



# WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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

3rd October 2021

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B

## FEAST DAYS

4 Oct: St Francis of Assisi

5 Oct: St Faustina Kowalska

6 Oct: St Bruno

7 Oct: Our Lady of the Rosary

9 Oct: Sts Denis and John  
Leonardi

## 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  
0438 631 327

### Administrator

Fr. Timothy Raj M.S.F.S.

### Assistant Priest

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

### Parish Secretary

Triona Meagher

### Parish Admin Assistant

Cath Peters

Most Reverend Anthony Randazzo joyfully announces the **Ordination of Deacon Samuel French to the Order of Presbyters** through the **Invocation of the Holy Spirit and the Imposition of Hands. Monday 18 October 2021, commencing at 11.30am, Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara.** The ceremony will be conducted within the guidelines of the government's COVID-19 Health Orders. Please participate online via the livestream—<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/ordination> **Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you. Jesus said, "Feed my sheep." John 21.17**



You are also cordially invited to join in the following Mass of Thanksgiving, livestream [www.bbcatholic.org.au/ordination](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/ordination)  
**Rev Fr Samuel French**

6:00pm, Friday 22 October 2021

St John the Baptist Church, Woy Woy

***This is a special moment for our St John the Baptist family and we are looking for volunteers to help make this a memorable event. Please contact the parish office if you wish to volunteer time to assist 4341 1073 or [Woywoyparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:Woywoyparish@bbcatholic.org.au)***  
*Contributions towards the cost of these celebrations, may be made to:*  
***Name: St John the Baptist Parish Woy Woy***  
***BSB: 062 784 Account no: 10000 1742***  
***Reference—Sam French***

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

 <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCngqSKPKgwQrGeh7Jv4M5-g>

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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.*



## **75th Anniversary Celebrations**

**Celebrating 75 years of St John the Baptist Woy Woy Parish are temporarily delayed, due to COVID-19 health orders restricting the number of attendees to masses.**

**We are continuing our plans for some wonderful celebrations for this day, but we need your help 😊**

**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.**

**Also, parishioners are encouraged to provide stories and photos of milestones from Parish Life over the last 25 years—Marriages, Baptisms, First Communion. As you can see below we are now all caught up with the first fifty years.**

**Please send your stories and photos to the Parish office to ensure they are included in our parish history - [Woywoyparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:Woywoyparish@bbcatholic.org.au)**

### **NEW PARISH PRIEST**

Fr Leo Mahon became the new Parish Priest and faced with the very onerous task of providing for the ever increasing population. His gentle friendly manner quickly won him many friends who supported him in all his

efforts. His health was never robust and when he retired Fr Bill Meacham became Parish Priest and won his way into the hearts of the very faithful people of Woy Woy.

So many more names should be honoured and so many anecdotes recalled. This small offering must suffice as we offer congratulations to the Parish of St John the Baptist on fifty years of rich parish life.

There has been an enormous leap from the holiday haven of years ago when people asked "Are you married or do you live in Woy Woy?" and when a block of land could be had for 1000 pounds and a modest house rented for 12 to 15 pounds. Young families moved in over the years and now rejoice in grand children. The holiday cottages gave way to magnificent homes for permanent residents. The beautiful water ways and mountains in the background provide a perfect setting for a truly beautiful parish, suburb and a place to call 'home'. May the faith that has been so lovingly fostered over a number of generations over the last fifty years, grow stronger. May it express itself in ever more glorious liturgies (the high point of Catholic life), in very caring service to the sick and needy and in a positive living out of our Catholic way of life we are so privileged to share. The crowning glory will be to meet merrily in Heaven.

From the heart and pen of one, who after such dire warnings at his appointment found only warmth, love, great friendship and inspiration from the Priests and people of Woy Woy.

