



WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH

St John the Baptist Catholic Church



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st August 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.

Broken Bay and Parramatta to cohost Euthanasia talks

The Diocese of Broken Bay is joining with the Diocese of Parramatta to host a series of three talks in August ahead of the expected introduction of a draft Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill to NSW Parliament. The series, entitled "Euthanasia, Dying and the Dignity of the Human Person", will feature speakers in theology, medicine and communications. The free Zoomed talks, focused on providing alternative viewpoints to assisted suicide, were initiated as a result of growing community alarm at the proposed Bill which The Catholic Weekly reported on last week. The following is an edited version of a Catholic Weekly report from 9 July 2021, updated with new details about the online talks. Medical experts including specialist palliative care doctors will give key talks at online meetings over the next month on the dangers of legalising assisted suicide and euthanasia, and what people can do in response to the latest push in NSW.

With Independent MP Alex Greenwich set to introduce a draft Bill to parliament in August, NSW Labor Opposition Leader Chris Minns said he would not support assisted dying and would allow his party a conscience vote on the issue. Premier Gladys Berejiklian has also expressed her opposition, and it is unclear how the Bill would progress as she also gave an assurance following the 2019 abortion debate that there would be no further conscience votes during the current term of parliament, which is due to run for two more years.

In a statement, Archbishop of Sydney Anthony Fisher OP warned that attempts to "sugarcoat state-sanctioned killing" of certain citizens and assisting in suicides are a "disastrous move". The Archbishop said that such laws are "diametrically opposed to the spirit that inspires the care Catholic institutions offer". Horror at the revelations from the Aged Care Royal Commission and the response to the pandemic showed the principle of the sanctity of life is still widely held, he said. Archbishop Fisher also warned of the possibility of "bracket creep". "Already in Australia's short experience of this we have found the law applied to far more people than was first expected and there has already been a concerted campaign to relax the supposed 'safeguards' that were put in place to sell those laws," he said. "Looking overseas we see voluntary assisted suicide laws in some countries, originally applicable on a voluntary basis for dying adults only, gradually extended to those whose condition is not terminal, or not even medical, and to children and the unconscious." The Christian Medical and Dental Fellowship of Australia (CMDFA) is running a petition calling for Premier Berejiklian to oppose the introduction of new laws which would allow euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide in the state.

National chair Professor John Whitehall told media the organisation rejects Mr Greenwich's suggestion that euthanasia and assisted suicide "constitute a form of medical care". "The CMDFA agrees with the World Medical Association that the practice of euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide is unethical and must be condemned by the medical profession," he said. According to media reports, Mr Greenwich said he intended to introduce his Bill in the last sitting week in August and that he had listened to the concerns of religious groups.

The Zoomed series of talks entitled "Euthanasia, Dying and the Dignity of the Human Person" will start on Monday 2 August with Vicar General of the Diocese of Broken Bay Fr David Ranson discussing the theology of suffering and death. Talks from a team of doctors follow on Monday 9 August. The doctors will explain how palliative care is both misunderstood and underfunded, and when employed effectively, addresses all the concerns of those who advocate for assisted dying. Monica Doumit, Director, Public Affairs and Engagement for the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, will explain the best ways to bring up the topic of euthanasia with friends and family on Monday 16 August.

To register for the free talks held online on Monday 2 August, Monday 9 August and Monday 16 August at 7.30pm, go to parracatholic.org/euthanasiatalks by 29 July.

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Dear friends, Due to the NSW Government stay-at-home order for all of greater Sydney, commencing 6pm Saturday 26 June 2021. Bishop Randazzo has decreed that all Churches be closed during this period.

Since this is at the request of Most Rev Anthony Randazzo, the obligation for the faithful to participate in Sunday Mass (can.1247) is lifted for the people of Broken Bay for the duration of this stay at home order.

Therefore, there will be NO Masses during this time.

We will update you of any changes as they arise. **For any assistance, please contact the Parish Office on 4341 1073.** Please click the link below for our live streaming of the 9.15am Mass each Sunday » <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCngqSKPKgwQrGeh7Jv4M5-g>

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

Feast of Saints Anne and Joachim

On 26 July every year, the Catholic Church invites us to celebrate the feast of Saints Anne and Joachim, the parents of the Virgin Mary and so human grandparents of Jesus. They are not mentioned in the scriptures and what we know of them comes from Catholic legend and apocryphal writing from the second century AD.

Despite this lack of primary sources about the lives of Anne and Joachim, we can certainly agree that Mary had parents. Likewise, we can agree that Mary's parents were good, faithful parents who raised her with a love and devotion to God.

Tradition states that Anne conceived Mary her only child after lots of pain of being childless, and much prayer. Anne and Joachim then decided to consecrate Mary to God when she was only 3 years, and she remained a virgin all her life.

In this sense, Anne and Joachim serve as role models for parents and both deserve to be honoured and emulated for their devotion to God and Our Lady Mary, the Mother of God. They are both patrons of grandparents. So, we are celebrating a feast of our own grandparents.



Dear all,

You will be pleased to know that the Jubilee Mass in honour of St Dominic will still be going ahead on 3 August as planned. It looks as though the Cathedral will only be able to admit those with a direct role in the Mass. So, we would like to share with you the livestream link, so that you can join the celebration from the safety of your own home. Please join us in prayer if you can:

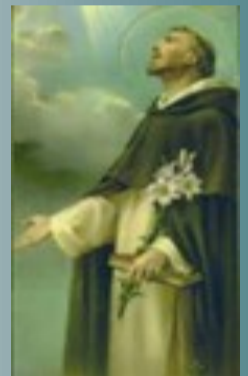
<https://youtu.be/ZNUIVr8f2IY>.

