



# WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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

**31st October 2021**

**31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B**

## FEAST DAYS

01 Nov: All Saints

02 Nov: COMMEMORATION  
of ALL the FAITHFUL  
DEPARTED

03 Nov: St Martin de Porres

04 Nov: St Charles Borromeo

## OUR PARISH OFFICE CONTACTS

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## OUT OF HOURS EMERGENCY

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## Administrator

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

## Assistant Priest

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

## Parish Secretary

Triona Meagher

## Parish Admin Assistant

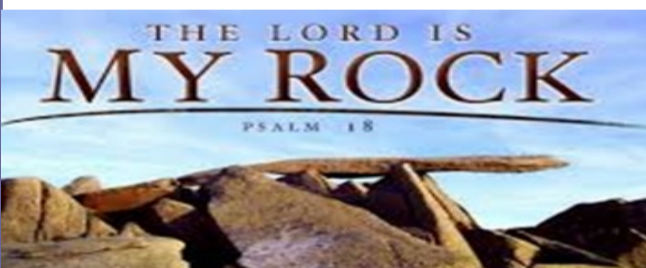
Cath Peters

**Congratulations to Rev Fr Samuel French on your Ordination to the Priesthood and celebrating your Thanksgiving Mass here at St John the Baptist Woy Woy on Friday 22nd October 2021.**



*"This is the day the Lord has made  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it" Psalm 118:24*

**Fr Timothy will be saying All Souls Day prayers and blessing graves at Point Clare Cemetery on Tuesday at 10.30 am.**



Follow Us: 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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## **MISSION and VISION**

*Bringing Jesus Christ to ALL through:  
Worship and Liturgy; Outreach; Our Parish School;  
Hospitality; Adult and Child Faith Formation*



**All Souls Day next Tuesday 2 November. Masses will be held at 8.30am and at 7pm.**

Candles will be lit for parishioners who have passed away in the last 12 months, at the evening Mass. We also have November envelopes in the pews and in the Gathering Area – please consider a donation to for Masses being celebrated for the Faithful Departed throughout November.

*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

We are continuing our plans for some wonderful celebrations for this day, but we need your help. 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](mailto:Woywoyparish@bbcatholic.org.au). Thank you to those who have already sent theirs through.

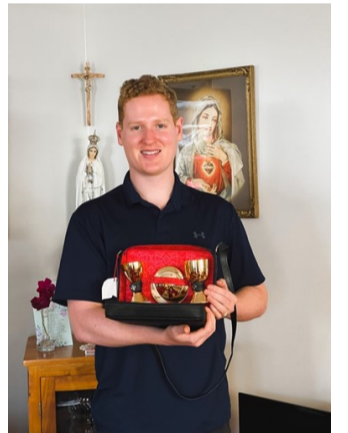
We are so excited to announce our 75th Anniversary commemorative coffee mugs have arrived! They are available to purchase for \$5 from the Piety Store or contact the Parish Office.



Thank you to all the parishioners of St John the Baptist, Woy Woy, for your ceaseless prayers during the years of seminary formation leading up to priesthood (especially those in the Rosary group). Thank you to the PPC and office ladies Cath Peters and Triona Meagher for your behind the scenes administration and preparations to make my Thanksgiving Mass run so smoothly. Special thanks to Rosie and the Naati family for organising the flowers, making the ribbons for the candles and organising the delicious cake. Thank you to Dorothy Fulton for making the lovely banner that graced the altar. Thank you to the parish choir and musicians for elevating the liturgy with your singing and music. Thank you Bernie O'Keeffe for your heartfelt words of encouragement. Thank you to Vincent Cavanagh for using his creative gifts to design and distribute the fantastic JP II inspired prayer cards on the day. Thank you to all those who helped and participated in the Mass in person or via livestream. It was truly a blessed evening.

Finally, I would like to thank all the members of the Parish for your beautiful gift of the Travel Mass kit! I had the opportunity to have Bishop Anthony consecrate the sacred vessels over the weekend, and look forward to putting the kit to good use.

God bless you all!  
In Christ,  
Fr Sam.



