



WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

29th August 2021

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B

FEAST DAYS

3 Sept: St Gregory the Great

OUR PARISH OFFICE IS
CURRENTLY CLOSED.

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Pope Saint Gregory I, also known as the Great, was the Pope of the Catholic Church between 590 and 604 AD. Gregory's family was very wealthy and owned estates on the island of Sicily which provided income. Pope Gregory was famous for the emphasis he put on missionary work. He sent many people out to bring many to Jesus and into the Church. Pope Gregory made many changes to the Mass, some of which remain today, The position of the Our Father in the Mass remains where Pope Gregory placed it.

Pope Gregory was well known for his alms to the poor, and he gave quite generously of the riches donated to the Church by the wealthy people of Rome. Everything from money to land was given to the poor in some fashion. He made clear to his subordinates that their duty was to relieve the distress faced by the poor.

When a famine struck Rome in the 590s, Pope Gregory ordered the Church to use its assets to feed the poor. At that time, the Church controlled nearly two thousand square miles of land, overseen by the clergy and used to generate income. Now, instead of selling the produce of the land, Pope Gregory ordered it shipped to Rome and given away for free. In this way, he saved thousands of people from certain death.

Saint Gregory's relics remain in St. Peter's Basilica to this day. In 1969, the Second Vatican Council moved Saint Gregory's feast day from March 12 to September 3 so it would not fall during Lent. During Lent, there are no obligatory memorials. The Eastern Orthodox Church also venerates Saint Gregory, honouring him on March 12. He is the patron saint of musicians, singers, students, and teachers.

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.

Sunday of the Word of God



SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

A traditional family recipe: A newly married couple was beginning their first Sunday meal preparation. The young woman began preparing a wonderful roast of beef while the man was preparing the vegetables. As they worked, the man noticed that the wife sliced off both ends of the roast and then rolled it in spiced flour. Curious, he asked, “Why did you do that?” “Do what?” “Slice the ends off the roast,” he responded, “Does that make it juicier or something?”

“Well, I don’t really know. Mom always does that when she cooks a roast.” So they called her mother and were amused to hear that she also didn’t know why the ends should be cut off the roast. It turns out it was because “your Grandmother always did that and so I do too.” Of course they called Grandmother and asked. she exclaimed, “I can’t believe you guys are doing that! The only reason I did that in the early years is because your Grandfather and I had only one roasting pan and it was too small for a roast big enough to feed us all.”

This is the power of habit. Once we learn a pattern of behaviour, that pattern tends to rule our lives. There can be other ways of acting or thinking, but we usually give in to the pattern we already know, because it is habitual. This seems to be the problem for the scribes in today’s gospel. They inherited a tradition of ritually washing their hands before meals, and they criticize Jesus’ disciples for not following the practice. The scribes were not trying to cause trouble. They were simply giving a custom, a habit, more importance and authority than it deserved. The power of the habit prevented them from recognizing that other and even better ways of acting were possible.

The word of God today calls us to look at the habits, the patterns of behaviour in our own life, and to realize the power that they have over us. Certain habits might indeed be good. But there are other habits that hold us back and lessen our ability to live. I imagine that many here this morning have the habit of coming to church on the weekend. If it’s Sunday, it’s into the car and to St. Mary’s. Now in itself that habit of coming to church is good. But we should not confuse the habit of showing up with the worship of God. What God asks of us is not simply to show up, but to be open to God’s word in our lives. Being physically present in church is not the same as being open to expect God to address us, to change us, and to call us to service. But all too often the habit of coming is given equal weight with the reality of worship, and that can hold us back from growth.

Some of us might have the habit of comfort, the habit of least resistance. We find ourselves at the end of our work plopping down in front of the television set or the computer screen, and hours go by. Over the course of the week we can waste a great deal of time. We never stop to ask ourselves, “What could I accomplish if I spent that time in another way?” I could call a friend that I’ve been meaning to talk to. I could ask the kids how things went in school. I could exercise. I might even find a way of serving my neighbour. All of these things are real possibilities, real options for our time. But we never seize them, because the habit of inactivity, the habit of least resistance, kicks in.

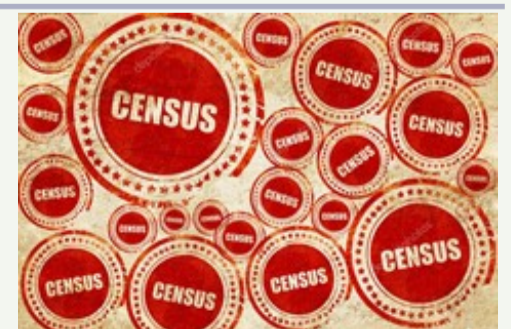
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Parish Census

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.



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



Beloved Woy Woy

Standing on the Kincumber banks of an arm of the Brisbane Water in September 1968, two priests were enjoying one of their regular conversations. The senior Priest said, “Did you know George Russo has gone from Woy Woy?”

he followed with a rhetorical question: “I wonder who the next poor beggar will be?” The younger Priest returned to his Parish that night and there was a letter expressing the Cardinal’s (Cardinal Gilroy) delight at appointing him to Woy Woy. A phone call to Kincumber the next day began with “Do you know who the poor beggar is who has been appointed to Woy Woy?” On learning the news, the gentle Irish brogue expressed the words “God help you.”

So began an eight year ministry in the beautiful Parish of Woy Woy after three Priests had been and gone within two years and before some seventeen Priests have been and gone since.



Father Walter Baker known to some of his fans as “Doc” greeted the new assistant Priest with great courtesy and affability, somewhat relieved one suspects that someone else had come.

