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### St John the Baptist Church

Cnr Blackwall and Victoria Roads, Woy Woy

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### St John the Baptist Primary School

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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:** Paulina Menezes, Laura Foix, Judy Goodacre.

**Anniversary:** Edward Luxford, John Charles Carr.

**Recently deceased:** Fr Isido Anatharaj, Gilbert Joseph, Shane Carty, Jan Cosse.

**Sick:** Kiliti Na'ati, Susie Simmons, Chris Mitchell, Trish Stuart, Colleen Garland, Hanaa El Khatib, Josephine Weate, Ed Hyland, Sheila Rogan, Eileen Jones, Larry Sheil, Pat Savage, Ernie Mullins, John Mitchell, Marie Dixon, Maureen Fotheringham, Donna Vella, Jo Farrelle, Donna Briemer, Oscar James Morreti, Luis Emilio Garrido, Malin Tugaga, Pamela Power, Mary Scarf, Rose Aloisio, Amanda Sheridan, Audrey Barsenbach, Marta Panczyna, Mary Wood, Therese Horner, Jack Dummett, Anne Singleton, Tina Cohen, 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



Feast of St Francis de Sales

24<sup>th</sup> January 2021, Psalter Week 3, Year B



### DEVOTION IS SUITABLE TO EVERY KIND OF LIFE-SITUATION AND OCCUPATION

God commanded the plants, at the creation, to bear fruit each according to its kind (Gen 1:11). Similarly, he commands Christians, the living plants of his Church, to produce the fruits of devotion, according to each one's ability and occupation.

Devotion is to be practiced differently by the nobleman, the workman, the servant, the prince, the widow, the young girl, the wife. Even more than this, the practice of devotion has to be adapted to the strength, life situation and duties of each individual.

Do you think, dear Philothea, (one who loves God) that it is suitable for a Bishop to desire to live the life of a hermit like a Carthusian monk? If people with a family were to want to be like the Capuchins not acquiring any property, if a workman spent a deal of time in church like the member of a religious order, and if a religious was always subject to being disturbed in all sorts of ways for the service of his neighbor like a Bishop, would not such devotion be ridiculous, disorderly and intolerable? However, this sort of fault is very common. The world, which does not distinguish or does not want to distinguish between devotion and the indiscretion of those who consider themselves devout, complains and finds fault with devotion which is in no way responsible for such disorders.

Indeed, Philothea, (one who loves God) devotion in no way spoils anything if it be true, rather it makes everything perfect. When it conflicts with any person's legitimate occupation, it is without doubt false. "The bee," says Aristotle, "sucks honey from flowers without damaging them," leaving them as whole and fresh as it found them. But true devotion does even better. Not only does it not spoil any sort of life-situation or occupation, but on the contrary enriches it and makes it attractive. All sorts of precious stones when immersed in honey have a greater brilliance, each according to its colour. Similarly, everyone becomes more pleasant in one's state of life by joining it with devotion. Devotion makes the care of the family peaceful, the love of husband and wife more sincere, the service of the ruler more loyal, and every sort of occupation more pleasant and more lovable.

It is an error, or rather, a heresy, to try to exclude the devout life from the soldiers' regiment, the workmen's shop, the court of rulers or the home of the married. It is true, Philothea, (one who loves God) that a devotion which is purely contemplative, monastic and religious cannot be practiced in such occupations. However, besides these three sorts of devotion, there are many others suitable for leading to perfection those who live their lives in the world. This is attested in the Old Testament by Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, David, Job, Tobias, Sara, Rebecca and Judith.

In the New Testament, St Joseph, Lydia (Acts 16:14,15) and St Crispin lived perfectly devout lives in their workshop. St Anne, St Martha, St Monica, Aquila and Priscilla (Acts 18:1-4) in their family; Cornelius (Acts 10), St Sebastian, St Maurice in the army; Constantine, Helen, St Louis, Blessed Amadeus and St Edward on the throne. It has even happened that many have lost perfection while in solitude, even though it is so favourable for perfection. Others have retained it amidst the multitude which seems of such little help for perfection. As St Gregory mentions, Lot who was chaste while living in the city, was defiled while in the desert. No matter where we are, we can and we should seek a life of perfection.

**Introduction to the Devout Life: St Francis de Sales. Part 1, Chapter 3**

*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.*



## Feast of St Francis de Sales

Today is the Congregational Feast day of the Missionaries of St Francis de Sales, Celebrating 454 years since the birth of the Patron Saint.



### Parish News:

**Congratulations:** It is with great pleasure we can announce Matthew French has decided to follow his brother Deacon Sam, into the Priesthood. Please keep him in your prayers as he follows his Journey.

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

**Cleaning Roster: 29/01/21** - Amanda Gray, Cheryl Sillick, Linda Potestas, Rano Spiteri.

### Pope Francis proclaims "Year of St Joseph"

Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from, 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020, to 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

A daily prayer to St Joseph... and a challenge Pope Francis notes how, "Every day, for over forty years, following Lauds [Morning Prayer]" he has "recited a prayer to Saint Joseph taken from a nineteenth-century French prayer book of the Congregation of the Sisters of Jesus and Mary." This prayer, he says, expresses devotion and trust, and even poses a certain challenge to Saint Joseph," on account of its closing words: "My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power." Pope Francis encourages all of us to pray together daily:

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.  
Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

**Farewell and Goodbye from the Field family:** After 28 years we are sadly saying goodbye to the Parish and the Central Coast. We are relocating to Wollongong.

