



WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

12th September 2021

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B

FEAST DAYS

13 Sept: St John Chrysostom
14 Sept: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
15 Sept: Our Lady of Sorrows
16 Sept: Sts Cornelius and Cyprian

OUR PARISH OFFICE IS CURRENTLY CLOSED.

Please phone 02 4341 1073 or 0407 469 530 for assistance
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Sunday 21st November 2021

Celebrating 75 years of St John the Baptist Woy Woy Parish. We are planning some wonderful celebrations for this day.

To ensure information about our 75th celebrations reaches everyone in our Parish community, please share this newsletter with your parish friends and encourage them to add their email address to our distribution list, by contacting or emailing the Parish office

Parishioners are encouraged to provide stories and photos of milestones from the last 25 years of our parish community. Please send your stories and photos to the Parish office to ensure they are included in our parish history -

Woywoyparish@bbcatholic.org.au

MISSION and VISION


Bringing Jesus Christ to ALL through:


Worship and Liturgy; Outreach; Our Parish School;

Hospitality; Adult and Child Faith Formation

Follow Us:

Please click the link below for our live streaming of the 9.15am Mass each Sunday »

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 <https://www.stjohnthebaptistchurch.woywoy>

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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.

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



CHOIR AND COMMUNITY

So many visitors return from Woy Woy marvelling at the choir. It was at 'Housie' one night at the end of 1968 that a few thought it would be a good idea to sing at 9.00am Mass at Woy Woy. Leaflets were prepared, the six grade girls were

enlisted to help and the congregation led by the enthusiastic Mercia, Mary and Thelma with Leila on the organ began what has become a wonderful tradition. With the addition of Lyn Hayes with her angelic voice and later with the coming of Patrick Donnellan with his wide range of talents, music became an integral part of the liturgy and sheer delight to locals and visitors alike. At Christmas midnight Mass, Umina Church would be packed to absolute capacity and worshippers staggered out astonished at the musical prowess of the choir supported at times by members of other choirs and by members of the Gosford orchestra. They were truly great occasions.



Woy Woy had no centre for poor and needy. Anyone in need of bargain had to travel to Gosford. One of the buildings where the St Vincent de Paul Centre now stands was purchased from Mrs Mackay. People brought clothing to this Parish Centre where volunteers including Elsie McNally, Margaret Daniels and Bill Johnson worked so hard under the direction of Heather McKenzie. A 'Dorcas Room' was established nearby where new clothing, factory seconds and hand made garments were available. After a number of years, the Woy Woy Centre was handed over to the St Vincent de Paul Society and it came under the direction of the Gosford Centre. The purchase of the neighbouring building and the addition of the Hostel have provided the Parish with a means of aiding the poor in a very special way.

During Father Baker's time at Woy Woy, there was a huge growth in the resident population. The school began to burst at the seams. The state inspector called one day to see Father Baker about the continuing registration of the school. "how many acres do you have?" asked the visitor. Father Baker replied "Acres?" "We measure the property in inches."

Catechist Corner

The program used by our catechists, in Broken Bay diocese, is **'Walking With Jesus'**.

Will you consider helping to teach the children how to walk with Jesus?

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. To access the bulletins click [here](#).

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





Connected in Christ Resource

The weekly Connected in Christ resource is back! Each week the Evangelisation Broken Bay team will provide Gospel readings, prayers, reflections and children's activities for families to worship and pray at home in this extended period of lockdown.

Download this week's resource below. [Download Connected in Christ](#)



First Plenary Council Assembly Moving Fully Online

At long last, starting 3 October 2021, the Catholic Church in Australia will gather for the first Assembly of the Plenary Council. Due to the current climate the format of the assembly has evolved from a large gathering, to smaller hubs and now to a fully online gathering with one person per device. While not ideal, and not what we had hoped, the national team will continue to assist and support the members and delegates so that they may participate as effectively as possible. While many may question why we are proceeding with the Plenary Council at this time; the desire to fulfil Christ's mission, no matter how difficult the circumstances may be, is part of the thinking in moving ahead. It is precisely the challenges that people are now facing, the isolation and disconnect, that we are hoping the Church will be able to address. Please continue to pray for the Plenary Council, the members and delegates as they prepare to fulfill their role in the coming months.

You can keep abreast of all the latest news, access the Instrumentum Laboris and sign up to the Plenary Council Newsletter by heading to the National website:

<http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>

Major earthquake hits Haiti



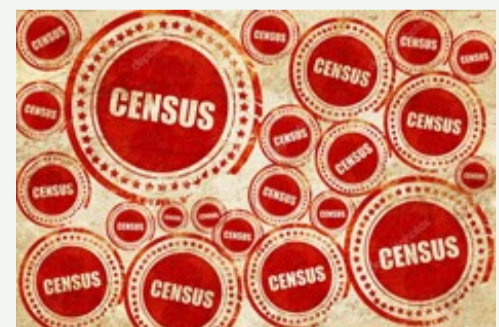
Caritas Australia's thoughts and prayers are with the people of the Haiti who have been devastated by a 7.2 magnitude earthquake. Over 1,400 people have died, and thousands more left injured. Homes, churches and schools

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.

Parish Census

Dear All,

We are now 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.

Ever Wondered Why People Become Catechists?

If you have ever wondered why people give up some each week to prepare lessons and then go to the local government school, either a primary or secondary school, to teach the students there about the Catholic faith?

Then click on this link. It will take you to the CCD section of the diocesan website and watch "I Am a Catechist". You will hear some answers.

