more  
information.

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED  
SACRAMENT** Saturday after 9am Mass  
until 10am Monday until 9am (Public  
Holidays 10.15am) Thursday 7.30pm-  
8.30pm for the needs of the Parish.

**PARISH CHOIR** Enquiries: 0417 659  
526. Practice Wed nights in the church  
@ 7pm. New members welcome.

**Christian Meditation** Monday  
evenings 6-7pm in the Leo Mahon  
room. All welcome. Enquiries 0432 882  
776.

**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

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Psalm Response

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**Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia, alleluia!* The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God. *Alleluia!*

Readings: 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Is 8:23—9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23

**Keep Us In Your Prayers** OF YOUR CHARITY PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF:

**Recently deceased:** Julie Guznicka, Shirley Guzman, Charles Camilleri, Moira Frances Pendleton, Martin King, Helen McKeown, Scott McKinnon.

**Anniversaries:** Edward Luxford, Auguste Meyer, Peter Hope, June Hearne.

**Remembrances:** Kevin, Paul, Nora & Eli Houghton.

**Sick:** Marie Dixon, Michael Taylor, Kathleen Bezzina, Geoff Floyd, Elaine Finlayson, Tom Searle, Joan Kelleher, Brian Smith, Jason Simon, Vicki Pirie, Patricia Dwyer, Donna Vella, Donna Briemer, Oscar James Morreti, Betty Fraser, Luis Emilio Garrido, Audrey Kirkman, Malin Tugaga, Pamela Power, Mary Scarf, Louis & Rose Aloisio, Amanda Sheridan, Audey Barsenbach, Marta Panczyna, Sue James, Mary Wood, Therese Horner, Jack Dummett, Jo Farrelle, Anne Singleton, Tina Cohen, Janice Green, Robert Parker, Maureen Wardrop, Ros Harbig, Sheila Rogan, Karen Chorazyczewska, Ian Wilks, Michael Hourigan, John Horrigan, Ed Hyland, Daphne McNab, Shirley Crotty, Ada-Primrose Murphy, Tim Parker, Lorraine Smith, Larry Cresswell, Ken Joyce, Alison Richmond, June Townsend, Andrew Muggs, Sheila Houghton, Frank Levy, Dorothy Fulton, Roger Mitchell.

Quotes from *Amoris Laetitia*... "The Joy of Love"  
Pope Francis

We also find it hard to make room for the consciences of the faithful, who very often respond as best they can to the Gospel amid their limitations, and are capable of carrying out their own discernment in complex situations. We have been called to form consciences, not to replace them.

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**St John the Baptist Catholic Church**

Mission and Vision

Bringing Jesus Christ to ALL, through:

Worship and Liturgy

Outreach

Our Parish School

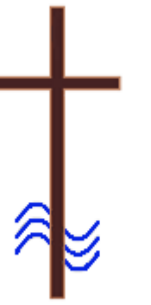
Hospitality

Adult & Child Faith Formation

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

19<sup>th</sup> January 2020, Year A (Psalter Week 2)

24<sup>th</sup> January Feast of St Francis de Sales



St. Francis de Sales was born on August 21, 1567 at Thonon, near Annecy in France. He graduated from the University of Padua with Doctorate in both civil law and ecclesiastical law. He was ordained a priest on December 18, 1593. He worked among the Calvinists, faced much opposition, including attempt on his life and converted the whole district of Chablais to the Catholic faith.

He was ordained a bishop on December 8, 1602. He was a good shepherd, caring for all with a special love for the poor. He founded a contemplative religious order, "The Sisters of the

Visitation" on June 6, 1610. This order was to accept as members the poor, the weak in health, the handicapped and the widows whom normally religious orders did not admit.

He wrote two books. *Spiritual Classics*: "The Introduction to Devout Life" and "A Treatise on The Love Of God". He died at the age of 55 on December 28, 1622. He was canonized a saint by Pope Alexander VII on April 19, 1665 and declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius IX on November 16, 1877.

St. Francis de Sales is foremost among those who were consistently and visibly human in his relationship to God and people. His spirituality was so human that those without theological insights could understand and follow his spirituality. He radiated divine light through humanness like his master Jesus. He was very human and gentle, optimistic and positive about life and the world, strong in character and compassionate in ministry and most of all he had a harmonious and peaceful spirit.

"Go courageously to do whatever you are called to do." This reflects the attitude with which St. Francis de Sales lived and guided his life. He encouraged people to find holiness in every day matters, emphasizing the freedom each one has to choose to be good and to do good, to live noble and virtuous lives and reject what is bad and harmful. In whatever state of life men and women find themselves, they can discover the way to God, joyfully and without fear. God can be found anywhere, everywhere and by everyone. The hours we spend in our daily chores need not be spiritually empty or useless. It is in the daily chores that we live out our life of faith.

## Parish News

**Welcome:** Please join me in welcoming our new Senior Server Paul Nolan.

**Attention All Volunteers:** Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 5:30pm we will be having a special Thank you Mass for all our wonderful Volunteers. Your Generosity is what runs our Parish. This Mass will be followed by a supper so Please call the Parish Office to RSVP by Tuesday 21<sup>th</sup> January for catering purposes

**Sound system:** We are in the process of changing our sound system and the first phase of upgrading the Radio Mic System is still underway. The second phase will be the upgrade of the PA System. If you would like to contribute to the upgrade, the cost is due to be \$6,165.50.

**Swipe cards:** If you have a security swipe and have not used it since the 1st of January 2020 can you please contact the Parish Office or speak to Fr Timothy.