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, friendship and support over the years. Unfortunately we were not able to say goodbye personally to everyone.

You will remain in our hearts and prayers.

Warm regards, Chris, Susan & Lucy Field.

## Happy Birthday



A very Happy Birthday to Fr Timothy, this Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January. Wishing him all the blessings on his special day.

### Parish Collections:

**1st collection** goes to the Clergy Remuneration Fund for the financial support of the priests.

**2nd Collection** goes towards all the pastoral and operating expenses of the Parish; phones/photocopier, electricity, insurance, rates, priests' vehicles, staff wages, Presbytery, Church and ground maintenance to name a few.

You can donate via weekly envelopes or by the following methods.

Bpoint, which will take you to our Website for secure online payments.

<https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/woywoyparish>

You can also donate via Tap and go in the church (this goes to 2nd collection) or credit card. You can pick up a pledge form from the gathering space or request one from the Parish Office.

If you would like to make a donation to the Parish via electronic transfer please contact the Parish Office for the account details.

**Please consider putting the majority of your donations in the 2nd collection as this is where it is the most needed.**

### Cash Housie:

Peninsula Community Centre, 93 McMasters Road, Woy Woy. Games start at 7.30pm and finish 10.30pm, every Saturday night. 51 Games

A set of 6 costs \$50 and additional tickets can be added on paper or to your electronic tickets. Prizes in first 2 books are all \$100 and pink games \$150, then last book all \$200 prior to the \$2000 Jackpot (reverts to \$1000 if not won within calls). Ticket sales from 6.30pm. Proceeds benefit the Parish.

Enquiries Rob: 0427 990 818 or

[wwcphousie@hotmail.com](mailto:wwcphousie@hotmail.com) or

<https://www.facebook.com/woywoybingo/>

### New Session:

Tuesday nights at Everglades Country Club, Dunban Rd Woy Woy. 7.30PM, 23 games only \$10 for a set of 6 tickets. Paper tickets and pets available.

### 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/UCfg9euOFmsu-x7S2tCcNA> or search Heidi Witte- YouTube.

### Reading 1

### Proverbs 16:16-24;32

How much better to get wisdom than gold! To get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver. The highway of the upright avoids evil; those who guard their way preserve their lives. Pride goes before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall. It is better to be of lowly spirit among the poor than to divide the spoil with the proud. Those who are attentive to a matter will prosper, and happy are those who trust in the Lord. The wise of heart is called perceptive and pleasant speech increases persuasiveness. Wisdom is a fountain of life to one who has it, but folly is the punishment of fools. The mind of the wise makes their speech judicious, and adds persuasiveness to their lips. Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body. One who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and one whose temper is controlled than one who captures a city

### Responsorial Psalm

#### R. The mouth of the just murmurs wisdom.

Trust in the LORD and do good that you may dwell in the land and be fed in security.

Take delight in the LORD, and he will grant you your heart's requests.

#### R. The mouth of the just murmurs wisdom.

Commit to the LORD your way; trust in him, and he will act.

He will make justice dawn for you like the light; bright as the noonday shall be your vindication.

#### R. The mouth of the just murmurs wisdom.

The mouth of the just tells of wisdom and his tongue utters what is right.

The law of his God is in his heart, and his steps do not falter.

#### R. The mouth of the just murmurs wisdom.

### Reading 2

### Ephesians 3:8-12

Brother and sisters: To me, the very least of all the holy ones, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the inscrutable riches of Christ, and to bring to light for all what is the plan of the mystery hidden from ages past in God who created all things, so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the Church to the principalities and authorities in the heavens. This was according to the eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness of speech and confidence of access through faith in him.

### Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

### John 13:34

### Gospel

### John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give you. This I command you: love one another.

*When you encounter difficulties and contradictions, do not try to break them, but bend them with gentleness and time. "*  
*St. Francis de Sales*

### Covid19 Updates:

*It is extremely important that every Parishioner is aware of the health advice during this Pandemic. If the Church is found to be in breach of these guidelines we will incur a hefty fine so PLEASE take note of the information provided. — IF YOU FEEL UNWELL PLEASE STAY HOME*

The number of people per Masses will remain at 120 to comply with the social distancing ruling. When you arrive for Mass there will be someone at the sign-in table conducting a headcount. **It is imperative that EVERY PERSON who enters the church or Hall puts their name and contact details on the list in the Gathering Space. This includes Musicians, Servers and Readers.** This information will be handed over the Health Department should an outbreak occur.

**Attention Readers, Servers & Musicians (organists and cantors)** Please note that readers, servers & musicians are included in the headcount. **Can readers sit in the small section at the front of the Church which is reserved for Servers.**

**Hand Sanitizer:** There is hand sanitizer available for use in the Church. It is located at entry to rear doors and gathering table. Also available at the Walter Baker Hall. Please wash your hands when entering and leaving the Church.

**Collections:** The collection containers will be on the font walls, just inside the church doors. Collection bags are **NOT** to be passed around.

**Face Masks: Masks are Mandatory.** For Children under 12 they not compulsory but are strongly encouraged.

**Singing:** Chanting is permitted during our services however it is asked you still refrain from singing. The Cantor is to sing alone.