



WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

19th September 2021

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B

FEAST DAYS

20 Sept: Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chong ha-sang & companions, martyrs
21 Sept: St Matthew
23 Sept: St Pius of Pietrelcina

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In a letter dated 16th August, Bishop Anthony Randazzo took the decision that the **Ordination to the Priesthood of Deacon Sam French will be celebrated at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara on Monday 18 October 2021**, the feast of the Apostle, St Luke. At this stage they plan for a small Ordination with essential ministers and servers only. The Cathedral is equipped to the livestreaming capabilities necessary to stream the Mass to the wider community of Broken Bay and beyond. **The Parish of St John the Baptist, Woy Woy would like to offer a gift to Deacon Sam on this special occasion *We ask all parishioners to keep Deacon Sam in your prayers, as he prepares for the altar of priesthood.***



Hi family and friends, you might be aware that I am set to be ordained as a priest next month on 18 October. It would be an enormous help to me if you could:

- 1. Pray for me***
- 2. Fill out this invitation contact form ASAP, so I can send you a formal event invitation by next week.***

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***In Christ,
Deacon Sam***

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

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COVID-19 UPDATE

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.



My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Like many of you, I watched the news last week with great interest about the disappearance, search and rescue of "AJ", the three-year-old boy who was lost for several days in rugged NSW bushland. This amazing little boy survived three nights in the bush in freezing temperatures without food or water, sustaining minor injuries before being reunited with his family. It was a heart-wrenching story of initial despair and anguish, progressing to the mobilisation of the community and finally, to hope and elation once AJ was found safe and sound. My interest was also captured because of the way that the community responded and took action. From many reports, people from across the whole community participated in the desperate search which lasted over 72 hours. They provided support for family and friends in their time of need. All this in the midst of a global pandemic. I am confident that had this incident occurred in our own community, many of us would not have hesitated instinctively to participate in the search for a lost person as well as offer support to the family. This led me to reflect on the importance of communal safety. It is incumbent on us, as individuals and as a community, to be aware and to take action in situations where the safety of the vulnerable is in jeopardy. We are never merely individuals, isolated or alone. We find ourselves belonging to multiple groups and communities within the one human family. As such, one eye is constantly on the higher goal of the common good. As sisters and brothers of Jesus Christ, our vocation is to care for and cultivate the communion we share in Christ and with each other. Central to our vocation is the need to foster communities of safety and care for all people. As Safeguarding is a Diocesan focus this month, we seek to ensure children and vulnerable people are provided with the fundamental right to be kept safe and respected. This right is held sacred because Jesus himself showed us how to do so in the Gospels. It is the Gospel that sets the standard for us as a community of the Church. The Good News of Jesus has the power to convert, renew, and reform us as individuals and as a community. In Broken Bay, our awareness is heightened by the commitment and energy required to ensure that everyone is educated and focused on their obligations and responsibilities for the safeguarding of children, young people, and vulnerable adults. My thoughts are also very much with you at this time that our Church buildings are closed. I have previously indicated that our compliance with the government health orders is to minimise the risk of infection during our gatherings. I understand the pain and anguish that this is causing all of us, myself included, however, I ask you once again to pray fervently for an end to this pandemic. The knowledge that vulnerable people are being protected and cared for must outweigh the inconvenience and distress that many are feeling. It is my hope and desire that as we prepare for the re-opening of our churches, that our community of the Church will respond with the spirit of cheerfulness required to gather to celebrate the Mass and the Sacraments. In the meantime, let us encourage one another, especially those who are troubled or restless. Let us never lose sight of our life in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. My continued prayers for our communal well-being and safety during these challenging times. +Anthony



LAND PURCHASE

The property now occupied by the school was bought from the owner rejoicing the name of William Shakespeare and was funded by the diocese. The original property where St John the Baptist Church now stands had two wooden

buildings. An elevated classroom was added later. The Sisters of St Joseph lived in the small cottage across the road. The cottage was purchased on the understanding that the whole block of land surrounding it had to be purchased. This one and half acre block now houses the Presbytery, the two unit blocks of bedroom added to the convent and what was for many years the grade 5 and 6 classrooms on the corner of Blackwall and Victoria Rds.

Up to 1969, four sisters shared a verandah for their sleeping quarters. There was a tiny chapel, kitchen and dining room and parlour etc. Those dear Sisters were heroic in the way they taught in the school, cared for the Church and did housekeeping in their Convent. Sister Cornelius Mulverhill came to Woy Woy as her first appointment as Principal. She sat on her bed/office in utter bewilderment. She had with her Sisters of stout heart such as Sister Benigna and Sister Mark. In those days Kinders and half of first were combined. Grade 2 and the other half of grade 1 were combined, as were grades 5 and 6. The Principal before Sister Cornelius was teaching grade 2 and half of grade 1, music teacher, cook and Superior.

