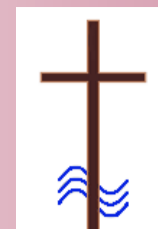




## WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church



**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**25th JULY 2021, Year B**



### **2021 Confirmation Program—Deferred**

*Bishop Anthony had been looking forward to celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation with you in your parish of Woy Woy on Sunday 8 August. However, with the current outbreak of the COVID virus across Sydney and the subsequent Stay at Home Order, Bishop Anthony has become aware of the problems that may be arising as you plan the logistics of the upcoming celebrations, with uncertainty. Therefore, Bishop Anthony has decided to defer the scheduled celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation to later in the year. The Office of the Bishop will work with you to determine another occasion to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation once we have some clarity around the restrictions that may be in place. Bishop Anthony is committed to ensuring that our communities remain as safe as they can be during these challenging times which call us all to be generous in our flexibility and adaptability. I ask that you pass on this message to your families and assure them of Bishop Anthony's prayers in this uncertain time.*

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ, A little over three years ago, I had the pleasure of being at the launch of a new initiative called Fire Up Ministries ([fireupministries.com](http://fireupministries.com)). Along with several hundred young people, I gathered at Epping for the launch of this marvelous initiative by Simon and Madeleine Carrington. I first had the pleasure of meeting the Carringtons quite early in my ministry as an Auxiliary Bishop in the Archdiocese of Sydney when Simon and Madeleine were engaged to be married. The next time our paths crossed was when I participated in a panel to discuss vocations in August 2017. Just two months shy of their wedding day, which they celebrated on 7 October – the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary – Simon and Madeleine were representing couples called to married life. I distinctly remember being impressed not only by their eloquence, but also their radiating a clear sense to others that what they were living out as a soon-to-be-married couple was nothing less than a response to God's call. In a similar way, I am convinced that what they embarked upon with Fire Up Ministries is also a response to a call. The world, and our young people in particular, is crying out for good news regarding issues that plumb the depths of their identity, particularly those that touch upon that very beautiful and delicate, yet complex and profound area of human sexuality. When we look around the world, we are constantly being given reminders of the darkness that envelops it, particularly in all matters relating to human identity. But as the saying goes, "it is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness", and both Simon and Madeleine are in their burgeoning ministry, providing that little bit of light to the young people of Broken Bay, Parramatta, Sydney, and beyond. I believe that this is indeed good news for our community of the Church – especially for our young people as they explore their conviction in life and mission as men and women of faith. Simon and Madeleine's vision has promoted a mission to restore marriage and family life in our culture by proclaiming Saint John Paul II's Theology of the Body, which is a comprehensive teaching encompassing all of life from conception until natural death. A topic that is indeed ripe for our time. People often ask me for direction and resources that might assist in making positive and fruitful choices in life. I would encourage communities throughout Broken Bay to see Fire Up Ministries as one such experience which offers positive Catholic teaching and experience to our young people. Blessings of love, peace, and good health for the week ahead.

**Most Rev Anthony Randazzo Bishop of Broken Bay**



This weekend's Mass for the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time features our own Fr David Ranson, with Br Bernard Fonkulsrud and Selina Hasham reading. You can watch the broadcast at 6.00am Sunday 25 July, or watch

*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

## PARISH NEWS

**St John the Baptist Primary School:** School Enrolments are now being taken for 2022 school year. Enquiries Tel 4341 0884 or [www.sjbwoywoy.dbb.org.au](http://www.sjbwoywoy.dbb.org.au). Applications need to be in ASAP so that a screener for each child can be booked and then acceptance letters will be sent out along with information about school transition program.

**House Blessings:** Anyone wishing to have their house blessed can call the Parish Office to arrange.

**Divine Will Cenacle:** Next meeting is scheduled for 5th August in the Leo Mahon Room after 9am Mass & Rosary prayers. All are welcome.

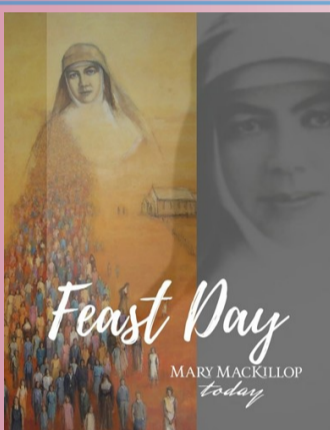
**Attention all kids:** The Kids' Bulletins are a resource for Catholic children who would like to have some fun while learning about the readings from the Sunday Mass every week. To access the bulletins click [here](#). To access free online Children's liturgy of the Word videos click [Heidi Witte YouTube](#).



