



WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

"He must increase, I must decrease" (Jn 3:30)

26th September 2021

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B

FEAST DAYS

27 Sept: St Vincent de Paul

28 Sept: Sts Wenceslaus,

Lawrence & martyrs

29 Sept: Sts Michael, Gabriel,

Raphael archangels

30 Sept: St Jerome

1 Oct: St Therese of the Child
Jesus

2 Oct: The Holy Guardian
Angels

OUR PARISH OFFICE IS CURRENTLY CLOSED.

Please phone 02 4341 1073 or

0407 469 530 for assistance

woywoyparish@bbcatholic.org.au

OUT OF HOURS EMERGENCY

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Fr. A Lourduswamy M.S.F.S.

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Triona Meagher

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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 at 11.30am**, 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.*

<https://forms.gle/3fVMsLRchwqxdQsx5>

*In Christ,
Deacon Sam*

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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**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.

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



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



CATECHISTS AND COMPASSION

There was also a group of enthusiastic Catechists who taught at the three schools at Woy Woy, Umina and Ettalong. Catechists everywhere are a noble breed and have provided the Church with an army of informed,

loving carers for children who otherwise would hear little or nothing of our Saviour. Woy Woy was blessed in having Joyce Ragan, Leila Young, Tom Malone, Margaret Hennessy and June Minogue to mention just a few. Others joined the ranks over the years and have continued the spirit of selfless generosity.

Mary Smith hosted the first of the gatherings for the sick. Bishop Muldoon was visiting the Parish and came to maty's house and in his larger than life way, comforted and prayed over all the guests. Gatherings for the sick and shut ins have continued much to the joy of those who have welcomed the opportunity of the Sacrament of the sick, their special mass and the convivium that followed.

Father Baker was called to his reward on Boxing Day 1973. He had been to a Christmas Tea with the Tonkins and returned about 9.30pm, stopping at his associates door holding a wrapped gift saying "There is a 'prezzi' from 'Dezzi' (the Lady Decima Tonkin). He telephoned a Christmas greeting to Fr Leo Mahon, who was to succeed him as Parish Priest. He went off to bed and died during the night. St John the Baptist Church was packed for the parish Mass celebrated on the evening of Boxing Day as a tearful people came to say farewell to a Pastor who had served Woy Woy for 27 years, whose sermons had charmed and informed them as he recalled stories of his visits to many shrines, his stay in Rome and his deep knowledge of Sacred Scripture. The funeral Mass was to follow a few days later celebrated by Cardinal Freeman and sixty Priests.

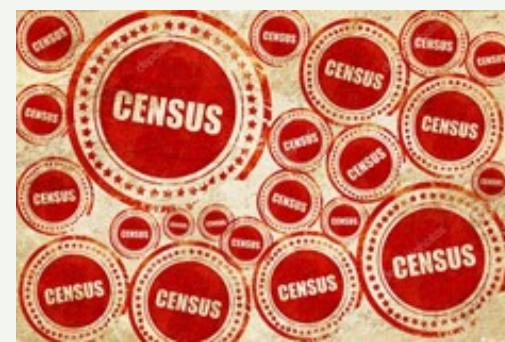


Source: Fr Michael McCarthy, Parish Priest of Oatley (12-08-96)

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.

We also ask that you please share with those who are not currently included on our email distribution list, so we can connect with them and share exciting parish news with them, in a timely manner. **THANK YOU**



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.

Evangelisation Broken Bay

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](#)



A Catechist's Story

My name is Dunstan Berenger, my journey to becoming a Catechist began back in the mid 1980's during a conversation with work colleagues, when the topic turned to religion, a member of the group made the comment "if you want to learn more about your religion, try teaching it". When it came around to me for a response, I said "when I retire, maybe". In 2014 we moved up to the Central Coast, and in that same year I retired. Coincidentally, in the Parish Bulletin there was a request for volunteer Catechists over a number of weeks. I then recalled that conversation of the 1980's, and contacted the Parish Coordinator to find out what this ministry entailed.

To my surprise, the procedure to becoming a Catechist wasn't too onerous and I commenced my training. Initially, as a helper in the classroom and a short time later took on solo teaching. The support and resources from the Diocese is excellent and encourages me to continue in this ministry.

On a personal level, it has given me a greater appreciation for my faith and also the opportunity of sharing this with the children in the classroom, makes this ministry worthwhile

Watch "Be There For Me" for another insight concerning this wonderful ministry.
<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

Week 4 – Safeguarding Month

Showcasing 'Safeguarding' at Gosford Parish:

- Last Sunday evening the Safeguarding team from the Chancery and Hillary Pope the Safeguarding Officer of Gosford Parish were asked to speak with their Youth Group about 'What is Safeguarding?' It was a wonderful opportunity to connect with the young people of our Diocese. They had some fantastic responses and questions. We will be connecting again later in the year to unpack the human and spiritual rights of children and young people.
- Fr Greg Skulski and the principals of the three Catholic Schools of the Parish have published a short video to renew their commitment to Safeguarding. This is a wonderful act of solidarity.

