

WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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

10th October 2021

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B

FEAST DAYS

11 Oct: St John XXIII

14 Oct: St Callistus

15 Oct: St Teresa of Jesus

16 Oct: St Hedwig, St Margaret Mary Alalcoque

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. 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
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
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>



<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.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

**CELEBRATING
75 YEARS**
WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH
2021



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 phoning 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 Communions.

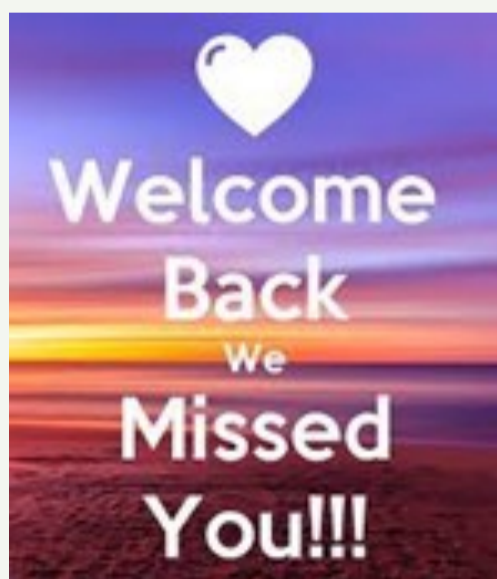
Please send your stories and photos to the Parish office to ensure they are

included in our parish history - Woywoyparish@bbcatholic.org.au



We are so excited to announce our 75th Anniversary commemorative coffee mugs have arrived! They are available to purchase for \$5.

Please contact the office to purchase 1 for your family



Fr Timothy and Fr Lourdes are looking forward to welcoming you ALL back to regular Mass services but will have to wait a little longer. However, from Monday 11 October we will be reopening the Church and Blessed Sacrament chapel for visits.

The Church will open from 08.30am to 09.30am each morning for prayers and devotion. The Blessed Sacrament chapel will be open during office hours from Monday to Friday for adoration.

We are waiting for the latest health directive from the Chancery before we can resume Mass celebrations, including All Souls mass for November 2021.

Catechist Corner

IF YOU WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR RELIGION, TRY TEACHING IT.

Here is the link for the adult 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](#).



Taking the Gospel to the World

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.

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





St Vincent de Paul Society - On behalf of myself and the Schools and Youth Engagement Team at the St Vincent de Paul Society, here are the links to Vinnies youth programs:

- This is the link to the **Vinnies Metropolitan Schools and Youth Term 4 2021**

Newsletter: bit.ly/VinniesSchoolYouthNewsTerm42021

- The 2021 edition of the **Mini Vinnies Formation Program (MVFP)** for students in Years 4 to 6 is available for those who wish to undertake Social Justice Formation in their own time.

For more information please go to <https://bit.ly/VinniesMVFP>



Remembrance for Beverley McMahon 28th November—Once a Parishioner at St John the Baptist Church Woy Woy, Beverley McMahon originally grew up in Ryde and most of her working career was located in Manly NSW and Sydney. As most of Beverley’s friends who knew her during her adult career as a music teacher, musician and composer still live on the Northern Beaches and in Sydney and are all reaching an age in their late 80’s - early 90’s it is for their consideration that this year for Beverley’s Anniversary a special small, Memorial Plaque blessed by Father Timothy has now been installed at Manly NSW East Esplanade. If you happen to be visiting the area, please feel free to relax in the surroundings of where the small Memorial Plaque is located which is on a table on the edge of the pedestrian footpath of East Esplanade overlooking Cabbage Tree Bay, Sydney Harbour and Manly Ferry Wharf. The table is located very close by to Manly Yacht Club which is a club where Beverley was a regular feature pianist. Beverley’s Memorial Plaque is in an ideal location for a picnic too with children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. (Mostly, it is just a good place to find some Peace from the chaos in the world right now...you won’t even need to sign in with a QR code!