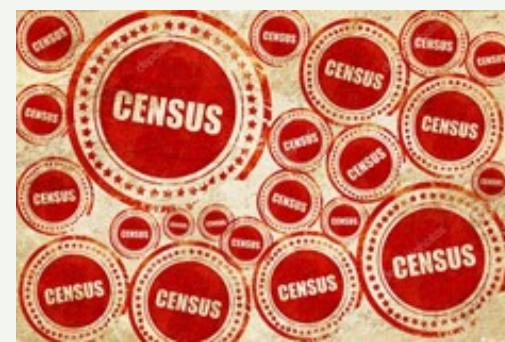
Source: Father Michael McCarthy, Parish Priest Oatley 12.08.96



## 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](mailto: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**



### **Watch the Plenary Council Assembly Online**

The First General Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia opens with Mass at 2:00pm AEDT from St Mary's Cathedral in Perth on Sunday, 3 October. Principal Celebrant: Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB, President of Plenary Council. Key moments will be live streamed between 3 and 10 October. They will include daily Masses, morning prayer and sharing of the fruits of discernment. Watch the live-streamed Mass and access other information on the Plenary Council website at [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

### **Don't forget to register! Broken Bay Plenary Council Online Prayer Vigil:**

The First General Council Assembly starting Sunday 3 October, we are inviting the community of the Church of Broken Bay to a virtual prayer vigil with Bishop Anthony on Saturday 2 October from 7.00-7:30pm.

“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.

We encourage you to attend and take part in this special prayer night. To register for the zoom link please visit: [www.bbcatholic.org.au/bayconnect](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/bayconnect)

### **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](#)





## My Christian calling to protect the vulnerable By Melissa Glavin

Every baptised Christian is uniquely called by God, to holiness of life and to mission in the Church for the sake of God's Kingdom in the world. In this sense, every Christian has a vocation.

When I started working in child protection and out of home care almost two decades ago, I realised from the beginning that my heart was captured by the opportunities in front of me. I began to see the ways in which God could use His Church to redeem brokenness and restore families in incredibly beautiful ways. I knew there was no turning back and that working with vulnerable children and families was my vocation. I knew that I was called by God to do this work.

I currently have the privilege of working for CatholicCare, Diocese of Broken Bay as the Principal Foster Care Support, Recruitment and Assessment Officer. I work alongside and support Foster Carers who care for children and young people that had to be moved out of their homes through no fault of their own in order to provide safety and stability. A Foster Carer's role is to provide a nurturing, safe environment for children and young people in families in need of help, until the children can be reunited with their families. Some children and young people unfortunately cannot return home, which means some Foster Carers make a long-term commitment to a child or young person in their care.

Should other Christians consider working in Foster Care? Yes, most certainly. Christians should prayerfully consider Foster Care. Not that everyone will want to work as a front-line worker, such as myself. Others may be able to become Foster Carers themselves, if it is God's will. Christians should at least be open to these possibilities and pray for discernment for their own vocation.

Christians should consider Foster Care because we are called to be salt and light in the world (Matthew 5:13–14). Foster parents are difference-makers. Taking in a foster child may not change the world, but it will change the world for that child.

Being a Foster Carer is a wonderful way to demonstrate their love of Christ. Jesus Christ had compassion on the "harassed and helpless" multitudes (Matthew 9:36); He received children to bless them (Mark 10:16); He taught us to love our neighbors as ourselves (Mark 12:31).

Christians should consider Foster Care because of God's commands to care for the vulnerable and most in need. "Defend the weak and the fatherless" (Psalm 82:3; cf. Isaiah 1:17). Protecting vulnerable children shows the heart of God.

James tells us that "Pure and undefiled religion before God the Father is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself unstained from the world" (James 1:27). I have held this verse close to my heart, during my Foster Care journey.

**Melissa Glavin is the Foster Care Support, Assessment & Recruitment Officer for CatholicCare, Diocese of Broken Bay.**



### For we **CANNOT KEEP FROM SPEAKING** about what we have **SEEN & HEARD** ACTS 4:20

In three weeks, Catholic Mission will share the essential mission work of Sister Chalaad and the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok, Thailand, as they reach out to vulnerable mothers and their babies during their time of need.

You will have the opportunity to respond to this great work and help Sister Chalaad reach out to more mothers and their babies.

Please come with an open and generous heart.



Freecall: 1800 257 296  
[catholicmission.org.au/thailand](http://catholicmission.org.au/thailand)



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

Are you wondering if this ministry is something you would enjoy?  
Do you love talking about Jesus to others?  
Do you love working with kids?

If the answer is “yes” to any of these questions, click on this link for a short reflection about becoming a catechist.

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

or read “Why Should I Consider Becoming a Catechist’ in the September Edition of Broken Bay News and turn to page 18.

