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Mass Times:

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: Frank, Mary & Katerina Justic .

Anniversary: Bruno de Souza, Bianca Tingani, John Wahlin.

Recently Deceased: Oscar de Souza, Terry Wixon, Fr Mick O'Callaghan.

Sick: Trish McLenaghan, 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, Ken Joyce, 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, Karen Chorazyczewska, Ada-Primrose Murphy, Larry Cresswell, Andrew Muggs, Roger Mitchell, Daphne McNab, Marie McNamee, Georgie Brigdale, Sue Campbell.



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*For St John's parishioners or their friends who settle a home loan by 30 April 2020. Amanda will donate \$300 to a local community centre. Approved applicants only. Lending criteria apply. Amanda Lawer has access to a panel of lenders through Liberty Network Services Pty Ltd (ABN 65 51 158 426 | Australian Credit Licence 408042) (LMS) including Liberty Financial Pty Ltd (ABN 55 077 248 983) which owns LMS.



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St John the Baptist Catholic Church



5th Sunday of Lent

21st March 2021, Psalter Week 1, Year B



Three pastors were discussing the results with one another after their parish faith renewal program. The Methodist minister said, "This program worked out great for us! We gained four new members." The Baptist preacher said, "We did better than that! We gained six new members." The Presbyterian pastor said, "Well, we did even better than that! We got rid of our ten biggest troublemakers!" I know everyone who participated in the Four days retreat and 3 days Lenten mission talk on Forgiveness benefited spiritually in our parish. No gain or loss in members. Thanks to all the participants and all who sponsored it.

Today's gospel presents us with a challenge: Just as Jesus became the "Promised Messiah of Glory" and the "Conquering Son of Man" by offering his life for others, we, too, must possess Heaven by dying to self and spending our lives in self-giving, sacrificial service. In gospel we see, some Greek pilgrims who were either new converts to Judaism or mere 'truth-seekers' were greatly impressed by the royal reception given to Jesus on Palm Sunday and by the subsequent cleansing of the Temple by Jesus. Hence, they approached the apostle Philip who had a Greek name and requested a private interview with the Master. Jesus uses the occasion to declare that he is the "Son of Man" prophesied by Daniel, and that his *time of glorification* is at hand. He immediately corrects the false notion of a political messiah by stating that he will be glorified by his suffering, death and Resurrection. It becomes clearer and clearer to Jesus that his life will soon come to a violent end. He is indeed troubled. But he makes the decision that if this is what God is asking of him, he will trust in God's plan. He will trust in God's love. He will give himself completely to what God asks him to do. His line, "Father, glorify your name" is Jesus' way of saying "Yes, I am all in." There are many times in our life when we are not all in. When we have to face a difficulty in a relationship or some situation in our life, we sometimes try to hold as much of ourselves back as possible. We give as little as we can. But the scripture tells us our future will be determined not by what we hold back but by what we freely give. Jesus explains to his apostles that it is by his suffering and death that he is bringing life and liberation to the sinful world, just as a grain of wheat sown in the field ceases to remain itself alone, "just a seed," by germinating and then growing into a plant which produces many new grains of wheat. In the same way, it is by the self-sacrificial lives of holy men and women that life and salvation come to mankind. In other words, when we "die" to our selfishness, we "rise" to new life in Jesus Christ. To be "buried in the earth" means avoiding sin, accepting suffering and living for others. The farmers in town decided that each year they would take the biggest and best potatoes of the harvest and use them for food. They would store the smallest potatoes and use them to plant the fields in the upcoming year. Initially this plan was a great success, because each year people had the best potatoes to eat. But over time the flaws of the plan emerged. Because they were planting the smallest potatoes year after year, soon the size of the potatoes which were harvested were reduced to the size of marbles. The farmers had to learn the hard way that holding back the best for now was not the best for the future. Nature had decreed that the harvest would be determined by the planting. Each time we give ourself in sacrifice to another we are planting a seed that will grow. Today's gospel asks us to plant the best seed that we have. If we are married, it is easy to take our relationship for granted, to let things ride. But, Jesus asks us in the gospel to give ourself as fully as we can to our spouse, to plant the best seeds of communication, support, and forgiveness. The seeds we plant will determine our marriage relationship in the years to come. If we are parents, we are charged with a difficult task. Children have many needs and pose constant demands. We can be tempted to hold back and protect ourselves. Of course sometimes that is necessary. But the gospel challenges parents to plant the best seeds of our time, concern, and wisdom in our children. Those seeds will determine who they become and what our future relationship with them will be. When we face an issue at work, in our family, or in any area of our life, the word of Jesus warns us not to hold back. We should place ourselves as fully as we can into whatever God is calling us to be. The seed which dies produces fruit. The better the seed that we plant, the richer the harvest will be.

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:

A big thank you to the following gentlemen, **Greg, Bernie, George and Oliver**, who installed the new TV screens and saved the Parish a large amount of the quoted cost.

