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Mass Times: Please note the time changes to weekday morning Mass and Sunday evening Mass

Monday - Friday **8:30am**,

Saturday 9am (Adoration after) & 5pm;

Sunday 7:30am, 9:15am & **5pm**.

Healing Mass (1st Friday of the month); 4pm;

Confession Times:

Friday 9am, 3:30pm (1st Friday of the month);

Saturday 9:30 am; 4:30pm;

Sunday 7am.

Keep Us In Your Prayers OF YOUR CHARITY PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF:

Remembrance:

Anniversary: Lucy Laura de Souza

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Sick: Lisa Yeo, Marta Panczyna, Oscar James Morreti, Linda Italiano, Emma Matthews, Eileen Jones, Kathleen Bezzina, Moya Joyes, Kiliti Na'ati, Chris Mitchell, Trish Stuart, Colleen Garland, Rbert Baker, Josephine Weate, Ed Hyland, Sheila Rogan, Eileen Jones, Larry Sheil, Pat Savage, Ernie Mullins, John Mitchell, Marie Dixon, Donna Vella, Jo Farrelle, Donna Briemer, Luis Emilio Garrido, 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, Max Annett, Karen Chorazyczewska, Ada-Primrose Murphy, Larry Cresswell, Ken Joyce, Andrew Muggs, Roger Mitchell, Daphne McNab, Shirley Crotty, Marie McNamee, Georgie Brigdale, Sue Campbell.



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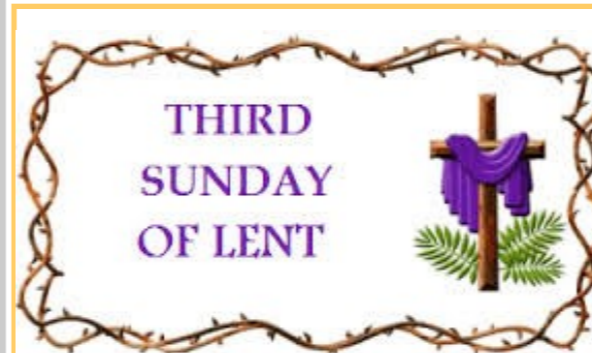


WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH
St John the Baptist Catholic Church



3rd Sunday of Lent

7th March 2021, Psalter Week 3, Year B



Today's first reading teaches us that the Ten Commandments are the basis of our religious and spiritual life. Instead of restricting our freedom the Commandments really help us to love and respect our God and our neighbors. The second reading reminds us that we must appreciate the Divine "foolishness" of the crucified Christ and obey His commandment of love as expression of our Divine worship. Today's Gospel gives us the dramatic account of Jesus' cleansing the Temple of its merchants and money-changers, followed by a prediction of his death and Resurrection. A man was driving without his