Source: Father Michael McCarthy, Parish Priest St Joseph’s Oatley—12-08-96



Major earthquake hits Haiti— Caritas Australia’s thoughts and prayers are with the people of the Haiti who have been devastated by a 7.2 magnitude earthquake. Over 1,400 people have died, and thousands more left injured. Homes, churches and schools have been damaged in the quake, and

reports indicate that more than 30,000 families have been left homeless. The country also continues to grapple with COVID-19, poverty, and ongoing political instability and violence. There is immediate and urgent need for food, water, shelter, hygiene kits and first aid on the ground. To provide support, you can donate to Caritas Australia’s Emergency Response Appeal. Donate today at www.caritas.org.au or by calling 1800 024 413 toll free.

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.



Safeguarding Month

This week the Parish has been sent communication from Bishop Anthony providing detail about Safeguarding Month 2021. This coming Wednesday, 1 September is the beginning of Safeguarding Month in the Diocese of Broken Bay. Bishop Anthony has requested that all community members are made aware of the initiatives being held throughout the Month. The Parish therefore, attaches to the bulletin an invitation to participate. Feel free to print the invitation and tick the initiatives in which you would like to engage with. This year's theme is Participation of Children and Young People in Catholic Communities.



Safeguarding Awareness Month
September 2021

Participation of Children & Young
People in Catholic Communities





Social Justice Sunday

As we celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 29 August, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conferences' Social Justice Statement 2021-22: *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor*, affirms that "we human beings need a change of heart, mind, and behaviour".

It invites us to join in responding to Pope Francis' invitation to take a journey towards total ecological sustainability guided by seven Laudato Si' Goals. It draws from Scripture, from the theological tradition, from Catholic Social Teaching, and from the wisdom of the world, including the insights of the First Nations. The Statement provides theological foundations to ground and inspire our efforts to care for creation while responding to the needs of the disadvantaged and excluded.

More information: <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2021/06/24/social-justice-statement->

PPC Diocesan Gatherings

The current Covid situation has led to unique challenges for our parishes. At the same time, innovative ideas and new ways of connecting are being offered. Questions are being asked about how we can plan for better outcomes, and how we can better evangelise and reach out.

To better support parish leaders at this time, two gatherings have been organised in coming months for all PPC members.

The purpose would be to:

- Meet each other, make connections, and support each other
- Share parish good news stories and initiatives
- Discuss challenges being faced at the current time, and strategies that could help
- Share and discuss updates on the Evangelisation Broken Bay Pastoral Mission
- Keep abreast of other upcoming events or initiatives



All Parish Pastoral Counsellors of the Diocese are welcome to attend. Please register for each session separately on the links below.

Date: **Wednesday 15 September**

Time: 7:00pm – 8:15pm

Zoom Link: <https://bbcatholic.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwuduCorDgvHNCwTF4Mv0mPEG60vTHqjf16>

Meeting ID: 983 1902 3564

Passcode: 764466

Date: **Tuesday 9 November**

Time: 7:00pm – 8:15pm

Zoom Link: <https://bbcatholic.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEqfuuppjkiHdQDA2JcQQmunU4APEcfOiXn>

Meeting ID: 957 9218 2970

Passcode: 587238

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 it 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 enables us to reach further and wider in helping our local community and more deeply connects 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 five charities:

- 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 students.
- St Edmund's College - Serving year 7-12 students with disability.
- St Lucy's School - Serving year K-12 students with disability.
- Ephpheta Centre - Pastoral care, sacraments, and advocacy for the deaf community.



Catechist Corner

To God who gives our daily bread,
A thankful song we raise.
And pray that he who sends us
food
May fill our hearts with praise.

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

<https://www.cress.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.

Attention all kids!

To access the bulletins click [here](#). To access free online Children's liturgy of the Word videos click [Heidi Witte YouTube](#).



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@catholiccaresdbb.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.



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

Recently deceased: Catherine Daphne McNab

Anniversary: Vince Leonard, Paul Louis Storman, Warwick John Munro, Judith Anne Baytch

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: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8

Moses said to the people: "Now, Israel, hear the statutes and decrees which I am teaching you to observe, that you may live, and may enter in and take possession of the land which the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. In your observance of the commandments of the LORD, your God, which I enjoin upon you, you shall not add to what I command you nor subtract from it. Observe them carefully, for thus will you give evidence of your wisdom and intelligence to the nations, who will hear of all these statutes and say, 'This great nation is truly a wise and intelligent people.' For what great nation is there that has gods so close to it as the LORD, our God, is to us whenever we call upon him? Or what great nation has statutes and decrees that are as just as this whole law which I am setting before you today?"

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5

R. (1a) The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.



Reading II: Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

Dearest brothers and sisters: All good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no alteration or shadow caused by change. He willed to give us birth by the word of truth that we may be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls. Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Alleluia: Jas 1:18

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

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Gospel: Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

When the Pharisees with some scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they observed that some of his disciples ate their meals with unclean, that is, unwashed, hands. For the Pharisees and, in fact, all Jews, do not eat without carefully washing their hands, keeping the tradition of the elders. And on coming from the marketplace they do not eat without purifying themselves. And there are many other things that they have traditionally observed, the purification of cups and jugs and kettles and beds. So the Pharisees and scribes questioned him, "Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?" He responded, "Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written: *This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts.* You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition." He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile. "From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within and they defile."

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

Thank you for your generous contribution.

THANK YOU!
thank you!

Divine Will Cenacle

Please continue prayers your own home throughout September.

We will provide an update for October meeting closer to the date

Please contact:

Veronica Walsh on 0411 719 272



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

- St. Francis de Sales

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