



WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

22nd August 2021

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B

FEAST DAYS

23 Aug: St Rose of Lima

24 Aug: St Bartholomew

25 Aug: St Louis and
St Joseph Calasanz

27 Aug: St Monica

28 Aug: St Augustine

**OUR PARISH OFFICE IS
CURRENTLY CLOSED.**

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0407 469 530 for assistance**

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OUT OF HOURS EMERGENCY

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Triona Meagher

Saint Monica, also known as Monica of Hippo, is St. Augustine of Hippo's mother. She was born in 331 A.D. in Tagaste, which is present-day Algeria. When she was very young, she was married off to the Roman pagan Patricius, who shared his mother's violent temper. Patricius' mother lived with the couple and the duo's temper flares proved to be a constant challenge to young Monica. While Monica's prayers and Christian deeds both-ered Patricius, he is said to have respected her beliefs. Three children were born to Monica and Patricius: Augustine, Navigius, and Perpetua. Unfortunately, Monica was unable to baptize her children and when Augustine fell ill, Monica pleaded with Patricius to allow their son to be baptized. Patricius allowed it, but when Augustine was healthy again, he withdrew his permission. For years Monica prayed for her husband and mother-in-law, until finally, one year before Patricius' death, she successfully converted them. She was buried at Ostia, and her body was removed during the 6th century to a hidden crypt in the church of Santa Aurea in Osta, near the tomb of St. Aurea of Ostia. In 1430, Pope Martin V ordered her relics to be brought to Rome and many miracles were reported to have occurred along the way. Later, Cardinal d'Estouteville built a church to honour St. Augustine called the Basilica di Sant'Agostino, where her relics were placed in a chapel to the left of the high altar. Her funeral epitaph survived in ancient manuscripts and the stone it was originally written on was discovered in the church of Santa Aurea in 1945. Douglas Boin translated the tablet's Latin to read: "Here the most virtuous mother of a young man set her ashes, a second light to your merits, Augustine. As a priest, serving the heavenly laws of peace, you taught [or you teach] the people entrusted to you with your character. A glory greater than the praise of your accomplishments crowns you both - Mother of the Virtues, more fortunate because of her offspring."

Extract Catholic Online/Saint Feast Days



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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.

MISSION and VISION

Bringing Jesus Christ to ALL through:

Worship and Liturgy; Outreach; Our Parish School; Hospitality; Adult and Child Faith Formation

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.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH
CELEBRATING
75 YEARS
WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH
 2021



The Wider Church

In 1986, the parish of Woy Woy/Umina became part of the new diocese of Broken Bay. Prior to this, the parish had been part of the Sydney archdiocese. The diocese of Broken Bay includes most of the North Shore, Northern Beaches and Central Coast regions of Sydney. The first bishop of Broken Bay

was Bishop Patrick Murphy. Upon his retirement in September '96, Bishop David Walker was installed as the second bishop of the diocese.

A Parish Centre was opened at 127 Blackwall Road, next door to the Presbytery in 1993. As well as being a drop in centre, it is a centre for the co-ordination of Activities of the Parish Community.



Source: St John the Baptist Golden Jubilee 1946—1996 by Maureen MacMahon

PASTORAL WORKS BROKEN BAY—August Appeal

Bishop Anthony Randazzo is delighted to announce the new name and brand Pastoral Works Broken Bay, replacing the Charitable Works Fund (CWF). The purpose of the new name is to better reflect the authentic, life-giving pastoral work you are helping to support, and provide a name that uniquely connects to our Diocese of Broken Bay.

Pastoral Works Broken Bay will play a vital role in building on the six Pastoral priorities for the Diocese, including giving vital support to life-changing ministries, nurturing families, and parish communities. Each year, about 20,000 families and friends - those in hospitals, schools, parishes, and the wider community - will be assisted through the generous support of donors in our parish communities to Pastoral Works Broken Bay.

Thank you for your support of this important and historic initiative for the Diocese of Broken Bay.