Truly mighty women served the Church in those years under the most difficult circumstances—but always with joy of heart. In so many places, they ensured the sanity of the Priests by their generous care and ministry. Shall we ever see their like again? Those of us who knew the Sisters of St Joseph and experienced the totally generous service they offered should kneel in admiration and prayerful thanksgiving.



There were other outstanding features in Woy Woy parish life. There was a great and very obvious devotion to the Eucharist. Daily Mass attendance was good and the number and devotion of those at Holy Communion each weekend was inspiring.

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

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75 YEARS
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2021





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](#)



Save the date | Plenary Council Online Prayer Vigil

The First Plenary Council Assembly starts Sunday 3 October and we are inviting the community of the church of Broken Bay to an online prayer vigil on Saturday 2 October from 7-7:30pm.

“Listen to what the spirit is saying” has been the theme of this Plenary Council acknowledging the importance of prayer and God’s relationship with His Church. This prayer vigil will call the community to come together as one Church to offer our prayers of support to the Bishop, Members, Delegates, and the whole Assembly gathering. More details to come soon.

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/>



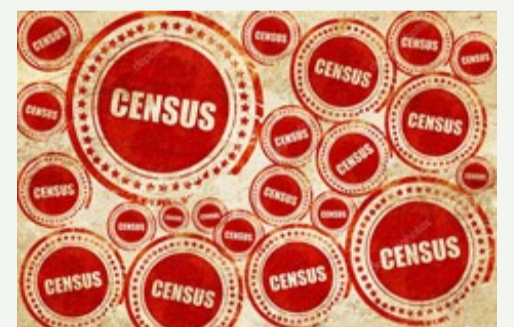
Major earthquake hits Haiti

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.



An email has been sent with forms to parishioners currently on our email distribution list. If you have not yet received your form, please contact the Parish Office on 4341 1073 or Woywoyparish@bbcatholic.org.au.



Special Religious Education in the Primary Public Schools in Our Parish

At the beginning of this year there were 10 Special Religious Education teachers (Catechists) and one assistant visiting the 4 public schools in our parish. These volunteers were teaching a total of 338 students from Kindergarten to Year 6. Unfortunately, one of these teachers had to resign to look after a family member fulltime and at the end of the year another catechist will also have to resign.

The four schools we attend are Ettalong PS, Woy Woy PS, Woy Woy South PS and Umina PS. Each of these schools are very welcoming and the children enjoy there their Special Religious Education lessons each week.

To cover all of these classes, some teachers generously attend two schools and we thank all the teachers for devoting their time and energy each week to bring the Good News to the Catholic children of our parish in the public schools.

Qualities of Good Catechist

Active in the community
Lived experiences of faith
Team player
Knowledge of the Scripture

Punctual
Patient
Committed
Love children
Sense of Humour

Flexible
Self-confident
Enthusiastic
Prayerful

To be a catechist, you do not have to be a saint or have a degree in theology. If you are involved or would like to be involved in the life of your parish, love children and wish to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ, please consider being involved in this ministry.

And remember, God does not call the equipped. God equips those who are called.

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

Mobile: 0437 440 169

Email: Michael.Tebbutt@bbcatholic.org.au

Week 3 – Safeguarding Month

- This week we remember in our **prayers** the safety and wellbeing of Children and Young People especially those who are particularly vulnerable due to COVID-19.
- Thank you to Bishop Anthony for celebrating Safeguarding Sunday Mass on 12 September. The Mass was live streamed from the Cathedral. I found Bishop's homily thought provoking as it encouraged me to reflect on my own faith journey and the manner in which I personally and we as a community respond to those who are vulnerable.

To view click here <https://youtu.be/Ts6Kg4ASEx4>



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.

Catechist Corner

So He said to his disciples
"The harvest is large, but there are few workers to gather it in. Pray to the owner of the harvest that He will send out workers to gather in the harvest."

Matthew: 37

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](#).

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



Foundations of Missionary Leadership Course – Sponsorships Available

The Areté Centre for Missionary Leadership offers a *Foundations for Missionary Leadership* course designed to empower and equip participants through a unique blend of theological knowledge, human development, spiritual

formation, and practical skills to be effective missionary leaders in our Australian parishes and communities today.

Evangelisation Broken Bay is offering **subsidies** for parishioners from the Diocese who would like to undertake this Course. For further information about the application process, please contact Pina Bernard on 0432 682 239 or pina.bernard@bbcatholic.org.au. Applications for sponsorships close 8 October.

A **Virtual Open Night**, with Areté Director Fr Chris Ryan MGL, along with Archbishop Peter Comensoli and Daniel Ang, will be held on 23 September at 7:30pm. Further information about the Course and Open Night can be found at www.aretecentre.org

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.