**Cuppa and a Chat:** A group of Seniors meet every third Monday in the Leo Mahon Room, due 20<sup>th</sup> January, 1.00 pm - 2.30 pm. If you would like to join us phone Pat on 0403 672 077. Transport provided.

**January 25/26** the Diocese will be raising money for St Vincent de Paul bushfire appeal. There will be 3rd collection for this.

## SJB Parish Youth Ministry

Our Parish Vision is Bringing Jesus Christ to All. The purpose of Catholic Youth Broken Bay is to Evangelize, Gather and Send with the goals of:

1. Empowering Young People to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in the world today
2. Draw Young People into active participation in the life and mission of our faith communities
3. Promote a culture of youth discipleship by fostering the total personal and spiritual growth of each young person

We will be using the Australian Vision for Catholic Youth Ministry as given to us by the Australian Catholic Bishops. So, the plan is for St. John the Baptist Parish is to:

1. Recruit again for a Team (Parish Youth Ministry Team – Leaders)

February 1st and 2nd 2020. Please sign up on contact Kiliti 0412731979

2. Train the Team (all these Leaders) in Anointed and Sent Model

February 2020 Ongoing

3. Youth Group Ages 12 – 17 and Young Adults Group

Ages 18 – 35 will start in February

Anyone interested in joining the Youth Ministry Team/ the Youth Group or the Young Adults Group please contact the Parish Office 4341 1073, or Kiliti Na'ati on 0412 731 979. "He must increase, I must decrease".

First Meeting was held on Tuesday night and we had a great group of wisdom people with great gifts as well Fr. Timothy Raj: Prison Ministry

Kathie Smith: Social Media/Film Making/Communication/ Hospitality/Music

Bernie O'Keefe: Financial/Sports and General Management

Ingrid Stevens: Teacher/Hearing Impairment/ Mental Health/Youth Ministry Leader

Carrie Shepherd: Motivational/Tutoring/Enneagram

Sharon O'Keefe: Arts and Craft/Toastmasters/General Help

Rosie Na'ati: Security Guard/Driving Instructor/Bus Driver/Cooking

Neil Sequeira: Toastmasters/Leadership

Anne Hall: Prayer Warrior and Cooking

Lorena Lalor: Prayer Warrior and Cooking

Grace Bower: Young Adults

Seilina Na'ati: Youth Ministry Leader and Mentor

Speranza Na'ati: Youth Ministry Leader and Mentor

Anyone interested in joining the forces for Youth Ministry, we need YOU.

## Prayer for those affected by bushfire and drought

Eternal God,  
in wisdom and love you created our earth  
to sustain us and give us life

We turn to you now  
in faith, hope and love, asking you to look with favour on our  
fire-ravaged and drought-stricken land,  
on our starving and  
displaced animals, on our failing crops and burning farms,  
towns and forests.

Strengthen, sustain and give new heart  
to our farmers  
and to all who are affected by drought;  
be with those who support them.

Strengthen and comfort the victims of the fires,  
those who have lost family, friends, property and stock.  
Protect our volunteer firefighters and all members of essential services.

In your loving providence, send abundant rain to quench the  
fires and to restore our parched earth.

Father of all compassion,  
hear our prayer  
through Jesus Christ your Son,  
in whom the promise of new life  
has dawned, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, the  
Lord the Giver of life;  
Renew your faithful people; Renew the face of the earth.

Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Mary help of Christians - Pray  
for us.  
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop -  
Pray for us.

## St John Paul II Pilgrimage

20 days Pilgrimage to Croatia and All Italian Shrines with Fr Timothy Raj MSFS Spiritual Director. Francis Williams (Travel Coordinator)

Depart Sydney Thursday 3 September 2020 and return Sydney Tuesday 22 September 2020 (17 nights)

### Trip includes

Round-trip airfare Sydney/Dubai/Zagreb/Dubrovnik - Venice/Dubai/Sydney. One way flight Split/Rome  
17 nights centrally located 3 stars hotels: (or similar)

To facilitate planning and finalising of details for this pilgrimage, direct contact can be made with Francis Williams who is the travel co-ordinator. Francis can be contacted by telephone on 0404 893 877 or by email at perthfamily888@gmail.com. Final arrangements will need to be concluded in the next few weeks.

## 2020 Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Training Programme

### Equipping the Saints for the work of Ministry Eph. 4:12

Two Foundational training programmes in Pastoral/Spiritual care will be offered on the Central Coast in 2020 from February to September. If you feel called to support people with Pastoral/Spiritual care these Units are an exciting way for you to discover and develop your pastoral ability and become equipped for this ministry within a public or church setting. During training placements are in Gosford or Wyong Hospitals. The training can be used towards formal chaplaincy qualifications with the Sydney College of Divinity. If you would like to know more please contact: Chaplain Frank Wortley on: 4320 2253 or [Francis.Wortley@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Francis.Wortley@health.nsw.gov.au)



### How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church?

As the Catholic Church in Australia prepares for the first gathering of the Plenary Council in October 2020, we are all invited to discern how we are being called to be a Christ-centred Church. To learn about the process of discernment, visit [plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au) or speak with your parish priest. The November National Theme for Discernment is Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal. Further information in the Gathering Area.

## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January Prayer intention for evangelisation - Promotion of World Peace

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

### Salesian Thought

Humility covers and hides all our virtues and human perfections and never allows them to appear except for the sake of charity. (IDL, Part III, Ch.5)

Saint Francis de Sales

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