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/news/broken-bay-news/broken-bay-news-editions/september-2021>

### What Must I do to become a Catechist?

Thank you for considering and praying about becoming a catechist. There is some paperwork that you need to complete and you will need to obtain a Working With Children Check number. The Working With Children Check (WWCC) is a requirement for anyone who works or volunteers in child-related work in NSW. Once you have obtained the WWCC number, have completed and submitted the A1 and A2 forms and undergone some initial training informing you of your rights and responsibilities, educating you in child protection and safeguarding procedures and have been introduced the Walking With Jesus, the special religious education programme for Catholic children in state schools, you will be ready to either teach or assist a teacher in the Special Religious Education programme at a school in Woy Woy parish.

For further information, contact Michael Tebbutt on 0437 440 169 or via email –  
[Michael.Tebbutt@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:Michael.Tebbutt@bbcatholic.org.au)

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### Safeguarding Month:

This week is the last week of highlighting Safeguarding across the communities of Broken Bay. To conclude the Month the Chancery staff will participate in their annual Safeguarding Training this coming Wednesday. The Diocesan Office for Safeguarding also places a special devotion to Mary Undoer of Knots. Her feast day is celebrated Tuesday 28 September. You are invited to pray the Mary Undoer of Knots Novena. A wonderful prayer resource can be accessed here

- <https://www.praymorenovenas.com/mary-undoer-knots-novena>



**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.

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# Catechist Corner

**JESUS HAS A MISSION FOR EACH OF US.**

**HE INVITES US TO PARTICIPATE IN THAT MISSION BY BEING A MESSENGER OF GOD'S LOVE**

**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.

**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

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**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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## 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](mailto:alex.leach@bbcatholic.org.au) or on 0447 841 216 if you have any questions or concerns.



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### **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](http://www.caritas.org.au) or by calling 1800 024 413 toll free.



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### **CatholicCare keeping seniors connected and active during lockdown**

Explore dance, fitness, technology, creativity, nutrition, tai chi and more with CatholicCare. Our Memory Innovations Centre improves quality of life, wellbeing and helps support positive brain health for seniors in our community.

Our professionally run programs focus on having fun, connecting with others and stimulating your brain. Programs are currently being delivered online during the lockdown and you can join anytime. For more information visit

[www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/aged-care/memory-innovations-centre](http://www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/aged-care/memory-innovations-centre) or call (02) 9488 2659.

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## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Reading I: Gn 2:18-24

The LORD God said: "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a suitable partner for him." So the LORD God formed out of the ground various wild animals and various birds of the air, and he brought them to the man to see what he would call them; whatever the man called each of them would be its name. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of the air, and all wild animals; but none proved to be the suitable partner for the man. So the LORD God cast a deep sleep on the man, and while he was asleep, he took out one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. The LORD God then built up into a woman the rib that he had taken from the man. When he brought her to the man, the man said: "This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called 'woman,' for out of 'her man' this one has been taken." That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one flesh.

### Responsorial Psalm: Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6

R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.



### Reading II: Heb 2:9-11

Brothers and sisters: He "for a little while" was made "lower than the angels," that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. For it was fitting that he, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the leader to their salvation perfect through suffering. He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin. Therefore, he is not ashamed to call them "brothers."

### Alleluia: 1 Jn 4:12

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

If we love one another, God remains in us and his love is brought to perfection in us.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.



### Gospel: Mk 10:2-16

The Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, "Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?" They were testing him. He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. *For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.* So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate." In the house the disciples again questioned Jesus about this. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." And people were bringing children to him that he might touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this he became indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it." Then he embraced them and blessed them, placing his hands on them.



## **MISSION and VISION**

*Bringing Jesus Christ to ALL through:*

*Worship and Liturgy; Outreach; Our Parish School;*

*Hospitality; Adult and Child Faith Formation*

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

**Recently deceased:** Karen Chorazyczewska, Kenneth Patrick Fitzgerald, Marjoleine Ignitia Jaquet

**Anniversary:** Ronald Dixon, Mons. Vincent Marley, Fr. Terry O'Brien, Stanley Walsh, James Casey

**Remembrance:** Fae Casey, Mary Dolan, Bryan Moroney, Bruno De Souza, James Carr, Elizabeth Carr

**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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**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for October**  
**- Missionary Disciples**

*We pray that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelisation, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour 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>

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. We will provide an update for October meeting closer to the date. Please contact:

Veronica Walsh on 0411 719 272



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