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"He must increase, I must decrease"

**Administrator**

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

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**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**  
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**Ethel Cox Parish Centre**

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**Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia, alleluia!* I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man  
who follows me will have the light of life. *Alleluia!*

Readings: 16<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Sirach 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37

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

**Recently Deceased:** Malcolm Speers.

**Remembrances:**

**Anniversaries:** Bill Wise.

**Sick:** John Mitchell, Marie Dixon, Michael Taylor, Kathleen Bezzina, Geoff  
Floyd, Elaine Finlayson, Tom Searle, Joan Kelleher, 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 Gos-  
pel 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**



**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9<sup>th</sup> February 2020, Year A (Psalter Week 1)**

**Gospel Reflection—© Fr Michael Tate**



Here are two extraordinary descriptions of you as a community: 'You' is in the plural. 'You are the salt of the earth.' 'You are the light of the cosmos.'

Our Lord describes who we are, who we are by virtue of our being graced to be his disciples, trying to live out the teaching of the Sermon on the Mount.

**'Salt of the Earth'**

Salt in the ancient world was used not just for flavouring but, most importantly, as a preservative for food, preventing deterioration or decay, keeping it life-giving.

So, when Jesus says: 'You are the salt of the earth', he is saying: 'You are the ones who are to preserve the earth, to prevent its deterioration or decay, to keep it life-giving, to ensure it provides a place of habitation, hospitable to

billions of living beings, including human beings.' This is the basis for a Christian charter for ecological sensitivity of the highest order. Gross pollution in a crime against the earth and a sin against the Creator of the earth.

That is fairly obvious. But we can reflect a little more. In a hundred different ways, not just ecological, every time we do something which makes the earth more habitable, more life-giving, we retain our tang – we are the salt of the earth. Our Lord warns us that we can lose our saltiness, we can lose our tang, we can become useless. How do we do what salt should do?

Salt has to penetrate food to have an effect. We have to penetrate the world with our Sermon on the Mount values. Staying self-contained as a perfect little band of Christians is about as useful as salt remaining in the saltshaker. In Our Lord's scary opinion we would quite rightly be trampled underfoot.. We retain our saltiness by becoming the greatest humanitarians the world has ever seen.

**'Light of the Cosmos'**

The *cosmos* is the whole of the created reality ranging from the smallest fraction of your body to the swirling gases of the farthest constellation of stars. You, we, as a Christian community trying to live according to the Gospel are 'the light' of this cosmos. The only question is the degree of the brilliance of our light. What radiance do we bring to the cosmos?

How do we do this? Our Lord says, 'Your light must shine in the sight of human beings so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your father in Heaven.'

'Good works.' That sounds narrowly moralistic. Isn't there a slightly pejorative tone to the expression 'he is a do gooder'? You won't be surprised to learn it is not what Our Lord meant.

The words Jesus uses for good works are 'kala erga'. In Greek, the language of the Gospels, these words mean 'beautiful works'. These are those things we do which have grace, elegance and proportion and are therefore pleasing to observe: beautifully-good-works.

Acting in a grotesque, ugly way dims our light, darkens our humanity. When we act in a truly light-hearted way, we are more fully human and our humanity has a radiant effect on others.

On others – certainly other human beings, but Our Lord remarkably says: on the whole *cosmos*.

St Paul says in Romans that the whole cosmos is yearning to be transfigured into the same divine glory which we share, participating in the life of the Risen Lord, the cosmic Christ.

When we do beautifully good works there is a transforming impact on the whole of creation! There is a moral ecology to the universe!

Of course, the real cause of the transformation of the cosmos into divine glory is the rising of the Son on the third day. But, we can refract some of that resurrection light through the prism of our own personalities. In fact, the cosmos is yearning for that. So, stay salty and tangy. Do good beautifully and elegantly. The earth will become more habitable. The cosmos will become more translucent with Divine Glory.

