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"He must increase, I must decrease"

**Administrator**

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

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**St John the Baptist Primary School**

St John the Baptist Primary School is now enrolling for Kindergarten 2021. For all enquiries please call 4341 0884.

**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.

For those of our parishioners who would like Confession, please call the Parish Office on 4341 1073 or Fr Timothy on 0407 469 530 to request a time.

**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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While we may not all be able to enter the church building for Mass, our prayer and worship, our physical or spiritual communion is a foretaste of the blessed communion which is to come. It reminds us that we are in communion with those about us and with those who have gone before us in faith. We become one through Jesus Christ with each other and in the communion of saints.

*Most Rev Anthony Randazzo Bishop of Broken Bay*

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

**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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\*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 Lawer has access to a panel of lenders through Liberty Network Services Pty Ltd (ABN 65 201 198 628) (Australian Credit Licence 400042) (ASIC including Liberty Financial Pty Ltd (ABN 55 077 248 983) which owns LNS.

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**WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH**  
**St John the Baptist Catholic Church**



**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**17<sup>th</sup> May 2020, Year A (Psalter Week 2)**



Jesus gave us God's Spirit, our Guide. The Spirit invites us to follow Jesus, to love God, and to love others. When we say "Yes" to the Spirit, we know we are children of God. The sacraments of the Church celebrate the work of the Spirit in our lives. We first received the gift of the Spirit in our baptism; this was our first step as children of God. The Spirit urges us to take part in God's forgiveness with the sacrament of Reconciliation, especially when we don't follow the command of Jesus to treat others with love. In the Eucharist, the bishop or priest prays the Spirit will come upon the gifts of bread and wine so they will become the Body and Blood of Jesus. Through the power of God's Spirit, the Risen Jesus becomes present to us in the Eucharist. We become one with

Jesus when we receive him in Communion. Finally, the Spirit gives us his gifts in Confirmation: fortitude, counsel, understanding, knowledge, wisdom, reverence, and awe of the Lord. We use these gifts for the good of others, as ways to show our love for them.

As the Spirit works in our lives, we are changed for the better. We might not feel different (in fact we might not feel anything). When we pray and when we act for the good of others, however, we know that the Spirit is helping us.

When we are one with Jesus, we can do things that might surprise us. Like the branch that produces an abundance of grapes, we can do much good through the power of the Spirit. We can praise God. We can help others, especially the poor and the needy. We can say "No!" to evil. But, when we are distant from God, we are limited, simply because we do not have the help of the Spirit.

How can we stay close to Jesus? One of the best ways is to prepare and receive Communion each time we attend Mass. We start to prepare for Communion when we deliberately think about who we will receive. Jesus is coming to us in his Body and Blood. What do we want to say to him? We can also make an examination of conscience. If we have sinned, we can ask Jesus to forgive us. There are other ways to prepare for Communion. One way is to fast from food before Mass. Another way is to dress modestly and to act with respect at Mass, especially when we come up to receive Communion.

After we receive Communion, we should take a few moments to thank the Spirit for the great gift of Jesus in our lives. We should also reflect on how we are one with Jesus and others. After Mass, we should try to help others.

When we stay close to Jesus, we can have hope even if we cannot see results.

Jesus is with us, but not in the same way the Apostles experienced him. They lived with him when he lived on earth. They knew he died. They saw him after he rose again. And they were witnesses to his ascension into heaven. When he was gone, they truly believed Jesus would return in glory. Until Jesus returned, the followers were guided by the Spirit. With the Spirit, they knew Jesus was with them when they shared the Eucharist, readings from the Bible, and mutual acts of love.

The Spirit gives us hope. When times are at their darkest, the Spirit will give us the strength to look ahead. Jesus will return! With the power of the Spirit, our Lord will bring us home to live with God our Father.

### 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.

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 also donate via credit card or electronic funds transfer. You can pick up a pledge form from the gathering space or request one from the Parish Office.

If your donation is via cheque you can post it to PO Box 264, Woy Woy NSW 2256.

If you would like a set of weekly donation envelopes please contact the Parish Office.

For any enquiries call Triona Meagher on 4341 1073. Many thanks.



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 appeal was the weekend of 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> May.

This was 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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### Fransalian Quote

"Let us be firm in our intentions,  
unwavering in our decision"

**St. Francis de Sales**

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

The Chancery of the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay is recruiting for the role of Director, Office for Evangelisation. This is a full time role based at Pennant Hills.

The Office for Evangelisation works across the areas of Pastoral Planning, Sacramental Life, Liturgy and RCIA, Life, Marriage and Family; Catholic Life, Mission, and Faith Formation; Catholic Youth and Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.

For the full advertisement see the **Positions Vacant** page of the Diocesan website:

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions-vacant>

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### First reading

**Acts 8:5-8,14-17 ©**

They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit  
Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

### Second reading

**1 Peter 3:15-18 ©**

In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life  
Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

### Gospel Acclamation

**John 14:23**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

**John 14:15-21 ©**

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate  
Jesus said to his disciples:  
'If you love me you will keep my commandments.  
I shall ask the Father,

and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever,  
that Spirit of truth  
whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him;  
but you know him,  
because he is with you, he is in you.  
I will not leave you orphans;  
I will come back to you.  
In a short time the world will no longer see me;  
but you will see me,  
because I live and you will live.  
On that day you will understand that I am in my Father  
and you in me and I in you.  
Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them  
will be one who loves me;  
and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father,  
and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

### Parish News:

**Email address:** For those Parishioners who have not been receiving the Parish newsletter via email can you please contact the Parish Office to be added to the mailing list.

**Scam alert:** We have been made aware that there is a scam regarding a 3rd party collection on behalf of St John the Baptist Church. We have not requested anyone to carry out such a collection. If you are unsure, please contact the Parish Office for clarification.

**Hand Sanitizer:** There is hand sanitizer available for use in the Church. It is located at entry to rear doors and gathering table.

**Resuming of Masses:** Please continue to ring the Parish Office to register yourself for any Masses. Remember we can only take a maximum of 10 People.

### 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 Sunday Mass every week. To learn more click here: <https://thekidsbulletin.com/about/>; to access the bulletins click here: <https://thekidsbulletin.com/>