Click here to view - <https://youtu.be/zFAfp4JTH3E>



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

NO TIME?

The less one has to do, the least time one finds to do it.

Can you spare the time?

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](#).



Are you called to serve as a witness to your faith?

If you have ever thought about becoming a catechist, now is a good time to respond and make an enquiry.

CCD is offering Zoom training in Term 4 to upskill new catechists and helpers to enable them to teach, or assist an experienced catechist, in one of our public schools in 2022.

Click on the link for more information or contact your Parish Catechist Coordinator via the Parish Office.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hDlDhBQGTbA>

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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TUESDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

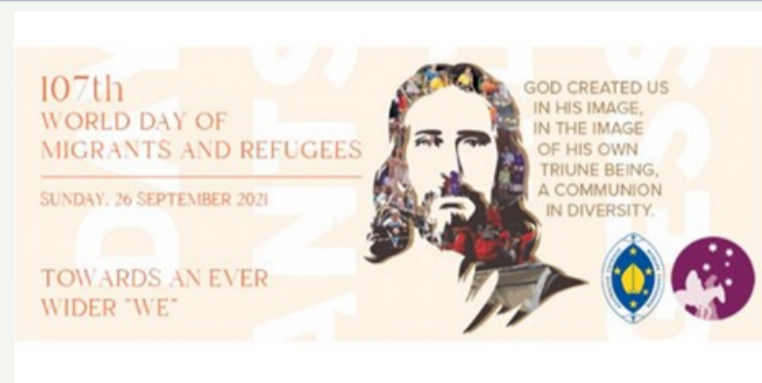
Need some joy and hope in lockdown? Looking for a place to come together for community, praise and prayer? Join the CYBB Team – Alex, Rachel and Deacon Adrian – as they share stories of God’s help in peoples’ lives and lead you through a short session of prayer.



All youth and young adults from across the Diocese of Broken Bay are invited to tune into Tuesday Night Lights! If you’re not sure where you’re at with God, you’re totally welcome too – come along and see what it’s like. You can tune in every Tuesday @ 7:00-7:30pm via our the @cybbaus Instagram Live as well as Facebook and YouTube!

Parents and guardians please note: CYBB runs livestream events on our social media channels where obtaining parental permission slips for minors is not possible. Please exercise oversight of livestream events by discussing them with those in your care and please get in touch with us at alex.leach@bbcatholic.org.au or on 0447 841 216 if you have any questions or concerns.

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.

“Love Without Limits” Webinar

Jesus taught us to both love our neighbour and to go make disciples.

Join Cardinal Tagle, Nicky Gumbel and friends for an honest conversation around how we can live out this calling in the modern world.

Date: 30 September 7:00pm OR 1 October 7:00am. Register at:

www.tfaforms.com/4927075



“We must always bear in mind that the Eucharist is not something we do. It is not our own commemoration of what Jesus said and did. No. It is precisely an act of Christ! It is Christ who acts there, who is on the altar. It is a gift of Christ, who makes himself present and gathers us around him, to nourish us with his Word and with his life.”

- Pope Francis, General Audience 12

Feb 2014

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

Recently deceased: Karen Chorazyczewska

Anniversary: Ronald Dixon

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, Maria Arundell, Bishop Bill Wright (Maitland-Newcastle)



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.

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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: Nm 11:25-29



The LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to Moses. Taking some of the spirit that was on Moses, the LORD bestowed it on the seventy elders; and as the spirit came to rest on them, they prophesied. Now two men, one named Eldad and the other Medad, were not in the gathering but had been left in the camp. They too had been on the list, but had not gone out to the tent; yet the spirit came to rest on them also, and they prophesied in the camp. So, when a young man quickly told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp," Joshua, son of Nun, who from his youth had been Moses' aide, said, "Moses, my lord, stop them." But Moses answered him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets! Would that the LORD might bestow his spirit on them all!"

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14

R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

Reading II: Jas 5:1-6

Come now, you rich, weep and wail over your impending miseries. Your wealth has rotted away, your clothes have become moth-eaten, your gold and silver have corroded, and that corrosion will be a testimony against you; it will devour your flesh like a fire. You have stored up treasure for the last days. Behold, the wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud; and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. You have lived on earth in luxury and pleasure; you have fattened your hearts for the day of slaughter. You have condemned; you have murdered the righteous one; he offers you no resistance.



Alleluia: Cf. Jn 17:17b, 17a

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Your word, O Lord, is truth; consecrate us in the truth.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.



Gospel: Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward. "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life crippled than with two feet to be thrown into Gehenna. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. Better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into Gehenna, where 'their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.'"



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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