Bus Trip: (UPDATE) The bus trip to Penrose Park, Berrima on the 13th April is **FULL**. The bus will be leaving the church car park at **7am** and will leave Berrima around **4pm** We will stop somewhere for lunch after the Pilgrimage. Numbers limited. **Please note** there will a lot of walking involved so wear comfortable shoes. For further information on Penrose Park, go to their Website <http://penrosepark.com.au/history/>

Cleaning Roster 26th March - Rano Spiteri, Anna Jarvis, Laurie Jarvis, Reg Harrington

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

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.

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 .

Mingaletta is a volunteer run organisation providing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth and family support. It is the only AATSI community centre based in the Umina/Woy Woy area, ensuring there is a meeting place where all can be part of a community and celebrate their culture. Mingaletta also offer range of activities, programs and services including health and welfare programs, advocacy services for cultural programs, social support community engagements and educational programs, to enhance the wellbeing of everyone. They especially assist those who are homeless, displaced or at risk of family breakdown. When necessary, such cases are referred to varying support services.

If you would like to make contribution to this wonderful organisation please give them a call on 02 4342 7515 or call into the centre at 6 Sydney Avenue Umina Beach. Cash donations are gratefully accepted.

<https://mingalettaatsic.wixsite.com/home>

Cash Housie:

Saturday Nights:

Peninsula Community Centre, 93 McMasters Road, Woy Woy. 7.30pm to 10.30pm, 51 Games , \$50 for a set of 6 tickets. Paper tickets and pets available.

Tuesday Nights:

Everglades Country Club, 23 games \$10 for a set of 6 tickets. Paper tickets and pets available.

Wednesday Nights:

Ettalong Diggers, 25 games, \$25 for a set of 6 tickets. Paper tickets only.

All sessions operated by volunteers to benefit the parish.

New project:

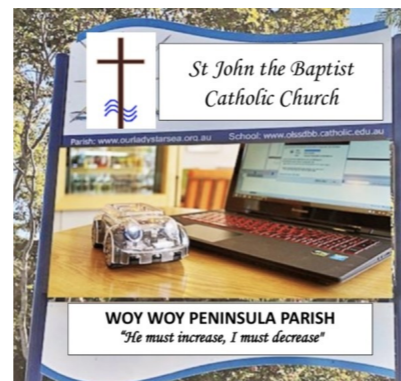
Our next venture will be a new electronic signboard.

As you know our old one has been out of action for a long time This was due to the components being so outdated that we couldn't get parts for it to be repaired.

We are in the process of arranging a brand new one that will be elevated above the wall at the pedestrian gate. As you can imagine the new one will be a big expense (\$22,000), so if you are interested in making a donation please see Fr Timothy or the Parish Office.

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This is a loose idea on when the signboard will look like.



Reading 1

Jer 31:31-34

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers the day I took them by the hand to lead them forth from the land of Egypt; for they broke my covenant, and I had to show myself their master, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD. I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer will they have need to teach their friends and relatives how to know the LORD. All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Create a clean heart in me, O my God.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion, blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin.

R. Create a clean heart in me, O my God.

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your Holy Spirit.

R. Create a clean heart in me, O my God.

Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me.

That I may teach transgressors your way and sinners may return to you.

R. Create a clean heart in me, O my God.

Reading 2

Heb 5:7-9

In the days when Christ Jesus was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death and he was heard because of his reverence. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 12:26

R. Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, there also will my servant be.

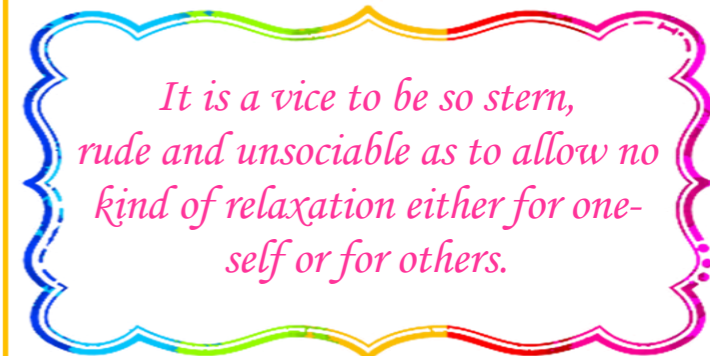
R. Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,

Gospel

Jn 12:20-33

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee,

and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honour whoever serves me. "I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.



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.

Holy Week 2021

2nd Rite of Reconciliation
7pm, Friday, 26th March

12pm - Last Seven Words of Jesus

Holy Thursday

7pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper

3pm - The Lord's Passion

Easter Saturday

8am - Devotion to Mother of Sorrows

Good Friday

9am - Stations of the Cross - Church

7pm - Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

**10am - Stations of the Cross
SJB Primary School
21a Dulkara Rd South**

7:30am, 9:15am

Easter Monday

9:00am