



WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH

St John the Baptist Catholic Church



5th Sunday of Easter
10th May 2020, Year A (Psalter Week 1)



Our Lady of Fatima

The famous apparitions of the Virgin Mary to the children of Fatima took place during the First World War, in the summer of 1917. The inhabitants of this tiny village in the diocese of Leiria (Portugal) were mostly poor people, many of them small farmers who went out by day to tend their fields and animals. Children traditionally were assigned the task of herding the sheep.

The three children who received the apparitions had been brought up in an atmosphere of genuine piety: Lucia dos Santos (ten years old) and her two younger cousins, Francisco and Jacinta. Together they tended the sheep and, with Lucy in charge, would often pray the Rosary kneeling in the open. In the summer of 1916 an Angel appeared to them several times and taught them a prayer to the Blessed Trinity.

On Sunday, May 13, 1917, toward noon, a flash of lightning drew the attention of the children, and they saw a brilliant figure appearing over the trees of the Cova da Iria. The "Lady" asked them to pray for the conversion of sinners and an end to the war, and to come back every month, on the 13th.

Further apparitions took place on June 13 and July 13. On August 13 the children were prevented by local authorities from going to the Cova da Iria, but they saw the apparition on the 19th. On September 13 the Lady requested recitation of the Rosary for an end to the war. Finally, on October 13, the "Lady" identified herself as "Our Lady of the Rosary" and again called for prayer and penitence.

On that day a celestial phenomenon also took place: the sun seemed to tumble from the sky and crash toward earth. The children had been forewarned of it as early as May 13, the first apparition. The large crowd (estimated at 30,000 by reporters) that had gathered around the children saw the phenomenon and came away astounded.

Official recognition of the "visions" which the children had at the Cova da Iria came on October 13, 1930, when the bishop of Leiria - after long inquiry - authorized the cult of Our Lady of the Rosary at the site. The two younger children had died: Francisco (who saw the apparition but did not hear the words) on April 4, 1919, and his sister Jacinta on February 20, 1920. Sister Lucia died on February 13, 2005, at her Carmelite convent in Coimbra, Portugal, after a long illness.

Excerpted from Dictionary of Mary, Catholic Book Publishing Company.

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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 also donate via credit card over the phone by calling Triona Meagher on 4341 1073.

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Position Vacant - Director, Office for Evangelisation, Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay

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Thank you. We are so grateful to our community who demonstrate their love for their neighbours by generously supporting the Charitable Works Fund. The CWF is scheduled for this weekend the 9th and 10th of May 2020.

This is the final appeal for this financial year and we need to raise \$15,892.05 to meet the quota set by the Diocese. You have already generously donated \$21,277.95 as part of the 1st two appeals of the year.

- To make an online donation please go to: <https://www.givenow.com.au/cwf> (Woy Woy Parish)
- Deposit directly into the Parish Account BSB 062 784 Account 1200 8001 (as a reference put CWF)
- If you prefer you may ring the Parish Office who can accept your donation using a credit card over the phone.
- Cheques can also be accepted by posting to the Parish Office at PO Box 264, Woy Woy NSW 2256.

When you give to the CWF, you can be assured that your donation is working for the faith and the people of the Diocese of Broken Bay. Donations \$2 and over are tax-deductible.

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Most Rev Anthony Randazzo Bishop of Broken Bay



My dear people, my particular prayer intention this week is for vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life, because in our community of the Church, this week is dedicated to the discernment of vocations. I invite you to join me in prayer for this intention because we have a need for generous people to serve the community of the Church.

The Church needs more priests and consecrated women and men if its ministry is to have the fullness that its apostolate to the world demands. As well as prayer, the Church needs action. We need to encourage all baptised people to discover their personal vocation in life. Most people will find their vocation in the world as laity. However, many will consider the Church's need for priests to shepherd the flock of Christ, and for consecrated women and men to give witness to Kingdom values by a life of service to others. Living out our Christian vocation each day demands that we commit ourselves to becoming holy.

As each man and woman, boy and girl responds to their vocation in life, they take up the special role:

1. of preaching the Word of God to the world,
2. of the enrichment of the Christian family and
3. ultimately of the building up of the Kingdom of God.

This week, I would like to invite you to listen to what God is asking you to do with your life. I encourage you to step up and to meet the challenge of living your faith! To that end, I offer you some guidance from the Sacred Scripture. I hope that you might find inspiration and direction as you say "yes" to God in your life and in the Church. In the greeting from the letter to the Galatians, Paul boldly attributes his vocation unconditionally to the will of God: Paul an apostle – sent neither by human commission nor from human authorities, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead (Galatians 1:1).

There are many examples in Sacred Scripture of people who, like Paul, have received a personal call from God. This call always has a similar pattern.

- God's call is always personal, made to men or women in a given place and time.
- While the call is to an individual, it is always in response to the needs of the People of God (e.g. Moses Ex 3:7-12).
- In this regard, God forever looks to the community, calling people to leadership and service within it.
- The reaction is not always placid; in fact, the initial response is one of shock to the one who is called (e.g. Jeremiah 1:4-6).
- More often than not the one called will not reject the proposal, but will question, how can this come about?(e.g. Mary in Lk 1:34).
- After grappling with God's call for some time, the individual often discovers his or her life is changed.
- The initial shock shakes the entire foundation of life to the point where the response is one of freedom (e.g. Paul Acts 9:1-20), and the one called is prepared to leave behind family, friends, in sum, the familiar life (e.g. Abraham Gen 12:1-4).
- God's call is charged with a task.
- The person is called to do something, to lead, to guide, to teach, to go on a mission (e.g. Isaiah 6:6-9).
- But, they are never sent alone. God promises to be with them (e.g. David 1Sam 16:13).
- God pledges fidelity, and the one called is often surprised that with God, all things are possible.

With these words of encouragement, I hope that the Holy Spirit will animate everyone throughout our diocese to live the Christian faith joyfully. If God is calling you to be a priest, a deacon, or a consecrated woman or man, then know that you are not alone. Don't be afraid because when God asks us to do something, the Holy Spirit gives us the gifts necessary to do it.

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Every blessing in the Lord,
+ Anthony

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Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for May For Deacons

We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

We offer our heartfelt condolences to Michael & Kathleen McCulloch and family on the recent death of Gerard William McCulloch. May he rest in peace.

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

Recently Deceased: Gerard McCulloch.

Anniversaries: Lucky Mercuri, Jack Cappallo, Rosa Langrazia, Girolama Mercuri.

Sick: Dennis Von Nida, Ernie Mullins, John Mitchell, Marie Dixon, Michael Taylor, Geoff Floyd, Elaine Finlayson, Tom Searle, Donna Vella, Donna Briemer, Oscar James Morreti, Luis Emilio Garrido, Audrey Kirkman, Malin Tugaga, Pamela Power, Mary Scarf, Louis & Rose Aloisio, Amanda Sheridan, Audey Barsenbach, Marta Panczyna, 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, , 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, Roger Mitchell.



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