## Catechist Corner

**The Harvest is Great but the Labourers are few.  
Consider becoming a Catechists helper**

Here is the link to 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](#).

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

## CONFIRMATION

*Parents and carers please note that the Sacrament of Confirmation is now scheduled for two sessions on Sunday 28th November—at 1pm and at 3pm. Please contact the office if you and your child are unable to attend on this date.*



**PASTORAL WORKS** Broken Bay



### November 2021 Appeal

St Edmund's College is one of the five beneficiaries of Pastoral Works Broken Bay.

The College supports 120 students with disabilities such as intellectual, sensory impairment or autism, providing skills and experience for them to fully engage in life.

Your generous donations help with vital fee assistance to families in our Catholic community so that their children can access the services offered by St Edmund's.

Watch the attached short film to see the amazing impact your donations support <https://youtu.be/3r5BE26o2H4>.

To donate, complete the collection envelope in your parish, or visit [www.bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks).

**Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.**



# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## Reading I: Dt 6:2-6

Moses spoke to the people, saying: "Fear the LORD, your God, and keep, throughout the days of your lives, all his statutes and commandments which I enjoin on you, and thus have long life. Hear then, Israel, and be careful to observe them, that you may grow and prosper the more, in keeping with the promise of the LORD, the God of your fathers, to give you a land flowing with milk and honey. "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone! Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength. Take to heart these words which I enjoin on you today."

## Responsorial Psalm: Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51

*R. I love you, Lord, my strength.*

## Reading II: Heb 7:23-28

Brothers and sisters: The Levitical priests were many because they were prevented by death from remaining in office, but Jesus, because he remains forever, has a priesthood that does not pass away. Therefore, he is always able to save those who approach God through him, since he lives forever to make intercession for them. It was fitting that we should have such a high priest: holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners, higher than the heavens. He has no need, as did the high priests, to offer sacrifice day after day, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did that once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints men subject to weakness to be high priests, but the word of the oath, which was taken after the law, appoints a son, who has been made perfect forever.

## Alleluia: Jn 14:23

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

*Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord;  
and my father will love him and we will come to him.*

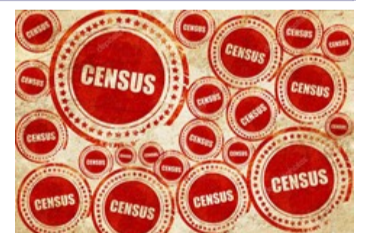
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## Gospel: Mk 12:28b-34

One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus replied, "The first is this: *Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.* The second is this: *You shall love your neighbor as yourself.* There is no other commandment greater than these." The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.' And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And no one dared to ask him any more questions.



**Parish Census** Dear All, We are now updating our records and we kindly ask for your help. You can now collect a blank Parish Census Form from the Church Gathering Area. Please place completed forms in the Census Forms box or email to [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**



The Central Coast project will be formally launched with the community on 31 October. Our Pastoral Discernment is an initiative to recall how the Spirit has guided our journey and will provide for opportunities to engage richly in the conversation and to listen to diverse experiences of faith and life. You are invited to join us for the online virtual event. During the launch, you will hear from Bishop Anthony Randazzo who will share his vision of the project and Patti Beattie, project facilitator will outline the scope of the project and ways that you can participate.

**Date of launch:** Sunday 31 October 2021 **Time:** 12 noon (AEDT) **Online:** [www.bbcatholic.org.au/pdcc](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/pdcc)

Details of the project can be found at [www.bbcatholic.org.au/pdcc](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/pdcc) which includes details of both the Launch and Briefing Circle registrations.

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

**Recently deceased:**

**Anniversary:** Alina Maria Uminski

**Remembrance:** Adam Meany, Marie D'Souza

**Sick:** Melissa Bezzina, 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, Colleen Cresswell, Kerrie Roberts, Lauren Head, Bruce Yip



### **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 also donate via Bpoint, which will take you to our Website for secure online payments.

<https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/woywoyparish>

**Name:** St John the Baptist Parish Woy Woy

**BSB:** 062 784 **Account no:** 10000 1742

Thank you for your generous contribution.

*thank you*

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