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

Recently deceased: Mary Hill, Lisa Marie Johnson, Jan Gray, Maria Linda Cabatingan, Sela Oliveti.

Remembrances: Lilith Jordan, Dawn Drumbell

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.

St John the Baptist Church

Cnr Blackwall and Victoria Roads, Woy Woy

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Parish Office: Open Mon, Wed & Fri 9.30 am - 4.00 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.



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WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church



The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

22nd November 2020, Year A (Psalter Week 2)



"I hope you didn't take it personally, Father," an embarrassed woman said to her pastor after the Holy Mass, "when my husband walked out during your sermon on Christ the King." "I did find it rather disconcerting," the pastor replied. "It's not a reflection on you, Father," she insisted. "Ralph has been walking in his sleep ever since he was a child."

Signs seen at churches: "How will you spend eternity? Smoking or Non-smoking?" "Dusty Bibles lead to Dirty Lives." "Come work for Christ the King. The work is hard, the hours are long and the pay is low. But the retirement benefits are very grand and out of this world."

Dear Friends! The Church celebrates the feast of Christ the King on the last Sunday (34th Sunday) of her liturgical year. It was Pope Pius XI who introduced this feast in the liturgy in 1925. In most of the messianic prophecies given in the Old Testament books of Samuel, Micah, Isaiah and Jeremiah, Christ the Messiah is represented as a king.

The New Testament tells us that Jesus is the long-awaited king of the Jews. In the Annunciation, recorded in Lk.1: 32-33, we read: "The Lord God will make him a king, as his ancestor David was, and he will be the king of the descendants of Jacob forever and his kingdom will never end."

During the royal reception given to Jesus on Palm Sunday, the Jews shouted: (Lk.19: 38) "God bless the king, who comes in the name of the Lord." Luke's gospel tells us (19: 19), that the board hung over Jesus' head on the cross read: "Jesus the Nazarene, King of the Jews". Before his ascension into heaven, Jesus declared: (Mt. 28:18) "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth." Today's gospel on the Last Judgment presents Christ the King coming in his heavenly glory to judge us.

Jesus has begun his reign as king, but he will come on Judgment Day to bring it to completion. On that day he will sit on his throne and sort out from all nations those men and women, and boys and girls, who really belong to his kingdom. Notice that both the righteous and the accursed address Jesus as "Lord." It is not what we call him that matters but whether or not we have come to the help of the needy and the disadvantaged in our midst.

The specific actions mentioned are (i) feeding the hungry, (ii) giving drink to the thirsty, (iii) clothing the naked, (iv) sheltering the homeless, (v) visiting those in prison, and (vi) taking care of the sick. Add (vii) burying the dead, and you have the traditional Seven Corporal Works of Mercy.

The Salvation Army does not believe in baptism, in the Eucharist nor in the priesthood. Yet you never hear people criticize them. Why? Because what they do speaks so loudly that no one cares what they believe. They provide soup kitchens for the starving. They clothe the naked on our streets. They rehabilitate those addicted to drug and alcohol. They are there wherever disaster strikes. As far as people are concerned these are the things that count. The Parable of the Last Judgment in today's gospel shows that these are the things that count before God as well.

On Judgment Day shall we be with the favoured on His right or with the un-favoured on His left? The answer to that will depend on how we live our lives. Ministering to the basic needs of one's fellow-man is the only criterion of judgment mentioned in today's Gospel. Paraphrased, it runs: man is to be judged entirely on his behaviour towards his fellowmen. Jesus identifies himself with man. He counts doing for others as done for Him.

The Gospel challenges us to see the broken body of Christ in the brokenness and the woundedness of those we see around us. Christ still suffers in the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick, and the imprisoned. Let us keep in mind to pay attention to them is to pay attention to the broken body of Christ in and around us.

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 Traditional 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.

Welcome: We welcome seminarian Huy Tan, who will be joining us until Christmas, to gain exposure to Pastoral life.

Advent: Just a reminder, next weekend we move into the Season of Advent.

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.

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.

Piety Stall: Columban Calendars \$12, Ark Calendars \$9 & SvdP cards \$2 all available from the Piety Stall. Volunteers needed for Sunday evenings. If we have no one available we will be forced to close the Piety stall for this mass

Cleaning Roster: 27/11/20—Kevin Glacken. Reg Harrington, Peter Smith, Warren Sparrow. Additional volunteer church cleaners are needed. Enquiries to Christine 4342 4548.

Youth News: Youth Ministry Team and Leaders and anyone interested are invited to attend our next meeting on the 2nd of December at 7.00pm in the Leo Mahon room. Anyone interested in learning about the Theological Virtues of Faith Hope and Love and the Cardinal Virtues of Prudence Fortitude Temperance and Justice are welcome to attend. This is also a meeting where we decide to start having activities for our young people during school holidays - while still abiding by the rules and regulations of COVID 19. For further Enquiries please contact Kiliti Na'ati on 0412731979 or Bernie O'Keefe on 0417 698 760.

Congratulations

On behalf of St John the Baptist Parish, Woy Woy, we would like to congratulate our Catechists who have reached a milestone in their years of dedicated service in bringing the Word of God to our children in the State schools

Susan Simmons 15 years
Brenda Sweet 20 years
Mary Wood 20 years



Become a catechist in 2021!

We are always in need of new Special Religious Education teachers or catechists. The following classes need their own Special Religious Education Teacher. We have classes available at:

Woy Woy South Primary with classes at 9am and 9.30am on Tuesdays.

Ettalong Primary with classes at 10:20am and 11:30am. on Tuesdays.

Woy Woy Primary with classes at 9am and 9:30 am on Wednesdays.

Umina Primary with classes at 9:20am and 10am on Fridays.

If you have never been in a classroom, you will be teamed up with an experienced catechist and "learn as you go." The original meaning of "catechist" is one who "echoes God's word", however catechists are much more than that. Facilitating a child's faith formation is a rewarding experience that does not require a teacher's degree or an advanced degree in theology: all it requires is enthusiasm, as well as generosity in sharing your time with others. Classes are once a week and run for 30-35 mins. Resources, lesson plans, teacher's manuals, student workbooks, free support & training are provided. Contact Michael on 0407 218 677. He will be able to answer questions and help you take the 1st steps to becoming a Special Religious Education teacher.

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.



In November, We Remember!

Reading 1

EZ 34:11-12, 15-17

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will look after and tend my sheep. As a shepherd tends his flock when he finds himself among his scattered sheep, so will I tend my sheep. I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark. I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the Lord GOD. The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy, shepherding them rightly. As for you, my sheep, says the Lord GOD, I will judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats.

Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness, no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Reading 2

1 COR 15:20-26, 28

Brothers and sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the firstfruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all.

Alleluia

MK 11:9, 10

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

MT 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will

place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.' Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

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.