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

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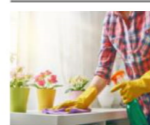
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EASTER 2021 Year B



Presidential candidate Mike Huckabee was once asked if he believed in resurrection. "Of course, I do," said Huckabee. "Dead people vote in every election we have in Arkansas. Resurrection is very real to us." On February 17, 1991, Mrs. Ruth Dillow was sitting at her home in Chanute, Kansas when she received a phone call. The person on the other end of the line identified himself as being from the Pentagon and he was sorry to inform her that her son, private first class Clayton Carpenter had stepped on a land-mine and had been killed. Of course, the news hit her like a blow and as the reality began to set in, it was as if she had lost her own life with the life of her son. On the third day, after mourning in the depths of despair, she got a second phone call and this time the person on the other side of the phone said... "Mom! I'm alive!" At first she couldn't believe it was her son, but as they began to talk finally it began to sink in. "This really is my son, he's not dead, he's alive!" She said that it felt like she had gotten

her life back again when she got her son back. How Ruth Dillow felt when she got that news is something like how the disciples felt when they found out that Jesus was risen from the dead. They also had been in the depths of despair: their best friend, their master, their teacher and Lord they'd followed for three years had been crucified. Not just that, but now they were penned up, for fear of the Jews, in the upper room. And then to find out that he wasn't dead but alive. But there's one big difference between Ruth Dillow and the disciples. Clayton Carpenter had never been dead, The Pentagon had simply made a mistake – not too surprising, right? But Jesus Christ had actually died. Today we come to hear a story that is very similar. The disciples, family members, those who were at the cross have all received the news that Jesus is not dead but alive. Joseph of Arimathea was a very wealthy Pharisee, a member of the council, and a secret follower of Jesus. It was Joseph who went to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body after the crucifixion. And it was Joseph who supplied the tomb for Jesus' burial. Well, it seems that someone pulled him aside and said, "Joseph, that was such beautiful, costly, hand-hewn tomb. Why on earth did you give it to someone else to be buried in?" Joseph just smiled. "Why not? He only needed it for the weekend." We are so accustomed to hearing of Jesus risen from the dead that we could say, "Oh yea...we know all about it" and miss the grace of this holy season of Easter. But think about it, Jesus rose from the dead! Death is not the end. It is only the door to beyond. **The resurrection of Christ is the basis of our Christian Faith:** The Resurrection is the greatest of the miracles — it proves that Jesus is God. That is why St. Paul writes: "If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain; and your faith is in vain... And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is a delusion and you are still lost in your sins... But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep" (I Cor 15: 14, 17, 20) Without the Resurrection, Jesus would have remained forever a good person who had met a tragic end. People would remember some of his teachings, and a handful of people might try to live according to them. All the basic doctrines of Christianity are founded on the truth of the Resurrection. "Jesus is Lord; He is risen" (Rom 10: 9) was the central theme of the kerygma (or "preaching"), of the Apostles You see, what we believe on Easter is not simply that God raised Jesus from the dead, but that God plans to do the same for us. We believe that God plans to give us life. So Easter is not about celebrating our pain or sorrow, but believing that God will lead us out of them. As strong as evil may be, it is no match for God. We believe that God has the power and the intention to lead us out of death to life. Therefore it is the love and power of God which is the basis of our hope and the source of Easter joy. But now we come to the practical question, which is in some sense the most important question. How do we get to Easter joy? If there's pain or suffering in our life, how do we move to the joy of Easter? We get to the joy of Easter by embracing the cross we cannot escape. When unavoidable pain comes into our life, we are called to accept that pain in the light of Easter, to take up the cross as Jesus took up the cross, and to believe that God will lead us through that pain to life. Whatever that evil might be, whether it's losing our job, dealing with a divorce that upsets our family, grieving someone who we have lost, fearing to grow old, or coping with a sickness that will not let us go—whatever that evil may be, once it becomes clear that we cannot get around it, we are called to take up the cross and walk through it. And we walk through it not on our own power, but on the power of God, whose love can conquer death. So on this Easter night, let us not just believe that God raised Jesus from the dead. Let us dare to believe that God intends also to raise us up. And let us have the courage and faith to take up the cross we cannot escape, believing that the burden we carry will not lead ultimately to the tomb, but to the resurrection, not to death, but to Easter joy.

Wish you all Happy Easter....

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.



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Daylight Savings Ending :
4th April 2021 3am. Don't forget to wind your clocks back!

Parish News:

High School Enrolments: Starting 11th April, Fr Timothy will meet parents and children on Sundays between 8:30am & 9:15am to have their Parish Reference Forms signed.

Cleaning Roster: 9th April - Elena Egan, Maria Owen, Veronica Jordan, Christine French.

House Blessings: Anyone wishing to have their house blessed can call the Parish Office to arrange.

St John the Baptist Primary School: School Enrolments are now being taken for 2022 school year. Enquiries tel 4341 0884 or www.sjbwoywoy.dbb.org.au.

Lenten Movie Night: Many thanks to all who attended the Lenten Movie screening. \$231.55 was raised for the Parish.

World Day of Prayer: The World Day of Prayer was held at the Salvation Army Hall in Umina on 05/03/21. There were 22 people present encompassing representatives from The Salvation Army, St John the Baptist, St Luke's Anglican Church & the Uniting Church. The service was led by Captain Lesley Newton, written by the women of Vanuatu and the theme was "Build on a strong foundation."