A new name signifies fresh purpose and direction. In Scripture, for example, we read God changed Abram's name to Abraham or Simon's name to Peter. "I pray the change from CWF to Pastoral Works Broken Bay enable us to reach further and wider in helping our local community and more deeply connect us to the mission of Jesus," said Bishop Anthony Randazzo. Your generosity means the Church can be there during times of great need, renewing and rebuilding their lives. Your donation helps the following ministries:

- Hospital Chaplaincy & Pastoral Care Practitioners- Helping those who are vulnerable, experiencing loneliness or sick in hospital.
- Confraternity of Christian Doctrine - Catechists taking the gospel to State school

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

I have called you to renew and rebuild.

PASTORAL WORKS Broken Bay

Donate to help families and parish communities in Broken Bay.



Dear Colleagues and Friends

To support Bishop Anthony's wish to continue to connect and engage online with our community during these challenging times, the Evangelisation team launches **BAY CONNECT** today. This initiative provides an online program of regular activities commencing on 30 August, to converse, reflect and connect spiritually online with our communities.

The Bay Connect page is published today, <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/news/covid-19-updates/prayer-resources/bay-connect> and featured on the Diocese home page <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/>

The program features commencing Monday, 30 August, include:

- Mondays @ 7:30-8:45pm via Zoom - **THE CHOSEN MONDAY** - Join us as we go through the first season of The Chosen, viewing one episode every Monday, breaking open some themes and coming to know Jesus in a fresh new way.
- Tuesdays @ 7:00-7:30pm via Instagram Live (@cybbaus) - **TUESDAY NIGHT LIGHTS** - A place for the community to come together for prayer and to praise God from the setting of your home. All youth, young adults, singles and families, parishioners and clergy are invited.
- Wednesdays @ 7:00-7:30pm via Zoom - **HUMPDAY HANGOUT W/ BR BERNARD** - Our jolly friar Br. Bernard Mary will host the session with time for prayer, 'Banger' of the week, casual chat and an entertaining selection of activities.

Fridays @ 7:00-8:00pm via Zoom - **FORMATION FRIDAYS** - An opportunity to get some simple Catholic formation on various aspects of the faith, from the basics to the hot topics, featuring a different guest speaker each week, followed by some time for questions/discussion.

We request your participation and support by liking and sharing the social media posts including Bishop Anthony's Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/bishopanthonyrandazzo> and Diocese Broken Bay Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/brokenbaydiocese/>

More importantly, if we could ask you to join us in prayer for this initiative, that would be most appreciated. If you need more information, please contact us at evangelisation@bbcatholic.org.au.

God Bless.

Tomasz Juszcak

Director, Evangelisation Broken Bay

Catechist Corner

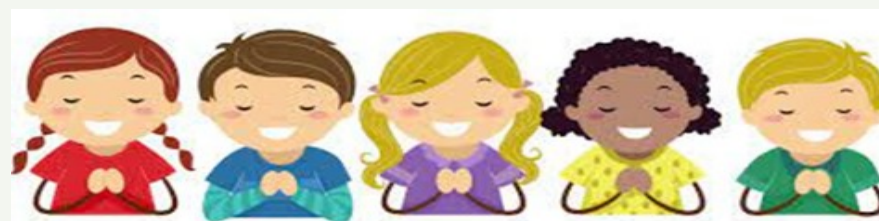
Our catechists haven't been able to go into our state schools for quite some time, so you may be interested in how Special Religious Education is being ministered to the children during our physical absence. You are invited to click onto the link below to view how the children can continue their instruction.

Here is the link for the SRE Learning From Home lessons.

<https://www.ccross.org.au/learning-from-home-sre-lessons/>

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 **Attention all kids!** [here](#). To access free online Children's liturgy of the Word videos click [Heidi Witte YouTube](#).