We hope and pray you are all safe and well, and that there will be another opportunity for us to mark this great centenary in person sometime in the near future.

God bless all, Fr Paul.

Fr Paul Rowse, OP | Bursar, St James's Priory

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FEAST OF MARY MACKILLOP SUNDAY AUGUST 8



No Masses will be celebrated at Mary MacKillop Place.

The Chapel remains closed,

Prayer resources are available on the website -

<https://www.marymackillopplace.org.au/feast-day-resources/>

Safeguarding Message

A child safe and friendly Parish values children and understands safety doesn't just happen. A commitment to protecting children is embedded in the Parish's culture and is understood and accepted by everyone.

**“By giving yourself to God, you not only receive Himself in exchange,
but eternal life as well”**

- St. Francis de Sales



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You have already come, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

CatholicCare can help with Coles or Woolworths vouchers.

Times are tough. You might have lost work due to the lockdown, or you might be finding it hard to pay the bills or to put food on the table. Please call CatholicCare on (02) 9481 2600 or email them at info@catholiccaredbb.org.au. They are here to help our parish families.

Please note this support is able to be offered due to Government funding so they will require ID and some documentation to access assistance but they can walk you through the requirements.

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Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for August - The Church

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

Sr. Anne O'Shaughnessy was a Sister of Our Lady's Nurses For The Poor at Coogee for 59 years. Anne was a registered nurse and counsellor. She served the sick poor in inner Sydney for most of her religious life. Anne died peacefully at Sacred Heart Hospice Darlinghurst after a short illness. Anne was much loved by her sister Margaret McNamara and family.

Keep Us In Your Prayers of your charity pray for the souls of:

Recently deceased: Sr. Anne Patricia O'Shaughnessy OLN

Anniversary: Sergei De Souza, Amy Moloney, Veronica Moloney, Molly Dunne, Jack Dunne

Remembrance: Mons. John Twomey, Mary Brenda

Sick: Melissa Bezzina, Heather Joyce, Lisa Ryan, Hanaa El Khatib, Sheila Houghton, Marie Head, Lisa Yeo, Marta Panczyna, Oscar James Moretti, Linda Italiano, Eneio Wolfgram, Emma Matthews, Eileen Jones, Kathleen Bezzina, Moya Jones, Kiliti Na'ati, Chris Mitchell, Trish Stuart, Colleen Garland, Robert Baker, Josephine Weate, Ed Hyland, Sheila Rogan, Pat Savage, Ernie Mullins, John Mitchell, Marie Dixon, Donna Vella, Ken Joyce, Jo Farrelle, Donna Briemer Malin Tugaga, Pamela Power, Mary Scarf, Rose Aloisio, Tina Cohen, Amanda Sheridan, Audrey Barsenbach, Mary Wood, Therese Horner, Jack Dummett, Anne Singleton, Janice Green, Robert Parker, Maureen Wardrop, Ros Harbig, Karen Chorazyczewska, Ada-Primrose Murphy, Larry Cresswell, Andrew Muggs, Roger Mitchell, Daphne McNab, Marie McNamee, Georgie Brigdale, Sue Campbell

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35 YEARS
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THE YEAR
OF ST JOSEPH
& THE FAMILY
2021

One community of
the Church, helping
our families grow.

PARISH NEWS

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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. 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](#).

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.

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JOSEPHITE COMPANIONS – NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions, our meeting planned for **Monday, 28th June will be postponed until Monday, 30th 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 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.***

PARISH COLLECTIONS

1st collection: goes to the Clergy Remuneration Fund for the financial support of the priests.

2nd Collection: Funds the operational management of the Parish

You can donate Bpoint, which will take you to our Website for secure online payments.

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

Please note our bank account details have changed.

Since we are not having regular collections at Mass, if you are able to donate to cover the continuing costs of the parish, you can contribute directly to the parish account.

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading I: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15

The whole Israelite community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The Israelites said to them, "Would that we had died at the LORD's hand in the land of Egypt, as we sat by our fleshpots and ate our fill of bread! But you had to lead us into this desert to make the whole community die of famine!" Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will now rain down bread from heaven for you. Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not. "I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them: In the evening twilight you shall eat flesh, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread, so that you may know that I, the LORD, am your God." In the evening quail came up and covered the camp. In the morning a dew lay all about the camp, and when the dew evaporated, there on the surface of the desert were fine flakes like hoarfrost on the ground. On seeing it, the Israelites asked one another, "What is this?" for they did not know what it was. But Moses told them, "This is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54

R. (24b) The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Reading II: Eph 4:17, 20-24

Brothers and sisters: I declare and testify in the Lord that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds; that is not how you learned Christ, assuming that you have heard of him and were taught in him, as truth is in Jesus, that you should put away the old self of your former way of life, corrupted through deceitful desires, and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth.

Alleluia: Mt 4:4b

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

One does not live on bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Jn 6:24-35

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into boats and came to Capernaum looking for Jesus. And when they found him across the sea they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" Jesus answered them and said, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled. Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him the Father, God, has set his seal." So they said to him, "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent." So they said to him, "What sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you? What can you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, as it is written: *He gave them bread from heaven to eat.*" So Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." So they said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."



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