JOSEPHITE COMPANIONS MEETINGS BEGIN SOON

It seems appropriate in this Year of St Joseph to re-establish a group of Companions on the Central Coast (formerly called Associates). Fr Timothy has kindly offered us the Leo Mahon room here at Woy Woy Parish. We will meet once a month, from 10am to 11:30am. Come on either Thursday, 22nd April OR Monday, 3rd May, then Thursday, 13th May OR Monday, 31st May. We will set further meeting dates once we know what is suitable to most people. Josephite Companions are men and women who identify themselves with the charism of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop and Fr Julian Tenison Woods, co-founders of the Sisters of St Joseph. We offer mutual enrichment and support in **friendship, prayer and service**. If you are interested in knowing more or joining our group, please contact Anne Bailey, anneccoast@gmail.com or (02) 4341 6300.



Welcome



A very warm welcome into the Catholic Faith.

Caroline Oliveti, Ashley Havae Oliver Shepherd, Brady Jansson, William Powell & Marnie Doyle.

Youth News

St. John the Baptist Youth Ministry Team will hold their next meeting on the 18th of April at 7.00pm at the Leo Mahon room. Anybody interested is welcome to attend.

Youth Group members are asked to attend our gathering on the 2nd of May at The old church hall after Youth Mass at 5.00pm. All young people from year 5 & 6 are invited to attend and those from year 7 to year 12.

We still invite youth leaders for training and to help out with the running of youth activities. Anybody 18+ is welcome - from school leavers to university students to young married couples

Please contact Kiliti Na'ati 0412731979/sks2230grace@gmail.com or Bernie O'Keefe on 0417 698 760/ berniebok@gmail.com for further enquiries. Have a blessed Easter and we are waiting for you to join us.
Kiliti Na'ati

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday 7pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper	12pm - Last Seven Words of Jesus 3pm - The Lord's Passion
Good Friday 9am - Stations of the Cross - Church	Easter Saturday 8am - Devotion to Mother of Sorrows
10am - Stations of the Cross SJB Primary School 21a Dulkara Rd Woy Woy	7pm - Easter Vigil Easter Sunday 7:30am, 9:15am Easter Monday 9:00am

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THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH & THE FAMILY 2021

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Benefactors,
Easter is the celebration of the victory of good over evil. Easter is with us once again: The Feast of Light, Hope, Peace and Love. The story of Our Lord's life, Passion and death ends not on Good Friday; it becomes complete on Easter Sunday with the Resurrection of the Lord.

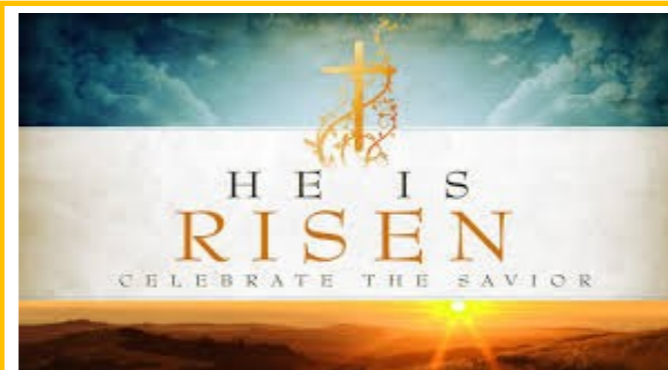
In the life of Our Lord, all these elements are inseparable: each one gives meaning to the other. Our Lord's whole life is the Paschal Mystery. Each one of us has surely gone through a process of self-examination of, cleansing of and turning of our back to the Lord during Lent.

Pope Francis, in his Apostolic Exhortation on, Joy of the Gospel, invites us to make this our life programme, and not just for one liturgical season.

On this Easter Sunday, I wish to give each one of you my warm and affectionate greetings. I pray for all our people, and specially remember the sick, aged, and lonely. May this great Feast help us to experience peace, to discover hope and to find joy.

I greet you once again the Joy of the Risen Lord be with us to overcome all evil. The Lord is truly Risen! Alleluia! Happy Easter!

Fr Timothy Raj msfs



Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Reading I - Ex 12:1-8, 11-14
Reading II - 1 Cor 11:23-26
Verse Before the Gospel - Jn 13:34
Gospel - Jn 13:1-15

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

Reading I - Is 52:13-53:12
Reading II - Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9
Verse Before the Gospel - Phil 2:8-9
Gospel - Jn 18:1-19:42

Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter

Reading I - Gn 1:1-2:2
Reading II - Gn 22:1-18
Reading III - Ex 14:15-15:1
Reading IV - Is 54:5-14
Reading V - Is 55:1-11
Reading VI - Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4

Reading VII - Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28
Epistle - Rom 6:3-11
Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord The Mass of Easter Day
Reading I - Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Reading II - Col 3:1-4
Sequence - Victimae paschali laudes
Alleluia - Cf. 1 Cor 5:7b-8a
Gospel - Jn 20:1-9

BB35 - 35th Anniversary Mass

To begin our year of BB35 celebrations, Bishop Anthony Randazzo will celebrate Mass at 7pm, 8 April at our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral. This day marks the 35th Anniversary since the announcement of the establishment of the Diocese of Broken Bay.

We also encourage you to promote the live-streaming of the event, which will be available via the Cathedral Parish's website: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/hornsby>

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.

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
Bus Drivers	Vince Wiegold	4341 1073
Catechists	Michael Tebutt	0407 218 677
Church Cleaners	Christine French	4342 4548
Readers	Dorothy Fulton	4341 7610

All training will be provided.