



WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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

19th December 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT—Year C

FEAST DAYS

25 Dec—The NATIVITY of the LORD

PARISH CONTACTS

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MASS TIMES & OTHER WORSHIP

Monday - Friday : Morning prayer at 8.15a.m. followed by the Eucharist at 8:30am.

Saturday: Morning prayer at 8.45a.m. followed by the Eucharist, adoration and confession. Evening at 5pm

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

First Friday: Confession 3.30pm
Healing Mass 4pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Thursdays 7—8pm



ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

CELEBRATING
75 YEARS
WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH
2021



75th Anniversary Celebrations

It is **FINALLY** time to celebrate!!!

Time to celebrate our Parish Community this Sunday 19th December, 2021 following 9.15am mass, which will be concelebrated with Very Rev Dr David Ranson, Vicar-General of Diocese of Broken Bay, and other priests who have served this parish. This will be followed by celebrations in the church car park.



There will be a **Sausage Sizzle** and **games for the kids!** We ask parishioners to bring a plate of 'finger food' to share with each other. It's going to be lots of fun and wonderful to be able to come together again in person.

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.



On the fourth week of Advent, we light the final purple candle to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our Savior. This final candle, the "Angel's Candle," symbolizes peace. It reminds us of the message of the angels:

"Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

MISSION and VISION

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

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COVID-19 REGULATIONS: From Wednesday 15 December, the following will apply:



- No density limits will apply in Places of Worship.
 - Electronic sign-in will **REMAIN** mandatory in Places of Worship
 - Please note - QR Codes are no longer mandatory for parish offices and meeting rooms.
 - Singing and dancing is allowed by all.
- Face masks are **no longer mandatory but are strongly encouraged**, particularly when social distancing is not possible.

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.

OUR CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

December 24th: Christmas Eve

5:30 pm - SJB School Oval

21a Dulkara Rd, Woy Woy

8:00 pm - Church

10:00 pm - Church

December 25th: Christmas Day

7:30 am - Church

9:15 am - Church

December 26th: Boxing Day

7:30 am, 9:15 am, 5:00 pm

December 27th and 28th: Public Holiday

9:00 am

December 31st: New Year's Eve

6:00 pm (Adoration)

7:00 pm

January 1st: New Year's Day

9:00 am and 5.00pm



Parish Census Thank you to all who have returned their completed Parish

Census forms. We have received so many but there are still many more to come. 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.

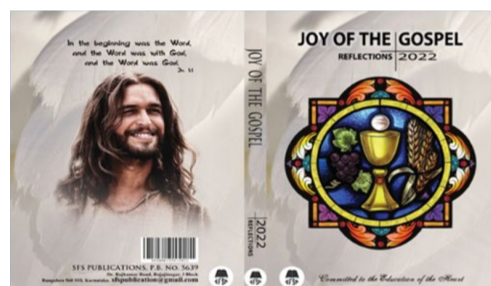
Please share with others, so we can connect with them and share exciting parish news with them, in a timely manner. **THANK YOU**

Bus drivers needed to bring parishioners to mass on ALL weekend masses.

Please contact Vince Wiegold on 0418 485 417



Thank you to all the Christmas elves that gave of their time last Sunday to so beatifically decorate our parish church for the Christmas season. After such a horrible year, your work will bring happiness, hope and joy to all that will see in the coming weeks. Wishing you and your families a Merry Christmas and happy new year. Jeff Freeman.



Our copies of "Joy of the Gospel 2022—Reflections" have arrived and are available at the Piety Stall for \$15

READERS for 25/26 December 2021:

Please see Christmas Roster

***** Please collect your roster from the Servers' Sacristy *****

Christmas Masses are generally much busier than other services held throughout the year.



We would be very grateful if you could volunteer to help our Wardens with Collections, Offertory Procession or any other small tasks needed to make our Christmas Masses special.

Thank you

SERVERS for 18/19 December 2021:

Please see Christmas Roster

CLEANERS for 22 December 2021:

Christine French

Kevin Glacken

Laurie Jarvis

Anna Jarvis

***** If unable to work on your appointed day, please swap or arrange a replacement *****

** Church cleaning rosters for 2022 will be available for collection this weekend in the Leo Mahon room. **

**A service of Lessons and Carols
Brisbane Water
Ministers Association
7.00 pm Saturday 18th December 2021
St John the Baptist Catholic Church
Woy Woy**

This is a joint Ecumenical service with

**Anglican Baptist
Lutheran Roman Catholic
Salvation Army Uniting**

All welcome!

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading I: [Mi 5:1-4a](#)

Thus says the LORD: You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah too small to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel; whose origin is from of old, from ancient times. Therefore the Lord will give them up, until the time when she who is to give birth has borne, and the rest of his kindred shall return to the children of Israel. He shall stand firm and shepherd his flock by the strength of the LORD, in the majestic name of the LORD, his God; and they shall remain, for now his greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth; he shall be peace.

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19.](#)

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Reading II: [Heb 10:5-10](#)

Brothers and sisters: When Christ came into the world, he said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; in holocausts and sin offerings you took no delight. Then I said, 'As is written of me in the scroll, behold, I come to do your will, O God.' "First he says, "Sacrifices and offerings, holocausts and sin offerings, you neither desired nor delighted in." These are offered according to the law. Then he says, "Behold, I come to do your will." He takes away the first to establish the second. By this "will," we have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Alleluia: [Lk 1:38](#)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.

May it be done to me according to your word.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: [Lk 1:39-45](#)

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."



Pastoral Discernment Central Coast Project.

On the 31st of October, Bishop Anthony launched the Central Coast Pastoral Discernment Project. As a member of our Parish Pastoral Council, Fr Tim has invited me to facilitate the St John's the Baptist consultation process. Fr Tim and I invite you to learn about the project through the following opportunities. The first is to watch the project video which can be found via the following link. <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/our-faith/pastoral-discernment-central-coast>

You can also find printed copies of the project's promotional brochure on the welcome desk in the Church foyer, as well as on the project webpage. Our final suggestion is to read Bishop Anthony's Pastoral Letter, see link below. This letter outlines Bishop Anthony's six key pastoral priorities for our Diocese, which the project aligns to. <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/about/bishop/pastoral-letter-jesus-christ-our-beginning-and-end/pastoral-letter-jesus-christ-our-beginning-and-our-end>

We are planning to meet with interested parishioners on the 4th February following Mass supper to be provide and on the 5th February following Mass lunch to be provide. These are repeated sessions so you are invited to attend only one of these, either on zoom or face to face, depending on restrictions after the Christmas holiday period, where I look forward to facilitating this exciting new initiative in our community.

God Bless, – Rosie Na'ati 0421780957



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

Recently deceased: Kathleen Patricia McPhee, Peter Paul Raj

Anniversary: Ann Culmer, Bronia Clara Leonard, Jerzy Antoni Uminski

Remembrance: Peter Whiteman, Joyce Fotheringham, Larry Sheil, Margaret Hopkins

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, Larry Cresswell, Kerrie Roberts, Lauren Head, Bruce Yip, Ada Primrose Murphy, Cathy Eades, Jim Matthews

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for December:

For Catechists



Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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>

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