You are the Salt of the Earth. You are the Light of the Cosmos.'

## Parish News

**Welcome:** On behalf of Fr Timothy and the Parish Community we would like to welcome Assistant General Fr Yves Carron who will arrive on the 9<sup>th</sup> of February and Fr Carron will celebrate Mass that evening at 6pm. We would also like to extend our welcome to Provincial Fr Jayaseelan who will arrive 14<sup>th</sup> of February for a visit to our Diocese. Fr Jayaseelan will stay with us until the 26<sup>th</sup>

**Bus Trip:** Bus trip to Palm Beach, Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February, leaving 8.45 am. Morning tea supplied. Cost \$20. Contact Susie Casey 0403 417 639.

**Cuppa and a Chat:** A group of Seniors meet every third Monday, due 17<sup>th</sup> February in the Leo Mahon Room from 1.00 pm to 2.30 pm. Transport is provided. All are welcome. Enquiries to Pat on 0403 672 077.

**Coronavirus:** We have received a directive from our Vicar General advising that the Chalice is not to be shared at any Mass but is to be reserved for the Celebrant(s) only. This precaution will remain in force until further notice.

**First Holy Communion Programme 2020:** Information night for parents enrolling candidates will take place on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 7:30pm in the Walter Baker Hall, 100 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy. Group Leaders: please make every effort to attend. Enquiries - Dorothy Fulton 43417610 Or Parish Office 4341 1073.

**Bushfire appeal:** It is pleasing to share that we have reached 60% of our goal for our bushfire recovery appeal. The \$12,162 donated will support families and individuals affected by bushfires in the Southern Highlands.



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### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February Universal Prayer intention - Listen to the Migrants' Cries

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

## SJB PARISH YOUTH MINISTRY

**Our Parish Vision is Bringing Jesus Christ to All. : "He must increase, I must decrease".**

This Weekend the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of February, our Youth Ministry Team are recruiting for

More Youth Leaders and Mentors  
Youth Group Members aged 12 – 17  
Young Adult Members aged 18 – 30

A Donation Box at the Church Entrance for donations to help resource the Youth and Young Adults as we don't have any fund or budget. We are volunteers.

**Please sign up on pages provided if you want to be a Youth Leader/Mentor**

**A separate sheet for Youth Members aged 12 – 17**  
**A different sheet for Young Adults aged 18 - 30**

We will train the Team (all these Leaders) in Anointed and Sent Model starting in February 2020 and it's an Ongoing Training of Leaders and Mentors. All adults that are participating are required to be trained and complete Work with Children's check before activating your gifts and talents to help.

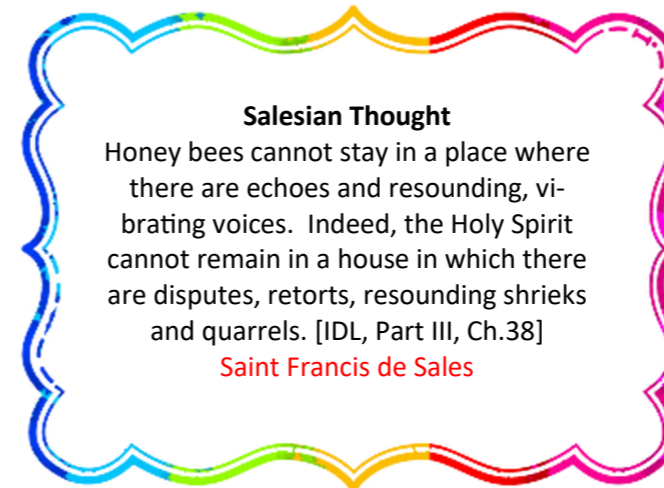
**Youth Ministry Team Meeting this coming Wednesday at 7,00pm at the Leo Mahon Room.** Please contact us of your attendance for catering purpose – dinner is provided curtesy of Little Mercy Home.