seatbelt when he spotted a patrol car right behind him. He grabbed for the belt and put it on. But it was too late, and the red lights began to flash. "You weren't wearing your seatbelt," said the officer. "Yes, I was," said the man, "and if you don't believe me, ask my wife." "So how ABOUT it, ma'am?" asked the cop. "Officer," she said, "I've been married to this man for forty years, and there's one thing I've learned: Never argue with him when he's drunk! Just give him a ticket for not wearing the seat belt." In today's Gospel, Jesus doesn't bother to argue with the unjust merchants and money-changers who have converted the Temple of Jerusalem into a noisy "market place" and a "hideout of thieves." Instead, he frightens them with his angry order and chases them away, holding a whip in his hands. Anger has two type: Constructive and destructive. In the Ten Commandments we don't see..."Thou shall not be angry". "Anyone can be angry. But to be angry with the right person, to the right degree, at the right time, with the right purpose ... that is not easy." – Aristotle Abraham Lincoln, angry at slavery. Martin Luther King, Jr., angry at racial discrimination, Mahatma Gandhi angry at the racial discrimination against the "untouchables" by the "high castes" in India ... righteous anger. Nelson Mandela, angry at apartheid in South Africa. That was righteous anger. When we see a bully beating up on a young kid, when we see a thief stealing an old woman's purse, when we see a group of girls being catty and mean to another girl at recess, when a husband beats up his wife — the list goes on and on. The Lord God has wired us in such a way that most healthy human beings are angry inside when we see evil and injustice being done to someone. The example of Jesus reminds us that, as children of God, we are required to do more than pray quietly and promote a peaceful inner disposition. We are also required to act on behalf of what is right, to oppose every evil, oppression, and discrimination. We do these things because we believe that they are contrary to God's kingdom. In this action against evil, there is a kind of anger that is very useful. Constructive anger is a virtue when it is exercised on behalf of the kingdom. Some of us were taught that anger is a sin. But only destructive anger is sinful. Constructive anger is not a sin. It is a positive and valuable part of human life. Look at your own life over the past year. If you cannot think of any time when you were angry, that is not necessarily a good thing. Never being angry does not make us holy; in fact, it might indicate that we are indifferent, indifferent to the injustice and evils that are a part of our world. If, on the other hand, you look over the past year and realize that you are always angry, that is not a good thing either. When we suddenly burst into rage at the slightest comment, when we explode without any reason, when we discover that we are living constantly with an internal tension, that is an indication that there are unresolved issues in our life that need to be faced. That is a sign that destructive anger controls us. And destructive anger needs to be eliminated. But contrary to never being angry or always being angry, constructive anger is healthy. It helps us identify what is wrong, and it motivates us to work against it. If you realize that you are experiencing abuse or manipulation in a relationship, constructive anger can force you to demand a change or to abandon the relationship altogether. If you recognize that the policies of your job, of your church, or of our society discriminate against the poor or oppress the weak, constructive anger can cause you to speak out, to organize, to work for doing what is right. There is no doubt that Jesus is the Prince of Peace. But he is also the Lord of Justice. Jesus did not sit meekly by when he saw evil being imposed on others. Jesus was not afraid of constructive anger. He used it to build the kingdom. So should

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.

Parish News:

Adoration: As the Blessed Sacrament can not be left unattended during Lenten Adoration on Fridays, we are looking for volunteers who can spare an hour sit in the church to supervise. There is a roster at the back of the church for you to nominate a time slot..

Cleaning Roster 12th March - Amanda Gray, Laila Dawe, Veronica Jordan, Christine French.

Readers Roster: Revised rosters are now available from Servers Sacristy . If you are unable to fulfil your duty, for any reason, please contact a replacement. Names and phone numbers are on the back of the roster.

Sacraments: For information on the Sacraments of Confirmation, 1st Holy Communion or 1st Reconciliation please contact Dorothy Fulton on 4341 7610.

Divine Will Cenacle: During Lent we will meet every Thursday following Morning Mass and Rosary. Please bring the book "The hours of the Passion".

St John the Baptist Primary School: School enrolments for 2022 are now starting. For mor information please contact the school. 4341 0884

Home Visits: For those Parishioners who would like Confession and Communion in the home or a House Blessing please call the Parish Office

Lenten Schedule:

Every Friday there will be Adoration at 10am (all day) after Church cleaning is completed, followed by Way of the Cross at 3:30pm then Mass at 4pm.

Every Wednesday will be Way of the Cross at 6:30pm followed by Eucharist 7pm.

Volunteers:

Have you thought about Volunteering?



We are In need people who would like to be involved in the Parish. If you are able to help in **any** way contact the following Coordinators:

Eucharist Ministers in the Community	Phoebe Glacken	4341 6324
Servers	Bernie French	4342 4548
Bus Drivers	Vince Wiegold	4341 1073
Catechists	Michael Tebbutt	0407 218 677
Church Cleaners	Christine French	4342 4548
Parish Office	Parish Office	4341 1073
Readers	Dorothy Fulton	4341 7610

All training will be provided.

