



# ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

Woy Woy Peninsula Parish

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



It is our turn to walk the way Jesus walked, to care the way he cared, to love the way he loved, and this is the way that the Kingdom of God shall gradually take over the whole world. Jesus himself reveals the great mystery: if indeed we are in need of God, God also is in need of us. *Readings & Gospel on Pg. 6*

### This Week

Parish History  
Week 1

Fr Timothy's  
25th Year Jubilee

Mothers Day  
Raffle

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Charitable Works  
Fund May Appeal

## ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

# CELEBRATING 75 YEARS

## WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH

2021



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 PARISH NEWS

## PARISH NEWS

**Sunday the 16th of May, 9.15 am Mass will be replaced with 10.00 am Mass.  
5.00 pm Mass will be cancelled.**

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

**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](http://www.sjbwoywoy.dbb.org.au).

**Divine Will Cenacle:** The next monthly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 6th May in the Leo Mahon Room.

**Music Ministry:** Help urgently needed for volunteers to operate the computer for the music program on the weekend masses. Training will be provided. Tel Lyn Dwyer 0417 659 526

**Cleaning Roster:** 7th May Peter Smith, Reg Harrington, Linda Potestas, Jo Salter.

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

## YOUTH NEWS

**He must increase - I must decrease.**

You are all invited to our Youth Mass this Sunday the 2nd of May at 5.00pm. Come and support our young people with their music, singing and reading. After Youth Mass, young people gather together at Leo Mahon Room for Youth Activities, Fun games and learn about our Catholic Faith.

There will be a group for Years 5 & 6 and High Schools students. All are welcome from any Primary School and any High School. All inclusive. Parents will be there to supervise and with light refreshments.

Anyone interested in helping our Youth as Leaders are welcome to contact Kiliti on 0412 731 979 or Bernie O'Keefe on 0417 698 760. We would love to have you as part of the team - empowering young people to become disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today. Come and join us and make a difference.

*Youth Ministry Committee*

## JOSEPHITE COMPANIONS MEETINGS

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. If anyone missed the 22nd April meeting, come instead on 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, [annebccost@gmail.com](mailto:annebccost@gmail.com) or (02) 4341 6300.

## 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:

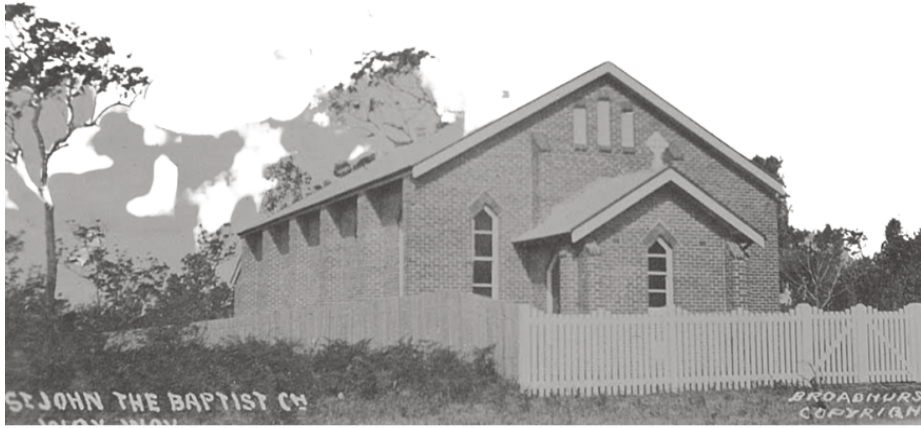
#### Eucharist Ministers in the Community

<b>Phoebe Glacken</b>	<b>4341 6324</b>
<b>Bus Drivers Vince Wiegold</b>	<b>4341 1073</b>
<b>Catechists Michael Tebbutt</b>	<b>0407 218 677</b>
<b>Church Cleaners Christine French</b>	<b>4342 4548</b>
<b>Readers Dorothy Fulton</b>	<b>4341 7610</b>
<b>Music Ministry Lyn Dwyer</b>	<b>0417 659 526</b>





## Week 1: History of St John the Baptist, Woy Woy Parish



St John the Baptist Catholic Church was built in 1914 as a Mass Centre for Gosford Parish. Until then Mass had been celebrated in private homes or in a local hall by priests visiting on horseback from Sydney or Windsor, and then by boat from Kincumber or Gosford. The Parish of Woy Woy was established in 1946, and Dr Walter Baker was appointed first Parish Priest.