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International Day of Peace Interfaith Prayer Service

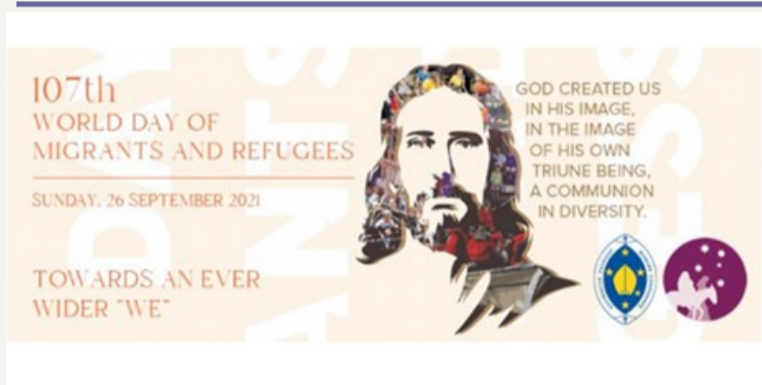
All are warmly invited to celebrate the UN International Day of Peace with an online Interfaith Prayer Service.

When: Tuesday 21 September 2021 at 2.00pm

Where: Zoom - <https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/96010303812>

Occasional address: Rev. Simon Hansford, the Moderator of the Uniting Church in Australia NSW & ACT Synod.

Religious leaders from Aboriginal, Bahai, Brahmakumaris, Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Islamic, Jain, Jewish, Mandaean, Sikh, Sufi and Zoroastrian communities will offer prayers for peace. There will be an opportunity to light a candle for Peace during the service, so please keep a candle and match-box ready.



Sunday 26 September is **World Day for Migrants and Refugees**, where Pope Francis invites us to “journey together towards an ever wider ‘we’.”

As we reflect on our experience of the COVID-19 pandemic, Pope Francis encourages us to build on a shared understanding

of our common humanity, “on the truth of ‘we’ that the pandemic has placed before us” which “stands in sharp contrast with the emphasis on the individual that has until now pervaded our times”.

This year, for World Day of Migrants and Refugees let us remember the vast numbers of people who are at any one time traversing our world as migrants and refugees and open our hearts towards an ever wider ‘we’ in our disposition to all people. Go to <https://www.acmro.catholic.org.au/> for more information and resources, including a Migrant and Refugee Kit.

The horror in Afghanistan has thrown a spotlight on the ongoing refugee crisis. You are invited to the **Hope out of Horror-seeking Refuge in Australia webinar** hosted by SJAB, St Vincent de Paul and the Jesuit Refugee Service starting **7pm 23 September 2021**. Click [here](#) to register or for more info.



“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




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.

*It is with great sadness that we share with you that Fr James Duck, a much loved member of the presbyterate of our Diocese of Broken Bay, passed away on Thursday, 9 September at his home in North Ryde, aged 87. Fr Jim's funeral will take place at 10.00am at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara on Monday 27 September 2021. Live streaming will be available on the Hornsby Cathedral YouTube page. We give God thanks for Fr James Duck's long and fruitful ministry as a priest, and now commend him to Almighty God.
"Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him."*

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

Recently deceased: John Norris, Fr James Duck, Elizabeth Schotte, Ken Nomchong

Anniversary: Jack Dunne, Hugo John Cutrone, Lenard Owen

Remembrance: Molly Dunne

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, Bishop Bill Wright (Maitland-Newcastle)

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading I: Wis 2:12, 17-20

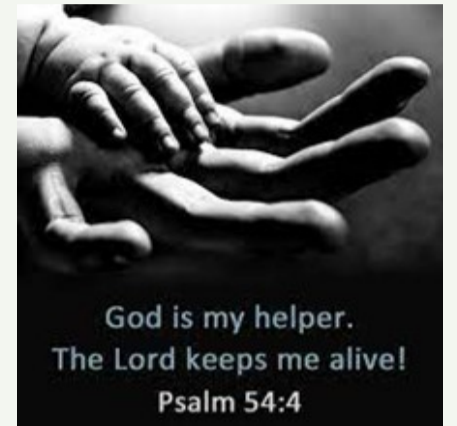
The wicked say: Let us beset the just one, because he is obnoxious to us; he sets himself against our doings, reproaches us for transgressions of the law and charges us with violations of our training. Let us see whether his words be true; let us find out what will happen to him. For if the just one be the son of God, God will defend him and deliver him from the hand of his foes. With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test that we may have proof of his gentleness and try his patience. Let us condemn him to a shameful death; for according to his own words, God will take care of him.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6 and 8

R. The Lord upholds my life

Reading II: Jas 3:16–4:3

Beloved: Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice. But the wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, without inconstancy or insincerity. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace. Where do the wars and where do the conflicts among you come from? Is it not from your passions that make war within your members? You covet but do not possess. You kill and envy but you cannot obtain; you fight and wage war. You do not possess because you do not ask. You ask but do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.



Alleluia: Cf. 2 Thes 2:14

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

God has called us through the Gospel to possess the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.



Gospel: Mk 9:30-37

Jesus and his disciples left from there and began a journey through Galilee, but he did not wish anyone to know about it. He was teaching his disciples and telling them, "The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise." But they did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to question him. They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house, he began to ask them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they remained silent. They had been discussing among themselves on



the way who was the greatest. Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in the their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."



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
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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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