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**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.

St John the Baptist Church

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Recently Deceased: Dot Spillane

Anniversary: Vincent Ryan

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



**The Most Holy Trinity
7th June 2020, Year A**

Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9, 2 Corinthians 13:11-13, Gospel John 3:16-18



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, on this Sunday after the Solemnity of the Pentecost, the Universal Church again celebrates another great and very important Solemnity, one that is concerning the very centre principle and distinctiveness of our Christian faith. That is the belief in God Who exists in Three Divine Persons and yet, at the same time, is also One and Indivisible and that is why on this Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity.

We do not believe in three different Gods, but one God in three persons, Unity in One Godhood. That is what the Most Holy Trinity is about. All three are equal and no one is less equal or subservient to the other. All are co-equal, co-eternal, and equally omnipotent.

Many have tried to explain this concept of the Most Holy Trinity and one of the illustrations from the many to explain the concept of the Most Holy Trinity is that of a lighted candle. A lighted candle has three important properties; that is the light produced by the candle, the heat produced by the candle and the flame produced by the candle burning. All these three cannot be separated from each other and yet they are also easily distinguishable from each other.

The candle cannot have light without the burning flame, and without the flame there can be no heat either. And neither can there be flame without heat to make the candle burn in the first place, and with heat energy comes light that is produced by the heat of the reactions of the burning of the candle wax. And lastly, without light, it does not make sense for a candle that is burning to have no light, as flame always produces light and heat.

We can see from this example alone, how flame, light and heat are easily distinguishable from each other, as the light is clearly different from the heat, and flame itself is distinct from the light. The flame has a limited shape but the light illuminates the entire room far beyond the physical reach of the burning flame, and the heat can be felt on our bodies when we stand near the burning candle. Yet, each one of them cannot be separated from the other, or else we would not have a burning candle.

Now, brothers and sisters in Christ, having listened to what the Most Holy Trinity is all about, and how we try to explain this concept both to ourselves and to others, now that we have probably greater understanding and grasp of this concept, we must then also be aware of the significance of the Most Holy Trinity of Our God to ourselves as Christians. We must first and foremost remember that as Christians we are called to model ourselves on God whom we believe in.

If Our God exists in a perfect love and harmony in the Most Holy Trinity of Father, Son and the Holy Spirit, then surely our Christian communities, Christian families must also have this same love within us, that in the Church of God to which we belong to, we must be united in love and not being divided one against the other. And each and every one of us, just like the members of the Holy Trinity, are unique and have our own distinctiveness that we can bring in to enrich the good works and wonders of the Church of God.

Are we able to practice what we believe in the nature of our loving Triune God, the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit in our own lives? Are we able to imitate the loving examples and unity of the Three Divine Persons in our own Christian communities, between our family members, united in love and harmony with each other? This is how we as Christians reflect God in our own lives, in showing the same love that He has within Himself, which He has shared with us and now we share with one another.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us all renew our faith, deep commitment and devotion to Our God, the Most Holy Trinity of Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. Let us all be witnesses of our faith in Him, in each and every moment we live, in our every actions so that all the people around us may see our faith and come to believe in God, the Most Holy Trinity as well, fulfilling what He has commanded us all to do, to make disciples of all people of all the nations and baptise them in the Name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.

Let us glorify our God, the Most Holy Trinity once more, with the prayer "Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Welcome to our Bishop

Bishop Anthony is joining us this 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.



A big Congratulations

Please keep Sam and his fellow candidates, Aldrin and Roger in your prayers at this special time



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

"Amid all the different colours of the teaching that the Church proclaims we can see everywhere the beautiful gold of holy love."

St. Francis de Sales

Parish News:

Public Holiday: Parish Office Closed Monday.

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; 4pm; Saturday 9am (followed by Adoration and Confession) 4pm & 5pm; Sunday 7:30am, 8:15am, 9:15am, 4pm & 5pm.

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!

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Youth Group: We are waiting for a date to return to training for preparation to be Youth Leaders in St John the Baptist Youth Ministry. Because of Covid19 lockdown, changes have happened. Prayers have been offered for the right stakeholders to soldier on this call from God as he assisted your decisions. Please confirm with me your ongoing support and commitment so we can start making plans. I would also like to ask for your prayers for all the leaders involved as well as all the youth and young adults who are going to join our group. Hopefully the Descent of the Holy Spirit empowered you all with the seven gifts readying you for our Ministry.

Anyone interested in joining this powerful Youth Ministry Team please do not hesitate to contact me for training. "YOU WILL HAVE POWER WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES UPON YOU" ACT18.

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First reading

Ex 34:4-6, 8-9 ©

Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'The Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

Second reading

2 Corinthians 13:11-13 ©

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
the God who is, who was, and who is to come.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 3:16-18 ©

God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.'

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

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
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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.