In the Youth Ministry Training we will cover topics on:  
What is Ministry?

Communication  
Understanding Adolescence  
Teamwork  
Evangelizations  
Leadership  
Understanding the Catholic Faith  
Anointed and Sent Model with Three Goals and Eight Components

**Please sign up and contact Kiliti 0412731979 or the Parish Office 4341 1073**

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



### Salesian Thought

Honey bees cannot stay in a place where there are echoes and resounding, vibrating voices. Indeed, the Holy Spirit cannot remain in a house in which there are disputes, retorts, resounding shrieks and quarrels. [IDL, Part III, Ch.38]

Saint Francis de Sales

## BRINGING JESUS CHRIST TO ALL THROUGH HOSPITALITY

Hello everyone, The Parish Pastoral Council has chosen Hospitality as a key area for our parish to build upon and strengthen the work already happening here at St John the Baptist. Pope Francis' theme and message on Mission Sunday 2019 is 'Baptised and Sent: The Church of Christ in Communion and Mission in the World'. The Peninsula consists of a diverse community and we often have first-time guests at weekend Masses. How wonderful it is to welcome new parishioners and visitors to our beautiful Church! The second stage of the Hospitality Plan is now beginning. The Parish Pastoral Council has approved a Welcome desk in the foyer, with information to assist current and new parishioners. A Welcome Pack, brochures on our parish school, Ministries and services for those in need, including Mary Macs will be available. Our Peninsula community may not be aware of what our Church has to offer and we have been asked questions in the foyer regarding Sacraments, Reconciliation, Youth groups, Home Communion, Anointing of the Sick and Prayer groups. Our mission has become very clear: To share the welcome and love of Jesus Christ. Through our Parish Mission and Vision, the Hospitality Ministry welcomes all who wish to pray, connect and become followers of Jesus Christ. We seek to be renewed and transformed, inspired by the Holy Spirit. To carry this work we need volunteers as Welcomers who will set up the desk before weekend Masses. All that is needed is some of your weekend time on a monthly roster, a positive attitude and a desire to talk to people. We will be guided in the formation of our ministry by the Diocese. Please contribute your wonderful God-given gifts to this Ministry. Let us make a difference in our world, as followers of our Lord, Jesus Christ. God Bless, Kathie Smith, Coordinator, Hospitality Ministry 0404058970

## 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.**

## Fransalian Spirituality

Fransalian Spirituality is a lived and living tradition inspired by St. Francis de Sales (1567-1622) and St. Jane de Chantal (1572-1641). It emphasizes common sense and the power of doing little, ordinary and everyday things for God and others with great passion and great love. It is a down-to-earth way of living the Gospel of Jesus Christ.....wherever you find yourself. St. Francis de Sales tells each of us to "bloom where we are planted." This spirituality offers practical ideas on how to journey through the spiritual life with great hope and joy as we embrace the duties of "where we are planted" and respond to the universal call to holiness. It's a "spirituality of the heart" as relevant today as in the time of St. Francis and St. Jane, an all-embracing, down-to-earth spirituality for everyone.

**Cash Housie** every Saturday night at Peninsula Community Centre, Cnr Ocean Beach Rd & McMasters Rd, Woy Woy. Games start at 7.30pm and finish 10.20pm, cash prizes. Ticket sales from 6pm. Proceeds benefit the Parish.

Enquiries Rob: 0427 990 818.

**St Vincent de Paul Society** on the Peninsula assist and give a hand up to people in need. We have two Conferences with volunteers sharing the visiting or office work. New Volunteers are always welcome. Please ring Pat 0403 672 077 or Peter 0425 358 376.

**Ethel Cox Parish Centre - "Mary Mac's Place" Hospitality** volunteers provide nutritious, freshly cooked meals and information and referrals to appropriate community services. Open Monday to Friday, 11am-1pm, at the Ethel Cox Parish Centre. For more information, please contact 4341 0584.

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