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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 P: 02 4341 0884 E: www.sjbwoywoy.dbb.org.au

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for June Prayer intention for evangelisation The Way of the Heart

We pray for all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

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#### Keep Us In Your Prayers OF YOUR CHARITY PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF: Recently Deceased: Andrew Knight, Barry Bracher.

Anniversary: Margaret Juratowitch, Albert Moroney, Wafaa El Khatib, Betty Cavanagh, Thomas & Aileen Carr, Patrick John Simmons.

Remembrances: Sr Elizabeth Carr SGS.

Sick: Pat Savage, Pat O'Reagan, Ernie Mullins, John Mitchell, Marie Dixon, Michael Taylor, Geoff Floyd, 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, Audrey Barsenbach, Marta Panczyna, Mary Wood, Therese Horner, Jack Dummett, Jo Farrelle, Anne Singleton, Tina Cohen, Janice Green, Robert Parker, Maureen Wardrop, Ros Harbig, Karen Chorazyczewska, Ada-Primrose Murphy, Larry Cresswell, Ken Joyce, Andrew Muggs, Roger Mitchell.





# WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) 14<sup>th</sup> June 2020, Year A



When we sit together for a family meal, it can generate a special feeling of togetherness. Each of us will have our own memories of table companionship or fellowship. Many of these will be happy experiences of celebration and laughter, of love received and shared. You share lots of ideas with each another. However, some memories of table fellowship may be sad, times when we were more aware of one who was absent than of those who were present. Jesus shared a table many times with his disciples. It is likely that, when sharing food with his disciples, he also shared with them his vision of God's kingdom. At the table, the disciples imbibed something of Jesus' mind and heart and spirit. Of all the meals he shared with them, the meal that stayed in their memory more than any other was their last meal together, what came to be known as the last supper. Today's gospel gives us Mark's account, his word-picture, of that last supper.

At the last supper Jesus gave himself in the form of the bread and wine. By this action, he was declaring himself to be their food and drink. In calling on them to take and eat, to take and drink, he was asking them to take their stand with him, to give themselves to him as he was giving himself to them. It means that in all he stands for, living the values, walking in his ways, even if that means the cross. This is the cause of our being here in the church today. Whenever we come to Mass and receive the Eucharist, we are making a number of declarations in our minds viz, we are acknowledging Jesus as our bread of life, we are also declaring, that we will follow in his way and be faithful to him all our lives, in response to his faithfulness to us. Therefore, taking part in the Eucharist is not something we do lightly. Let every Eucharist be a reminder of the last supper of the first disciples. As we celebrate and consume Body and Blood of Jesus, let us commit ourselves like that of the first disciples, to the journey of transformation. Every Eucharist must lead us to conversion in every Christian believer. This conversion happens in and through the very real life, the struggles and sufferings of our daily lives; through even the mistakes, the wrong choices, the failures, and the pain, when they are joined to His Passion.

The Eucharist that we bear in our hearts becomes a Monstrance and, we carry this Eucharist into the streets, to our homes and wherever we go. Let us choose to become what we consume. Let us choose to become the way of Christ in all we do and say. This feast of Body and Blood is an invitation to encounter the Lord Jesus and offer Him to our family, neighbours, those whom we encounter everyday and to the world at large. Let us pray to receive, adore and become Eucharist for others. Amen





#### **Parish News:**

#### 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, Healing Mass (1st Friday); 4pm; Saturday 9am (followed by Adoration & 5pm; Sunday 7:30am, 9:15am & 5pm.

**Confession Times:** Friday 9am, 3:30pm (1st Friday); Saturday 9am; 4:30pm; Sunday 7am.

**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.

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!

### **Beginning Your Day In The Divine Will**

Sweet Mother Mary, help me be faithful and attentive to all Jesus wants of me today, doing everything for him, with him and in him. Keep me completely abandoned to Jesus an at peace, doing all my actions under your maternal gaze and never let me go out of his divine will.

"May Your Kingdom come quickly upon the earth! May perennial glory be given to Your Divine Will!"

On Thursday morning each week; "Laud, Holy Mass & Rosary" is followed (after a coffee break) by 1 hour of Divine Will Cenacle, gathering in the Leo Mahon Room. Anyone is welcome to join us to pray together and gather knowledge of Our Father.

# **Fransalian Quote**

"If we cannot keep the Commandments without Charity, still less can we have all the virtues without it." **St. Francis de Sales** 

#### Position Vacant - Development & Relationships Manager, Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay

The Chancery of the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay is recruiting for the role of **Development & Relationships Manager**. This is a full time role based at Pennant Hills.

The Development & Relationships Manager is responsible for fundraising & development strategy, fundraising infrastructure, program & collateral, capacity building and parish support services. You will work closely with the parishes of the Diocese and provide support as they carry out the mission of the Catholic Church.

For the full advertisement see the **Positions Vacant** page of the Diocesan website: <u>https://</u> www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions-vacant

#### World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

Monday 15 June is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, a day to recognise the rights of older people. Let's work together to end abuse and celebrate the value older people bring to our families, lives and communities.

Youth Group: We have celebrated the Descent of the Holy Spirit, followed by the Feast of the Trinity (the eternal exchange of Love between the Father and the Son and this week we are celebrating the summit of our faith, the Feast of Corpus Christi (The Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ – the Eucharist). I pray that we are nurtured and nourished with God's Grace through the abundance of the fullness of His Love. My plan is that very soon I will call a meeting for all members of the Youth Ministry Leadership Team and then I hope we will start up again in August. I am asking for your prayers as we are going to come back and revised what we have covered and reconnect with those that signed up to actively participate within this ministry. If you happen to know of anyone who is over 18 and wanted to be part of this Youth Ministry Team, please invite them and encourage them to join us. I hope and pray that all are well and find new life during this time of hardships but at the same time, a time of challenges for opportunities. We also congratulate Seminarian Sam French as he continue to fulfil his call to priesthood and soon St. John the Baptist will be proud for him to be ordained in the near future. Please continue to pray for him and his ministry. May God continue to bless all of you and your family. If you require further information about our Youth Ministry please don't hesitate to contact me on

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### First reading Deut 8:2-3,14-16 ©

He fed you with manna, which neither you nor your fathers had known

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not become proud of heart. Do not forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

#### Second reading

1 Cor 10:16-17 ©

That there is only one loaf means that, though we are many, we form one body

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

#### Gospel John 6:51-58 ©

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink Jesus said to the crowd: 'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.' Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

#### 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.

# 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/