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"He must increase, I must decrease"

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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
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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.

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

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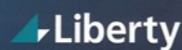
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*For St John's parishioners or their friends who settle a home loan by 30 April 2020. Amanda will donate \$300 to a local community centre. Approved applicants only. Lending criteria apply. Amanda Lawer has access to a panel of lenders through Liberty Financial Services Pty Ltd (ABN 65 251 198 628) (Australian Credit Licence 400042) (NSIC) including Liberty Financial Pty Ltd (ABN 55 077 248 983) which owns LNS.

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Pentecost Sunday

31st May 2020, Year A

Reflection - Fr Lourduswamy



Today we are looking up to the scripture for the feast of Pentecost, the story of Pentecost comes from Acts Ch 2 that is when the early disciples were gathered together, when the Holy Spirit poured out upon them. What happened to them that day changed their lives, changed their role, it gave strength. We know confirmation is our day of Pentecost that is the day the work of the Holy Spirit is completed. Also the work of Baptism is completed in our lives, and we received courage, power to be true authentic both in what we say and what we do.

What is interesting about the reading is that a powerful reading in Act contrasted is in John ch 19 right up to Mary Magdalene

sees the Lord and comes to report to the others it is where they are and what they are doing that my caught my attention. On the evening of that day.... (read passage , Jn 20: 19-23).

It is interesting disciples were behind closed doors. We too are brought down behind closed door during locked down due to this invisible Corona virus also we brought down behind our closed door of our hearts from many fears.. of what? sickness, timid, fear of others, fear of future etc.. Interesting to note that the reading of Acts ch 2 is all about is freeing us really be people of God for what we are called to be. He says Peace be with you. Here peace be with you in the midst of fear behind closed door is very free. When we hear the word Peace we are not talking about just a sense of wellbeing but we are talking about a complete wellbeing, an inner wellbeing a Peace only comes from God from behind closed doors. This word PEACE is very much need of the day when we are gripped with so many fears around and within us. And I hope you hear that word today. Jesus also says something very interesting As the Father sent me so I am going to send you, you may remember in the Gospel Mt 3 Jesus began his public ministry at the river Jordan by going down into the water of baptism after he came out of the water of baptism he experienced the confirmation the Holy spirit came upon him and empowered him to begin his public ministry. So just as Jesus began his ministry, we begin to minister in this world we begin to be Christ in this world.

The key word is **Pentecost**, is that power from Jesus so that we can do the work for which he has called us to do. He is giving us the Holy Spirit. Holy spirit is not a thing but is person, we also know Holy Spirit is one who accompany us in our lives, gives us the power to be a witnesses to come out of our locked doors as the disciples came out boldly from closed doors. Are you behind the closed doors for any reason? So in this week look for opportunity, opportunity for you to come from behind door a shut door, empowered by the PEACE from the Lord, to go out into the world and proclaim Christ. He will give you that opportunity and also give you the power to be that authentic true witness, in everything you say and in everything you do. Think of that day of your confirmation. He continues to work in your lives.

New Changes to Mass Numbers and Times

As of 1st June 2020 the regulated numbers for Masses has been lifted to 50. You will still need to call to register. This is very important so we can keep track of who is attending in the event of a covid outbreak.

Mass Times: Monday - Friday 8:30am; Saturday 9am (followed by Adoration and Confession) 4pm & 5pm; Sunday 7:30am 8:15am 9:15am 4pm & 5pm.

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:

Bishop Anthony will be joining us next Saturday night at 5pm to celebrate Mass and the Admission to Candidacy for Sacred Orders of Sam French. I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Parish to welcome Bishop Anthony and to congratulate Sam. Parishioners please be advised, this Mass will be on the streamer on the internet for those not attending due to Government restrictions.

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.

Christian Meditation: Thursday afternoons from 2-3pm and Monday evenings 6-7pm, in the Leo Mahon room. All welcome!

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/>

Fransalian Quote

"God raises the throne of his power on the stage of our weakness making use of what is weak to shame the strong"

St. Francis de Sales

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 donate via Bpoint by clicking

<https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/woywoyparish>

You can also donate via Tap and go in the church or credit card. You can pick up a pledge forms 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.

Youth Group: I hope that all are well and recovering from the lockdown time. It was a time of many challenges deaths but now we are given opportunities and resurrection. I am now thinking of the Youth Team getting back into our training again, sharing our stories and preparing for our ministry. Fr. Tim has given us the opportunity to start working on getting back and start making plans for the leaders preparation then we will reach out to the youth. Your family are the priorities and when you are ready, please let me know of your commitment and your availability.

I am looking forward to finish up our training of The Youth Ministry Model Anointed and Sent - and see if we could look further into the Liturgy within the Catholic Church.

Please contact Kiliti on 0412731979 or sks2230grace@gmail.com.

First reading

Acts 2:1-11 ©

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Second reading 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13 ©
In the one Spirit we were all baptised

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:19-23 ©

As the Father sent me, so am I sending you: receive the Holy Spirit

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'



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 9th/10th 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.