Dear Parishioners,

In May Father Timothy will be celebrating the Silver Jubilee of his ordination into the Priesthood. 25 years of dedicated loyal service of spreading the message of Christ's love. As a Parish Community we are going to celebrate and acknowledge his wonderful work, especially what Father Timothy has brought to our community. On May 16th at 10 am there will be a Mass followed by refreshments in The Walter Baker Hall (there will be no 9.15 am or 5.00 pm masses on that day). There will be a book on the table in the gathering area where you can write personal messages to Father Timothy.

Parish Pastoral Council

## The Youth Ministry are running a Mother's Day raffle



**\$2 per ticket**  
or  
**\$5 for 3 tickets**

Tickets will be on sale on  
**Sat 1st May 9am & 5pm Mass. Sun 2nd May 9.15am & 5pm Mass. Sat 8th May 9am & 5pm Mass. Sun 9th May before 9.15am.**

**The lucky winner will be drawn on Mother's Day on Sunday 9 May at 9.15am Mass.**

All contributions will be donated towards the 25th year Jubilee.

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**CELEBRATING**  
**35 YEARS**  
DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY



**THE YEAR**  
**OF ST JOSEPH**  
**& THE FAMILY**  
**2021**



**SATURDAY 1ST OF MAY**

**FEAST OF**  
**ST JOSEPH**  
**THE WORKER**



## Diocesan Mass Counts 2021

The Diocesan Mass Count takes place over four weekends in May and once again, we thank you for your generous assistance. As 2021 is a census year, this year's Mass Count will form part of the National Count of Attendance and the data will be submitted to the National Centre for Pastoral Research, via Evangelisation Broken Bay.

The 2021 Count will take place on the weekends of **1 & 2 May** (beginning with the Vigil Mass on Saturday 1 May), **8 & 9 May**, **15 & 16 May** and **22 & 23 May**.



## FAQS and Guidance for the Catholic community in Australia regarding a COVID-19 vaccine

Given the ongoing public discussion of the Federal Government's COVID-19 vaccination program, it is timely to communicate further with Catholics about this important issue.

Find the bishops' guidance on the COVID-19 vaccines and FAQs and Guidance on the COVID-19 Vaccination on the links below:

<https://catholic.org.au/coronavirus>

<https://www.health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/covid-19-vaccines>



## BUS TRIP TO BERRIMA

**Mass on 13th May 2021 will be an outdoor Mass, please bring your own foldable chair/seat, warm clothing, thermos of hot drink, food and umbrella.**

**Depart Church car park 7.30am  
Expect to return by 8.00pm**

**\*\*\*3 SEATS LEFT\*\*\***

**Call Parish office to book 4341 1073**



## THE POPE'S APRIL PRAYER INTENTIONS

FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS  
WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO  
RISK THEIR LIVES WHILE  
FIGHTING FOR FUNDAMENTAL  
RIGHTS UNDER  
DICTATORSHIPS,  
AUTHORITARIAN REGIMES  
AND EVEN IN DEMOCRACIES  
IN CRISIS.





# STEWARDSHIP



## CHARITABLE WORKS FUND – May Appeal – 8/9 May 2021

Many thousands of young people and families in our community receive help from the charities that CWF supports. They can arise with new strength.

We give thanks to God for the blessing these pastoral works offer to those in hospital, at school, across neighbourhoods and local parishes of Broken Bay.