### JOSEPHITE COMPANIONS – NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions, our meeting planned for **Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> June will be postponed until Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> August**. Come and join us from 10am to 11:30am in the Leo Mahon room in the Parish Offices. New members welcome! If you are interested in knowing more or joining our group, please contact Anne Bailey, [annebccoast@gmail.com](mailto:annebccoast@gmail.com) or (02) 4341 6300.

*Josephite Companions are men and women who identify with the charism of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and Fr Julian Tenison Woods, co-founders of the Sisters of St Joseph. We offer mutual enrichment and support in friendship, prayer and service.*



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Dear all,

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Margaret Moore as Executive Assistant to the Diocesan Financial Administrator, Emma McDonald, commencing Tuesday, 20 July. Margaret will be assisting Emma on a contract basis for at least the next few months.

Margaret brings to the Diocese extensive executive administrative experience from a range of sectors, having worked with organisations including Tangara School for Girls, University of Notre Dame and the Office of NSW Treasurer, Dominic Perrottet. Prior to this, Margaret was also an integral member of the team who delivered WYD08, the visit of His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI to Sydney for World Youth Day in 2008, as well as working in the Communications team for the Archdiocese of Sydney. Margaret is also a local to our Diocese and already known to many of you through her active involvement in the Church. While it may be a while before you can meet Margaret face-to-face, I'm sure you will join me in welcoming her to the Diocese.

Margaret's contact details are P: 8379 1658 or E: [Margaret.Moore@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:Margaret.Moore@bbcatholic.org.au).

## YOUTH NEWS

As we continue with Coronavirus Lockdown - we will be waiting until all is settled before we resume our Youth Mass and Youth Gathering. We continue to pray for each other with hope that all shall be well soon. Please pray for our priests as we celebrate their ministries this Sunday. This is a difficult time for a lot of families and we need to pray for everyone who is struggling physically financially mentally emotionally and spiritually. Keep also our young people in our prayers at this critical time and remain in Christ and stay safe. May God continue to bless you and give you strength to persevere and overcome any obstacles coming your way. God bless.

Please contact Kiliti Na'ati 0421731979 [sks2231grace@gmail.com](mailto:sks2231grace@gmail.com) for further information

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"Just as there is a dead faith, there must also be a living faith which always bears good fruits in all seasons. It is excellent. Joined and united with charity and vivified by it, it is strong, firm and constant. It performs many great and good works which deserve the praise: So charity united to faith is not only followed by all the virtues, but from this results the multitude of good works of a living faith."

- St. Francis de Sales

2020/2021 Financial year receipts for your Charitable Works Fund donations are now available. Please advise the Parish office on 02 4341 1073 or [woywoyparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:woywoyparish@bbcatholic.org.au), to confirm your preferred method to receive—post or email



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Thank you for your generous contribution.

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**Recently deceased:** Verna Palmer, Sylroy Menezes

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**Remembrance:**

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# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## Reading I: 2 Kgs 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah bringing to Elisha, the man of God, twenty barley loaves made from the first fruits, and fresh grain in the ear. Elisha said, "Give it to the people to eat." But his servant objected, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" Elisha insisted, "Give it to the people to eat." "For thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and there shall be some left over.'" And when they had eaten, there was some left over, as the LORD had said.

## Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18

R. (cf. 16) The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

## Reading II: Eph 4:1-6

Brothers and sisters: I, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

## Alleluia: Lk 7:16

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

A great prophet has risen in our midst.  
God has visited his people.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

## Gospel: Jn 6:1-15

Jesus went across the Sea of Galilee. A large crowd followed him, because they saw the signs he was performing on the sick. Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. The Jewish feast of Passover was near. When Jesus raised his eyes and saw that a large crowd was coming to him, he said to Philip, "Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?" He said this to test him, because he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Two hundred days' wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" Jesus said, "Have the people recline." Now there was a great deal of grass in that place. So, the men reclined, about five thousand in number. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also, as much of the fish as they wanted. When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted." So they collected them, and filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves that had been more than they could eat. When the people saw the sign he had done, they said, "This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world." Since Jesus knew that they were going to come and carry him off to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain alone.



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