National Day of Prayer in this Time of Pandemic – Sunday 22 August

An ecumenical national day of prayer has been organised on Sunday 22 August, calling Australia to come together in prayer in light of the current COVID-19 crisis.



It is an initiative of a broad range of Christian communities and includes the involvement of the National Council of Churches, Australia. The theme is *Lord have mercy*; and it calls on us to be especially united in prayer, both individually and - where we are able - in our liturgies. There will also be an online gathering with church leaders, offering prayers and reflections at various times during the day.

You may wish to include Universal Prayers for this intention on 22 August. In addition, daily prayers will be offered in the week prior, from 16 August, as follows:

Monday 16 – Sunday 22 August

- A Daily Devotion will be sent out to those who register. Each Daily Devotion will include a prayer from a different Church leader.
- A nightly Prayer Call at 8pm will take place with input from a different church leader each night.

Sunday 22 August

- A Prayer Call from 9:00am – 9:00pm on Zoom will feature Church leaders and Indigenous Christian Leaders. Participants can join for as long as they wish.

For more information and to register, visit <http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org.au/LordHaveMercy/>

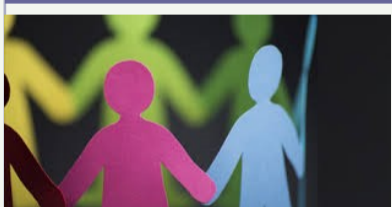
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After the Honeymoon

The Parish and Marriage Resource Centre has launched a program for newlywed couples to accompany them during the first year of marriage. Dispatched every two weeks for a year,

SmartLoving Newlywed Date Nites is brimming with inspiration, tips and practical tools. Couples can subscribe FREE at www.smartloving.org/newlywed



Safeguarding Message

Our Diocesan
Commitment to

Safeguarding is underscored by our faith in Jesus Christ who teaches the fundamental sanctity of each human person, and by our dedication to sustained education, practice and conversation about moral, legal and spiritual obligation to safeguard all those within our community.

Divine Will Cenacle

Please continue prayers your own home throughout September. We will provide an update for 7th October meeting closer to the date

Please contact:

Veronica Walsh on 0411 719 272



St Vincent de Paul Society provides assistance to those in need for food.

Our Conference members are all Parishioners. If you or someone you know is doing it tough call 4341 7535. One of our members will telephone you within 24 hours and provide assistance with Woolworths Food Vouchers. If the need is urgent, you can call Pat on 0403 672 077 or Peter on 0425 358 376 any day including week-ends.

Here to help at home

Local aged care provider, Catholic Healthcare, continues to deliver in-home services to older people in the community.



“Home Care is considered an essential service,” says Nicola Rosenthal, Regional Manager, Home & Community Services. “All Home Care services are continuing as normal except for our Wellness Centre at Hamlyn Terrace.

“We are monitoring Government advice and keeping up-to-date with changing restrictions. We have comprehensive COVID-19 protocols in place to minimise risk for clients and staff. Protocols include updated mandatory staff training on infection control and handwashing; mask wearing; pre-visit screening; and reminding staff to stay home if they are unwell. We are also actively encouraging staff and clients to be vaccinated for COVID-19.”

The Catholic Healthcare team can provide extra shopping and social support.

“Our Community Workers can accompany and transport clients to their local grocery store or help make purchases online. If clients would prefer to remain in their homes, we can do their shopping and drop it off at their home.

“Our teams have also adjusted our social support groups and can move these to one-on-one connection. We can organise check in phone calls from one of our caring team members or volunteers to help support social, emotional, and spiritual wellbeing.”

Catholic Healthcare’s local team can provide COVID-safe support for older people struggling with possessions and assist with decluttering. They are also offering a program, Buried in Treasures, which commences on 30th of August. Please go to [Buried In Treasures \(catholichealthcare.com.au\)](https://www.catholichealthcare.com.au) to register - please note you do have to be over a certain age to attend.

Staff are also available to walk through the My Aged Care website, to discuss aged care options.

