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"He must increase, I must decrease"

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

Anniversary: Albert David Snell, Sr Patricia Snell RSI, Peter Grima.

Recently deceased: Remedios Bulual, Mary Hill, Mary Steel, Maria Linda Cabatingan.

Sick: Susie Simmons, Chris Mitchell, Trish Stuart, Colleen Garland, Hanaa El Khatib, Josephine Weate, Ed Hyland, Sheila Rogan, Eileen Jones, Larry Sheil, Pauline Hogan, Pat Savage, Ernie Mullins, John Mitchell, Marie Dixon, 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, Marie McNamee, Georgie Brigdale.



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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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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.



WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
15th November 2020, Year A (Psalter Week 1)



This week we celebrate the
13th Anniversary of the Dedication of our Church.

Throughout the Bible we are reminded of the importance of the Lord's wonderful works and how he has worked in our lives. Celebrating the Anniversary gives us a opportunity to look back and reconnect with our Church and the reasons behind it's design. When we take the time to understand the significance behind each liturgical symbols, we realise the stories of past and present all being brought together into this sacred space. Every time we walk into a church our faith is strengthened by these visual reminders.

Our church is built around the idea of the Christian as pilgrim. The pebble surface that begins at the pedestrian gate continues under the covered way, through the main doors and the gathering space to the pews, and is also visible around the altar, ambo and chair. As we enter the worship space, we see on the doors the words (in four languages) from the pilgrim psalm 120 (8): 'The Lord will guard your going and coming, both now and forever.'

The gathering spaces doubles as a devotional space—an area where we can engage in our private devotions. There are the Way of the Cross and chapels in honour of the Sacred Heart, the Blessed Virgin, St Joseph and St Anthony.

Inside, the stained glass draws our attention to the Patron, Saint John the Baptist (the upper windows, in the colours of red [martyrdom], blue [his baptism], and desert colours), and to our worship in the community of saints and the angels (especially the faces and the angels' wings).

The altar, ambo, chair and font form a set, made from Persian travertine and highlighted in Roman travertine. They are the focal points of the building, according to what is happening, and they emphasise the unity of sacramental action. It is around these that we gather at various important events on the journey, especially when we assemble on Sunday. The exact centre of the church is just in front of the altar steps, in the centre. In church-building tradition, this is called the *omphalos* or "navel", where really important events take place. The priest stands there to distribute Communion; marriages and ordinations take place there.

The pilgrim route which we mostly follow (in and out the main doors) is not the way in which we finish our journey. We have a special set of funeral doors, like those in mediaeval monasteries, and after the Mass or Service of Christian Burial, the body is taken through these doors to the hearse waiting outside.



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.

Parish News:

The Church dedicates the month of November to praying for our deceased love ones. Both Scripture and Tradition remind us to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins and enter the joy of Heaven. Masses can be offered for those we knew and loved or for the souls that have no one to pray for them. Envelopes are available from the Entrance table.

Christmas Hampers: Due to Covid, it has been decided the Christmas hampers won't go ahead this year. Thank you to all those volunteers who normally put in a huge effort every year. If you do find yourself in need this year please call St Vincent de Paul for assistance. Peter 0425 358 376 or Pat 0403 672 077.

SCAM 1: Please be advised we have received notice there is a scam email appearing to be from Fr Timothy. It asks for you to purchase "steam vouchers" on his behalf. This email looks genuine. If you ever receive an email from Fr Timothy or the Parish Office asking for money please call to verify its legitimacy.

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. Enq: Rob 0427 990 818.

Cleaning Roster: 20/11/20—Christina Thorson, Kathleen Cullen, Cheryl Sillick, Laurie Jarvis. Additional volunteer church cleaners are needed. Enquiries to Christine 4342 4548.

Gathering Area Table: Please refrain from leaving any items on the Gathering Area Table without prior permission from Fr Timothy.

Piety Stall: Columban calendars and SvdP cards are now available for sale at the Piety Stall. Calendars \$9 & cards \$2 for a pack of #10.

Eucharistic Miracle at Buenos Aires

I invite you to listen to Mr Ron Tesoriero speak of his experiences of The Eucharistic Miracle at Buenos Aires. Ron is a lawyer and documentary film maker. With Mike Willesee he investigated the facts and scientific evidence of how living heart tissue emerged from a communion host. How did life come from nonliving matter? Ron will speak at a dinner at the Davistown RSL on Thursday 19th November, 7:00pm for 7:15pm. The dinner is hosted by the Catenian Association. Cost is \$30 for a two-course dinner wine included. For catering: Please reply asap SMS 0410434840 email: Chris Vale brisbanewatcircle@gmail.com



In November, We Remember!

Parish Collections:

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 weekly envelopes or by the following methods.

Bpoint, which will take you to our Website for secure online payments.

<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.

If you would like to make a donation to the Parish via electronic transfer please contact the Parish Office for the account details.



Families across Broken Bay need your help November 2020 CWF Appeal

Your generous donations 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

The assessment for our Parish for this financial year is \$36,512. \$12,171 in Sept 2020, Nov 2020 & May 2021

THANK YOU!

A big thank you to all those wonderful Parishioners who gave their time to help with our working bee on Saturday
The Church grounds look great.

Reading 1

Ezek 43:1-2.4-7

The angel took me to the gate, the one facing east. I saw the glory of the God of Israel approaching from the east. A sound came with it, like the sound of the ocean, and the earth shone with his glory. The glory of the Lord arrived at the Temple by the east gate. The spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court: I saw the glory of the Lord fill the Temple. And I hear someone speaking to me from this temple while the man stood beside me. The voice said, Son of man, this is the dais of my throne, the step on which I rest my feet. I shall live here among the sons of Israel forever.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced when heard them say:

Let us go to God's house.

And our feet are standing
within your gates O Jerusalem.

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Jerusalem is built as a city strongly compact.

It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord.

For Israel's law it is,

There to praise the Lord's name.

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

For love of my brethren and friends

I say; Peace upon you!

For love of the house of the Lord

I will ask for your good.

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Reading 2

Eph 2:19-22

You are no longer aliens or foreign visitors: you are citizens like all the saints, and part of God's household You are part of a building foundations, and Christ Jesus himself for its main cornerstone. As every structure is aligned on him, all grow into one holy temple I the Lord; and you too, in him, are being built into a house where God lives, in the Spirit.

Alleluia

Is 66: 1

R. Alleluia, alleluia

My dwelling place shall be with them, says the Lord,
And I will be their god and they will be my people.

R. Alleluia

Gospel

Jn 4: 19-24

The Samaritan women said to Jesus, I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship. Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come - in fact, it is here

already - when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God in spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.



Dedication of our Church 15th November 2007

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 incur a hefty fine so PLEASE take note of the information provided.— IF YOU FEEL UNWELL PLEASE STAY HOME

The number of people per Masses will remain at 120 to comply with the social distancing ruling. When you arrive for Mass there will be someone at the sign-in table conducting a headcount. **It is imperative that EVERY PERSON who enters the church or Hall 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 the headcount. **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.