Catenians:

The Catenian Organisation was founded in Manchester, England in 1908 and is now worldwide with more than 300 Circles with 28 being in Australia. The word Catena is Latin for 'chain' which links each Circle together. The Central Coast Circle incudes Terrigal, Kincumber, Woy Woy Gosford and Wyoming Parishes and meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Davistown RSL

You are invited to join us on Thursday 18th March 2021 at, 7:15pm. The meal is 2 courses with wine, cost \$30 per head. New attendees receive their 1st meal for free. These meetings allow us to socialise and share experiences and support each other. All Welcome!

Our Guest Speaker will be Cameron Stewart, Professor of Medical Health Law and Ethics, Faculty of Law, Sydney University. He will speak on Robots and the social consequences of such development.

RSVP 15th March to Ken Stewart or Brenda Sweet
kstewart@lacmac.com.au or 0418 656 562
Brenda.sweet@live.com.au

YOU ARE INVITED TO BECOME A JOSEPHITE COMPANION (formerly called Associates):

Josephite Companions are men and women who identify themselves with the Josephite charism of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop and Fr Julian Tenison Woods, which they share with the Sisters of St Joseph, making a difference in our local area, and so furthering the Reign of God in our world. We offer mutual enrichment and support in **friendship, prayer** and **service**.

It seems appropriate in this Year of St Joseph to re-establish a group of Companions on the Central Coast. Fr Timothy has kindly offered us a meeting space here at Woy Woy Parish. We hope to begin gathering once or twice a month, starting in April. If you are interested in knowing more about the Josephite Companions or joining our group, please contact Anne Bailey, annebccost@gmail.com or (02) 4341 6300.

Lenten Movie:

In observance of the Lenten week the Sacred Heart of Jesus Devotees would like to invite you to come along and join us in the screening of **Heaven is for real**, a movie based the real life events of a young boy who experienced meeting Jesus in heaven.

This event will take place on the 31st March in the Walter Baker Hall. A light supper will be provided from 5pm and the movie will start at 6pm. And Transport can be provided for those in need of a lift.

To book your spot there is a folder in the gathering area or contact the Parish Office. Gold coin donation will go towards the purchase of the new TV screens.

This is a great family orientated movie so please bring the children along .

Reading 1

Ex 20:1-17

In those days, God delivered all these commandments: "I, the LORD, am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery. You shall not have other gods besides me. You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters beneath the earth; you shall not bow down before them or worship them. For I, the LORD, your God, am a jealous God, inflicting punishment for their fathers' wickedness on the children of those who hate me, down to the third and fourth generation; but bestowing mercy down to the thousandth generation on the children of those who love me and keep my commandments. "You shall not take the name of the LORD, your God, in vain. For the LORD will not leave unpunished the one who takes his name in vain. "Remember to keep holy the sabbath day. Six days you may labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD, your God. No work may be done then either by you, or your son or daughter or your male or female slave, or your beast, or by the alien who lives with you. In six days, the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them; but on the seventh day he rested. That is why the LORD has blessed the sabbath day and made it holy. "Honour your father and your mother, that you may have a long life in the land which the LORD, your God, is giving you. You shall not kill. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, nor his male or female slave, nor his ox or ass, nor anything else that belongs to

Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple.

R. Lord you have the words of everlasting life.

The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes.

R. Lord you have the words of everlasting life.

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding forever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth...and all of them are just.

R. Lord you have the words of everlasting life.

They are more desired than gold, than the purest of gold and sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb.

R. Lord you have the words of everlasting life.

Reading 2

1 Cor 1:22-25

Brothers and sisters: Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but

to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 3:16

R. Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless Glory

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.

R. Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless Glory

Gospel

Jn 2:13-25

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, *Zeal for your house will consume me*. At this the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body. Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken. While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing. But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well.

Attention all kids:

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 learn more click <https://thekidsbulletin.com/about/> To access the bulletins click <https://thekidsbulletin.com/tag/the-kids-bulletin/> or access free online Children's liturgy of the Word videos click <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfg9euOFFmsu-xX7S2tCcNA> or search Heidi Witte- YouTube.

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