

OUT OF HOURS MEDICAL EMERGENCY
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"He must increase, I must decrease"

Administrator

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

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 5pm;
Sunday 7.30am, 9.15am, 6pm.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday-Friday 7.45am (Monday & Tuesday with Lauds)
Saturday and Public Holidays 9am.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK First Friday
4pm Mass

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE Friday
after morning Mass; First Friday
3.30pm; Saturday 9.30am (after
morning Mass) & 4.30pm; Sunday
7.00am.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Baptism
Preparation - 9.30am second and
fourth Sunday of the month
Sacrament of Baptism - 11.00am first
and third Sunday of the month . Please
contact the parish office for more
information.

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT** Saturday after 9am Mass
until 10am Monday until 9am (Public
Holidays 10.15am) Thursday 7.30pm-
8.30pm for the needs of the Parish.

PARISH CHOIR Enquiries: 0417 659
526. Practice Wed nights in the church
@ 7pm. New members welcome.

Christian Meditation Monday
evenings 6-7pm in the Leo Mahon
room. All welcome. Enquiries 0432 882
776.

St John the Baptist Church
Cnr Blackwall and Victoria Roads, Woy Woy

Ethel Cox Parish Centre

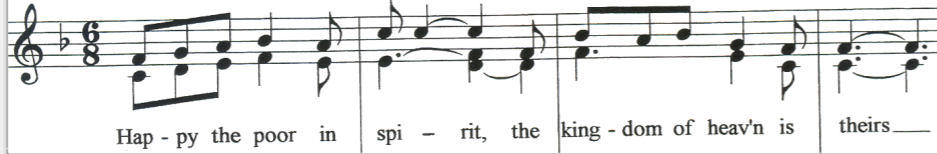
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Parish Office: Open Mon, Wed & Fri 9.30 am - 4.00 pm and
Tues & Thu 8.30 am - 3.00 pm
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Psalm Response

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven. *Alleluia!*

Readings: 9th February 2020

Is 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

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

Recently Deceased: Glen Gunner.

Remembrances: Paulina Menezes, Mary, Katerina & Frank Justic.

Anniversaries: Tony Schumacher, Venerando Guarde.

Sick: John Mitchell, Marie Dixon, Michael Taylor, Kathleen Bezzina, Geoff Floyd, Elaine Finlayson, Tom Searle, Joan Kelleher, Vicki Pirie, Patricia Dwyer, Donna Vella, Donna Briemer, Oscar James Morreti, Betty Fraser, Luis Emilio Garrido, Audrey Kirkman, Malin Tugaga, Pamela Power, Mary Scarf, Louis & Rose Aloisio, Amanda Sheridan, Audey Barsenbach, Marta Panczyna, Sue James, 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, Michael Hourigan, John Horrigan, 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, Dorothy Fulton, Roger Mitchell.

Quotes from *Amoris Laetitia*... "The Joy of Love"
Pope Francis

We also find it hard to make room for the consciences of the faithful, who very often respond as best they can to the Gospel amid their limitations, and are capable of carrying out their own discernment in complex situations. We have been called to form consciences, not to replace them.

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St John the Baptist Catholic Church

Mission and Vision
Bringing Jesus Christ to ALL, through:
Worship and Liturgy
Outreach
Our Parish School
Hospitality
Adult & Child Faith Formation



The Presentation of the Lord
2nd February 2020, Year A



Forty days after Christmas, we celebrate the lord who enters the Temple and comes to encounter his people. In the Christian East, this feast is called the "Feast of Encounter." It is the encounter between God, who became a child to bring newness to our world, and an expectant humanity, represented by the elderly man and woman in the Temple.

The dedication of the child Jesus to God and to his mission is in a ceremonial way in the Temple. Celebrating this event will have more of an effect in our own lives if we see in it something basic to every human life, not only that of the son of God. The offering of the child Jesus to God highlights the fact that all human life, all life, comes from the hand of God, belongs to God, and that all our joy and fulfillment

come in voluntarily and generously using that life and our time in the service of God and our world. All life, all time belong to God. Our joy consists in our free and daily recognition of this. In our baptism we, or our godparents, were given a candle lit from the Paschal candle, that symbol of the presence of Christ in us, our sharing in his life, strength, and dedication to God. St. Sophronius says: "Let no one fail to carry a light" to meet the Lord, to join him in his presentation. The presentation of the child Jesus in the Temple coupled with the blessing of the candles reminds us of that burning candle given to us in our baptism. Is it still burning: Do we work through prayer and practical love for those around us to show that Christ lives in us, that the light of Christ is in us? Our participation at this altar and in this service carries with it the implication that how we use our lives will serve God through and with the Lord whose body and blood nourish that life.

At the end of the Gospels, there is another encounter with Jesus that can inspire the consecrated life. It is that of the women before the tomb. They had gone to encounter the dead; their journey seemed useless. You too are journeying against the current: the life of the world easily rejects poverty, chastity, and obedience. But like those women, keep moving forward, without worrying about whatever heavy stones need to be removed (cf. Mk 16:3). And like those women, be the first to meet the Lord, risen and alive. Cling to him (cf. Mt 28:9) and go off immediately to tell your brothers and sisters, your eyes gleaming with joy (cf. v. 8). In this way, you are the Church's perennial dawn. I ask you to renew this very day your encounter with Jesus, to walk together towards him. For this will give light to your eyes and strength to your steps.
Fr Timothy Raj, MSFS.

Parish News

Sound system: We are in the process of changing our sound system and the first phase of upgrading the Radio Mic System is still underway. The second phase will be the upgrade of the PA System. If you would like to contribute to the upgrade, the cost is due to be \$6,165.50.