“Our Care Advisors are available to assist you,” says Nicola. “They can speak to you via video conferencing, by phone or if preferred, in person at your home. Please call 1800 225 474.”

Or visit the Catholic Healthcare website www.catholichealthcare.com.au.

THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

To mark the 150th anniversary of St Joseph’s proclamation as Patron of the Catholic Church by Pius IX, Pope Francis declared the ‘Year of St Joseph’ from the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (8 December) 2020 to the same feast this year. Pope Francis also emphasised St Joseph’s relation to work.

‘Saint Joseph was a carpenter who earned an honest living to provide for his family. From him, Jesus learned the value, the dignity and the joy of what it means to eat bread that is the fruit of one’s own labour.

‘In our own day, when employment has once more become a burning social issue, and unemployment at times reaches record levels even in nations that for decades

have enjoyed a certain degree of prosperity, there is

renewed need to appreciate the importance of dignified work, of which St Joseph is an exemplary patron.’

Pope Francis called on us all to implore St Joseph the Worker to help us find ways to express our firm conviction that no young person, no person at all, not family should be without work.





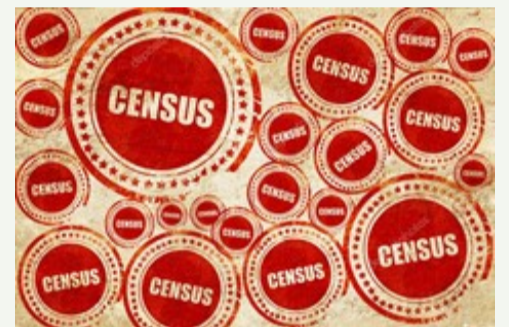
Act of Spiritual Communion

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.

Parish Census

Dear All,

We will soon be updating our records and we kindly ask for your help. As you can appreciate, this is a large task for our parish.



A letter will be sent shortly, outlining why a parish census is being done and what details we need from our parish community members. We ask you to please advise all changes to your details, where requested.

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

Recently deceased:

Anniversary: Theresa D'Souza, Paulina Menezes, Umiliano Menezes, Margaret French

Remembrance:

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, Bobby Brame

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CELEBRATING
35 YEARS
DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY



THE YEAR
OF ST JOSEPH
& THE FAMILY
2021

One community of
the Church, helping
our families grow.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading I: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b



Joshua gathered together all the tribes of Israel at Shechem, summoning their elders, their leaders, their judges, and their officers. When they stood in ranks before God, Joshua addressed all the people: "If it does not please you to serve the LORD, decide today whom you will serve, the gods your fathers served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose country you are now dwelling. As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

But the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the LORD for the service of other gods. For it was the LORD, our God, who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, out of a state of slavery. He performed those great miracles before our very eyes and protected us along our entire journey and among the peoples through whom we passed. Therefore, we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.



Reading II: Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32

Brothers and sisters: Live in love, as Christ loved us. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church and handed himself over for her to sanctify her, cleansing her by the bath of water with the word, that he might present to himself the church in splendour, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. So also, husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one hates his own flesh but rather nourishes and cherishes it, even as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. *For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.* This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the church.

Alleluia: Jn 6:63c, 68c

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life;
you have the words of everlasting life.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.



Gospel: Jn 6:60-69

Many of Jesus' disciples who were listening said, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" Since Jesus knew that his disciples were murmuring about this, he said to them, "Does this shock you? What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe." Jesus knew from the

beginning the ones who would not believe and the one who would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father." As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."



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.

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.

Name: St John the Baptist Parish Woy Woy

BSB: 062 784 Account no: 10000 1742



“Many people feel that the Church’s message on marriage and the family does not reflect the preaching and attitudes of Jesus, who set forth a demanding ideal yet never failed to show compassion and closeness to the frailty of individuals like the Samaritan or the woman caught in adultery.” 38

Quotes from Amoris Laetitia... 'Joy of love' - Pope Francis

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