Please give generously to the final CWF appeal of the Financial Year 2020/21. Donations are 100% tax deductible and support five charities:

**Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Programme** – where Hospital Chaplains and five lay Pastoral Care ministers reach 3,500 patients and 700 families each year in our hospitals.

**Confraternity of Christian Doctrine** – materials, training and support for almost 1,000 catechists who take the gospel to students in our State schools.

**St Lucy's School** – serving primary school students with disabilities.

**St Edmund's College** – serving secondary school students with disabilities.

**Ephpheta Centre** – serving the Catholic deaf community.

Please take a moment to watch a heart-warming "Thank you" video to hear from those you are helping -

<https://youtu.be/hvA4Etwvd4E>

All donations are gratefully received

### You can donate in three ways:

- 1) Complete the CWF collection envelope in your pew;
- 2) Online at [www.bbcatholic.org.au/give](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/give);
- 3) Or scan the QR code.



**Thank you for your contributions towards the pastoral works of the Church. God Bless.**

## POSITION VACANT

### Parish Administrative Assistant Part-time

**12 hours per week 2 days**

**(8.30am – 3.00pm Wednesday and Friday)**

Can you see yourself as a welcoming face of Woy Woy Catholic Parish?

The Parish is seeking an Administrative Assistant for our busy office. The role provides administrative support in the areas of visitor and telephone reception, communications, records and archives maintenance, general administration, meeting and event organization, compliance, and simple financial processes such as credit card and direct debit processing.

If you have previous office administration experience and this role interests you, please email a cover letter and CV to [recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au) or see the full advertisement at [www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions-vacant](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions-vacant)

**Applications close Friday, 7 May 2021**

*This role will be subject to a WWCC and National Police History Check.*



# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## Reading 1

Acts 9:26-31

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple.

Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus.

He moved about freely with them in Jerusalem, and spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord.

He also spoke and debated with the Hellenists, but they tried to kill him.

And when the brothers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him on his way to Tarsus. The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace.

It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

## Responsorial Psalm

22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32

**R. I will praise you, Lord,  
in the assembly of your people.**

## Reading II

1 Jn 3:18-24

Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.

Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts before him in whatever our hearts condemn, for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything.

Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him.

And his commandment is this:

we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

## Alleluia

Jn 15:4a, 5b

**R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord.

Whoever remains in me will bear much fruit.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

## Gospel

Jn 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples:

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit.

You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you.

Remain in me, as I remain in you.

Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches.

Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned.

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you.

By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."





## MASS TIMES

Monday - Friday  
8:15 am Morning Prayer  
8:30 am Mass  
Followed by Rosary

Saturday  
8:45 am Morning Prayer  
9:00 am Mass  
Followed by Adoration  
5:00 pm Mass

Sunday  
7:30 am Mass  
9:15 am Mass  
5:00 pm Mass

## CONFESSION TIMES

Friday  
(1st Friday of the month)

9:00 am  
3:30 pm

Saturday  
9:30 am  
4:30 pm

Sunday  
7:00 am

## OUT OF HOURS EMERGENCY

0438 631 327

### Administrator

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

### Assistant Priest

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

### Parish Secretary

Triona Meagher

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## CONTACT US

### Parish Office

Open Mon, Wed, Fri  
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8:30 am - 3:00 pm

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Woy Woy

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Keep us in your prayers:  
Of your charity pray for the souls of



**Remembrance:** Sergei de Souza.

**Anniversary:** Alfred & Leo Begaja, Pieter & Adele Degeling, Bob Scholte, Carlos Fratti, Robert Dennis Clifford

**Recently Deceased:** Sister Zita

**Sick:**

Terence Walsh, Marie Head, 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, Robert 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, 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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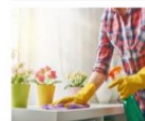
**Liberty**

**\$300 donation to a local community centre\***

\*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 65 751 758 628 | Australian Credit Licence 408042) (LNS) including Liberty Financial Pty Ltd (ABN 55 077 248 983) which owns LNS.



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