Thank you: Thank you for your thoughtful and compassionate prayers and donations to the Vinnies Bushfire Appeal held over the Australia Day weekend. \$4,800 was donated along with \$1,800 raised on 19/01 from the proceeds of the Filipino ladies' morning tea. Donations can still be made online. A link is included on <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/give/bushfires>

There are additional prayers, reflections and resources available including a link to the Catholic Emergency Relief Australia website at <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/give/bushfires/resources> for those wishing to volunteer or provide additional assistance.

Thank you: Thank you Fr. Timothy, Paul Cavanagh, Bernie French and all the other servers who participated in this most moving and humbling Mass on my behalf. Thanks all of you. It is something I will not forget. Carl Bliim (retired Senior Server.) *Balmain boys don't cry but emotions still come to the fore.*

Thank you: Thank you to Gladys Leger who will shortly be returning to live in Tonga. We thank Gladys sincerely for her countless efforts in all the Parish Ministries she has been involved in. May God bless Gladys on her future journey and we wish her all the best of luck.

Cuppa and a Chat: A group of Seniors meet every third Monday in the Leo Mahon Room from 1.00 pm to 2.30 pm. Transport is provided. All are welcome. Enquiries to Pat on 0403 672 077.

Salesian Thought

Honey bees cannot stay in a place where there are echoes and resounding, vibrating voices. Indeed, the Holy Spirit cannot remain in a house in which there are disputes, retorts, resounding shrieks and quarrels. [IDL, Part III, Ch.38]

Saint Francis de Sales

SJB PARISH YOUTH MINISTRY

Our Parish Vision is Bringing Jesus Christ to All. : "He must increase, I must decrease".

This Weekend the 1st and 2nd of February, our Youth Ministry Team are recruiting for

More Youth Leaders and Mentors
Youth Group Members aged 12 – 17
Young Adult Members aged 18 – 30

A Donation Box at the Church Entrance for donations to help resource the Youth and Young Adults as we don't have any fund or budget. We are volunteers.

Please sign up on pages provided if you want to be a Youth Leader/Mentor

A separate sheet for Youth Members aged 12 – 17
A different sheet for Young Adults aged 18 - 30

We will train the Team (all these Leaders) in Anointed and Sent Model starting in February 2020 and it's an Ongoing Training of Leaders and Mentors. All adults that are participating are required to be trained and complete Work with Children's check before activating your gifts and talents to help.

Youth Ministry Team Meeting this coming Wednesday at 7,00pm at the Leo Mahon Room. Please contact us of your attendance for catering purpose – dinner is provided courtesy of Little Mercy Home.

In the Youth Ministry Training we will cover topics on:
What is Ministry?

Communication
Understanding Adolescence
Teamwork
Evangelizations
Leadership
Understanding the Catholic Faith
Anointed and Sent Model with Three Goals and Eight Components

Please sign up and contact Kiliti 0412731979 or the Parish Office 4341 1073

Anyone interested in joining the forces for Youth Ministry, we need YOU.



National Catholic Safeguarding Standards: Leadership, monitoring & improvement
Standard 1 – Committed leadership, governance and culture

Key Elements of Standard 1:
A commitment to Safeguarding
Promoting a Safeguarding Culture
Safeguarding Policies
Code of Conduct

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February Universal Prayer intention - Listen to the Migrants' Cries

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.



How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church?

As the Catholic Church in Australia prepares for the first gathering of the Plenary Council in October 2020, we are all invited to discern how we are being called to be a Christ-centred Church. To learn about the process of discernment, visit plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au or speak with your parish priest. The November National Theme for Discernment is Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal. Further information in the Gathering Area.



GOSFORD HOSPITAL VISITATION – A PLEA FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE

Gosford Parish is responsible for ensuring that Catholic patients [from all parishes] have the opportunity to receive the Blessed Eucharist on a Sunday by sending a team in each Friday to visit those nominated.

Unfortunately though our volunteer numbers are dwindling due to ill health and we are now in urgent need and call on local parishes to find people who would be willing to take on this ministry.

NSW Health has imposed a number of regulations and requirements which need to be met and the most daunting for some is the idea of undertaking a 40 hour CPE course, and receiving a number of vaccinations to protect both patient and visitor but if you aren't daunted please call Gosford Parish Office on 4325 1042 to have your questions answered.

Fransalian Spirituality

Fransalian Spirituality is a lived and living tradition inspired by St. Francis de Sales (1567-1622) and St. Jane de Chantal (1572-1641). It emphasizes common sense and the power of doing little, ordinary and everyday things for God and others with great passion and great love. It is a down-to-earth way of living the Gospel of Jesus Christ.....wherever you find yourself. St. Francis de Sales tells each of us to "bloom where we are planted." This spirituality offers practical ideas on how to journey through the spiritual life with great hope and joy as we embrace the duties of "where we are planted" and respond to the universal call to holiness. It's a "spirituality of the heart" as relevant today as in the time of St. Francis and St. Jane, an all-embracing, down-to-earth spirituality for everyone.

Cash Housie every Saturday night at Peninsula Community Centre, Cnr Ocean Beach Rd & McMasters Rd, Woy Woy. Games start at 7.30pm and finish 10.20pm, cash prizes. Ticket sales from 6pm. Proceeds benefit the Parish.

Enquiries Rob: 0427 990 818.

St Vincent de Paul Society on the Peninsula assist and give a hand up to people in need. We have two Conferences with volunteers sharing the visiting or office work. New Volunteers are always welcome. Please ring Pat 0403 672 077 or Peter 0425 358 376.

Ethel Cox Parish Centre - "Mary Mac's Place" Hospitality volunteers provide nutritious, freshly cooked meals and information and referrals to appropriate community services. Open Monday to Friday, 11am-1pm, at the Ethel Cox Parish Centre. For more information, please contact 4341 0584.

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