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/our-faith/ccd/resources/forms>

To find out more about this ministry, contact Michael Tebbutt by phone or email.

Mobile: 0437 440 169

Email: Michael.Tebbutt@bbcatholic.org.au

Five Good Reasons to Become A Catechist

- * You will grow in your own faith, learn the teachings of the Church, and deepen your relationship with Jesus.
- * Your Baptism calls you to share in Jesus' ministry.
- * Children more than ever, need to hear the Good News of Jesus and need to encounter good role models of faith.
- * You have much to share with those you'll teach, and you'll have opportunities to share faith with other catechists.
- * You'll be helping the children deepen their relationship with Jesus. (You'll be evangelising!)



September is Safeguarding Month, and in 2021 it will look a little different to other years, due to lockdown.

This year the theme of Safeguarding

Month is Participation of Children and Young People in our Catholic Communities. The theme for Safeguarding Month has come from the release of a new booklet – Children and Young People's Participation in Catholic Communities: A guide to supporting & engaging, listening, and communicating with Children and Young People. At World Youth Day in 2016, Pope Francis said to the young people, "The Church wishes to listen to your voice, even your doubts and your criticism, make your voice heard, let it resonate in communities..." The development of the booklet forms part of a Greater Sydney Safeguarding Project between the Dioceses of Broken Bay, Parramatta and the Archdiocese of Sydney. The resource is a tool to assist Catholic Communities to understand how to strengthen safety of children and young people by focusing on Standard 2 of the Australian Catholic Safeguarding Standards where children are safe, informed and participate. Therefore, children are informed about their rights, participate in decisions affecting them and are taken seriously. In the foreword in the booklet, Bishop Randazzo, Bishop Long and Archbishop Fisher say, "As leaders of the Catholic Church, we endorse the underlying principles and practices of participation expressed in this document. Our Catholic communities have a responsibility to all our Children and Young People to help them reach their full potential." The booklet provides principles upon which this can be achieved. The booklet will be released on Wednesday 8 September online on the Safeguarding month page www.bbcatholic.org.au Hard copies will be available for parishes. As part of Safeguarding Month, we celebrate NAPCAN Child Protection week and this year we also celebrate the Australian Safeguarding Sunday Mass on Sunday 12 September. Bishop Anthony Randazzo will celebrate Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara on that Sunday at 9.30am. You can watch the live stream on the Hornsby Cathedral YouTube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/c/HORNSBYCATHEDRALPARISH>

On 22 September, Fr David Ranson, Vicar General, will present on Zoom Ministering to a Church in Trauma. Everyone is welcome to join. Registrations are essential and places are limited. Register here:

<https://bbcatholic.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJltce2qpjovHtWs7Vymz9XkWVhIVTlq22Px>

Please keep all those who have suffered hurt and abuse in the Catholic Church in your prayers, and participate in the activities on offer throughout September.

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

Hey Gift-lovers,

Here's your chance to win one of three \$50 Uber Eats Gift Cards

What: Lucky Draw open to anyone aged 18 and above in Australia.

Why: We are looking to start an ethical online business built around sustainability and we need your help. We'd like to hear about your shopping experiences so we can create a more engaging online experience.

How: Enter the draw by filling out a short online survey. It should take no more than 5 minutes.

Be sure to enter your preferred method of contact at the end of the survey, and we will automatically add you to the lucky draw.

Results: The draw closes on 31st October 2021. The winners will be declared on the 1st November, 2021 in the parish newsletter and contacted by email/phone.

<https://forms.gle/5PsdQpwhGMhu329b7>



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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.



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.



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.

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

Recently deceased: Carmel Antoinette Crookes, Xavier d'Souza

Anniversary: 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, 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 Marie McNamee, Georgie Brigdale, Sue Campbell, Bobby Brame, Pat Slattery, Maria Arundell



LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading I: Is 50:5-9a

The Lord GOD opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting.

The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame. He is near who upholds my right; if anyone wishes to oppose me, let us appear together. Who disputes my right? Let that man confront wrong?
me. See, the Lord GOD is my help; who will prove me



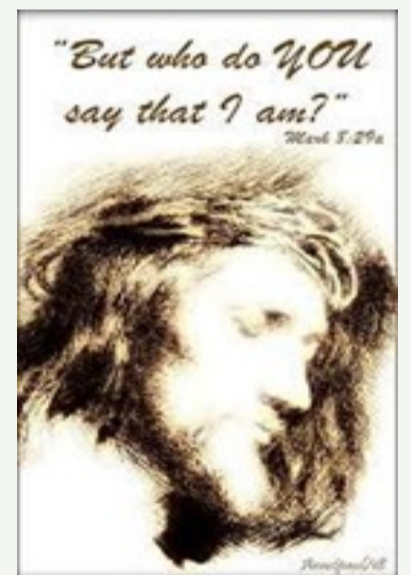
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

R. (9) I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

Reading II: Jas 2:14-18

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well," but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it?

So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead. Indeed someone might say, "You have faith and I have works." Demonstrate your faith to me without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works.



Alleluia: Gal 6:14

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord through which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Mk 8:27-35

Jesus and his disciples set out for the villages of Caesarea Philippi. Along the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" They said in reply, "John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others one of the prophets." And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter said to him in reply, "You are the Christ." Then he warned them not to tell anyone about him. 😊

He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days. He spoke this openly. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. At this he turned around and, looking at his disciples, rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it."



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September
- An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

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>

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.



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



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