The Church is nourished spiritually at the table of God’s word and at the table of the eucharist: from the one it grows in wisdom and from the other in holiness...



The celebration of mass in which the word is heard and the eucharist is offered and received forms but one single act of divine worship.

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.



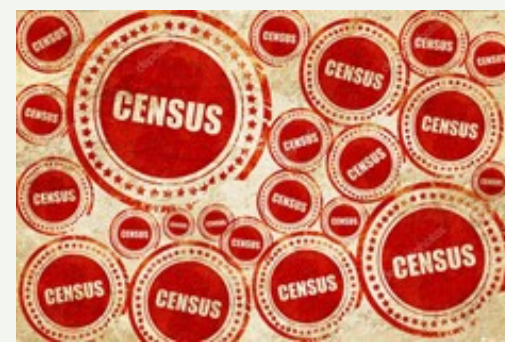
Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/thailand



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**

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](#)



2021 Abraham Conference

Theme: Women Leaders in the Abrahamic Traditions: Role Models for Our Time

Three speakers - one from each of the Abrahamic religions - including Sr Michele Connolly RSJ, will help conference attendees recover some of the lost traditions of inspiring women leaders highlighting the contribution and the difference they made in their time.

Date: Sunday 10 October 2021

Time: 2:30 - 4:00 pm (AEDT)

Online: via Zoom

Register at: <https://events.humanitix.com/2021-abraham-conference>

A live stream on Zoom

Abraham Conference 2021
Sunday | 10 October | 2.30pm-4pm (AEDT)

Women Leaders in the Abrahamic Traditions
Role Models for Our Time
Jewish, Christian and Muslim speakers draw from their religious traditions women role models for our time

Jacquie Seemann Charak
Or Chadash Synagogue

Sr Michele Connolly rsj
Catholic Institute of Sydney

Yamamah Agha
Settlement Services International

Jane Jeffes, MC
Producer/Director,
Firefly Productions
Former Executive Producer,
ABC Radio, Religion & Ethics

@AbrahamConference

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.



Palms Australia

All professions and trades are called to assist this mission.

Get Ready to Fly!



Since 1961 [Palms Australia](http://palms.org.au) has quietly prepared and supported humble Catholics like you for mission. It’s our response as church to calls from Australian and overseas communities to help bring opportunity to the poor.

Sharing your skills with local co-workers helps them to develop their essential community organisations. Improving their self-reliance aids sustainable poverty reduction and removes dependence on foreign aid and influence. Your relationships within the local community will transform your heart and soul.

To be prepared for a 2022 placement [CLICK AND ENQUIRE HERE](#) by Friday October 29.

Visit palms.org.au Email palms@palms.org.au or call Christine on 02 9560 5333

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.



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 or call (02) 9488 2659.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading I: Wis 7:7-11

I prayed, and prudence was given me; I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. I preferred her to scepter and throne, and deemed riches nothing in comparison with her, nor did I liken any priceless gem to her; because all gold, in view of her, is a little sand, and before her, silver is to be accounted mire. Beyond health and comeliness I loved her, and I chose to have her rather than the light, because the splendour of her never yields to sleep. Yet all good things together came to me in her company, and countless riches at her hands.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17

R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Reading II: Heb 4:12-13

Brothers and sisters: Indeed the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart. No creature is concealed from him, but everything is naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must render an account.



Alleluia: Mt 5:3

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Mk 10:17-30

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up, knelt down before him, and asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus answered him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments:

You shall not kill; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; you shall not defraud; honor your father and your mother."

He replied and said to him, "Teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said to him, "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." At that statement his face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions. Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" The disciples were amazed at his words. So Jesus again said to them in reply, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." Peter began to say to him, "We have given up everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Amen, I say to you, there is no one who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not receive a hundred times more now in this present age: houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and eternal life in the age to come."



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:

Anniversary: Noelle Davidovic

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), Larry Cresswell

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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DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY



THE YEAR
OF ST JOSEPH
& THE FAMILY
2021

**One community of
the Church, helping
our families grow.**



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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