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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.

St John the Baptist Primary School

School Enrolments are now being taken for 2021 school year. Enquiries - School Office

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Remembrance: Betty Cavanagh, Joyce Fotheringham, May BJ

Anniversary: Sr Pascal Cavanagh R.S.J

Recently deceased:

Sick: Linda Italiano, Emma Matthews, Eileen Jones, Moya Joyes, Kiliti Na'ati, 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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*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 45 151 158 428 | Australian Credit Licence 408042) (LND) including Liberty Financial Pty Ltd (ABN 55 077 248 983) which owns LND.



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St John the Baptist Catholic Church



6th Sunday of Ordinary Time
14th February 2021, Psalter Week 2, Year B



A mouse was looking through a crack in the wall of a farmhouse. He was watching the farmer and his wife open a package. "I wonder what's in that box," thought the mouse, "I hope it's cheese." But it wasn't cheese. To the mouse's horror, he saw the farmer unpack a mousetrap. Frightened, the mouse ran out into the barnyard and yelled out in warning, "There's a mousetrap in the house! There's a mousetrap in the house!" The chicken clucked and looked up from plucking her seed. "Mr. Mouse, I'm sure this is a grave concern to you, but it is no consequence to me. Please leave me alone." So the mouse ran over to the pigpen. "There's a mousetrap in the house!" The pig said, "Oh, I'm sorry to hear that, but I never go into the house. I'll keep you in my prayers." The mouse then ran out to the pasture to warn the cow. "There's a mousetrap in the house!" "How unfortunate for you," said the cow, "but it's no skin off my nose. Please go away." So the mouse went back to the house dejected, because he knew he would have to face the mousetrap alone.

That very night there was a sound throughout the whole house—a snap. The mousetrap had just claimed its first victim. The farmer's wife got up to determine what was caught. But in the darkness she failed to see that the mousetrap had closed on the tail of a poisonous snake. When she reached out toward the trap, the snake bit her. The farmer took her at once to the hospital, where she stayed for a few days with a serious fever. Finally, when she was sent home, the doctor recommended that she be fed chicken soup. So the farmer took his hatchet and went out to the hen house. That was the end of the chicken. But the wife's health did not improve. For days friends came and sat by her bedside, supporting her. The farmer felt the pull of hospitality, so he went out and slaughtered the pig to feed them. Unfortunately, the poor woman died. She was a very popular person, so people from all over the county came for her funeral. In order to provide the luncheon, the farmer slaughtered the cow. The mouse watched all of this through the crack in the wall. He shook his head, "I tried to warn them about the mousetrap, but they wouldn't listen."

Sometimes we imagine that we can separate ourselves from others without any consequence or danger to ourselves. The gospel understands that when we choose to build walls, they are just as likely to hurt us as to protect us. Charity begins at home. Our first responsibility is to care for those who are closest to us: our family and our friends. This is a sound policy, and most of us follow it. So whenever someone appears as a threat, as a danger, we instinctively push that person away. We do this in order to protect those that we love, those who are closest to us. This is certainly the intent of today's first reading from the book of Leviticus, because in this reading is found legislation concerning leprosy. Ancient Israel understood that leprosy was contagious. Therefore, Israel put in place this directive, decreeing that the person who was infected with leprosy should be separated from the community. Such people were to live outside the camp, and they were to call out "unclean, unclean" as a warning to others to stay away lest they also become infected.

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.

Happy Birthday

A very Happy Birthday to Fr Lourduwamy, this Sunday 14th February. Wishing him all the blessings on his special day.



Ash Wednesday: Wednesday 17th February 2021

Mass will be held at 8:30am and 7pm.

NOTE: Distribution of Ashes in Time of Pandemic

The Priest says the prayer for blessing the ashes. He Sprinkles the ashes with holy water, without saying anything. Then he addresses all those present and only once says the formula as it appears in the Roman Missal, applying it to all in general: "Repent, and believe in the Gospel", or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return".

The Priest then cleanses his hands, puts on a face mask, and distributes the ashes to those who come to him or, if appropriate, he goes to those who are standing in their places. The Priest takes the ashes and sprinkles them on the head of each one without saying anything.

Lenten Schedule:

Both will be held every week throughout Lent

Starting 19th February, **every Friday** there will be Adoration after Morning Mass (all day) followed by Way of the Cross at 3:30pm then Mass at 4pm.

Starting 24th of February, **every Wednesday** will be Way of the Cross at 6:30pm followed by Eucharist 7pm.

Lenten Program: Bishop Anthony has put together a Lenten program for our Diocese. If you wish to join a group or start your own, please contact the Parish Office for a copy.

As this year is dedicated to the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph, the Patron of the Universal Church and the 75th Anniversary of our Parish. We are going to purchase a second electronic votive candle stand for our St Joseph Chapel. There will be a third collection next Sunday 21st of February, with all proceeds going towards the cost \$3460.

If you would like to contribute a any other time please put donations in a separate envelope clearly marked 'candle stand'. Your donations are ALWAYS greatly appreciated. Should you like to donate the full amount in honour of someone special, please contact Fr Timothy to discuss and a dedication plaque will be added to the front of the stand.



Top Reasons to Become a Catechist:

- You will grow in your own faith, learn the teachings of the Church, and deepen your relationship with Jesus.
- Your Baptism calls you to share in Jesus' ministry.
- Children more than ever, need to hear the Good News of Jesus and need to encounter good role models of faith.
- You have much to share with those you'll teach, and you'll have opportunities to share faith with other catechists.
- The Walking With Jesus resource offers interesting lessons, relevant background information for the catechist and modern PowerPoint presentations with stories and songs to engage the students.
- You'll be challenged, you'll have fun, and you'll make new friends.
- You'll be helping the children deepen their relationship with Jesus. (You'll be evangelising!)
- You'll be handing on a 2000-year-old Tradition that changes lives.
- You will receive training to give you the necessary knowledge about how Special Religious Education is organised and a chance to develop your teachings. This training is presented locally, online or via Zoom by the friendly CCD staff offering training sessions
- It's our job: Jesus sent us to "go and teach all nations."

There is an opportunity for a person who likes working with children to be a catechist each Friday at Umina Public School, teaching 23 children in Year 5. All the children will have their own Walking with Jesus student workbook and you, as their teacher, will have a teacher's manual with all the lessons planned for you.

Are you willing to become a catechist and announce the Good News of Jesus Christ as St John the Baptist did? If you are, or would like to know more about this ministry, contact Michael Tebbutt on 0407 218 677.

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.

Thank you for your generous contribution.

Reading 1

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "If someone has on his skin a scab or pustule or blotch which appears to be the sore of leprosy, he shall be brought to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests among his descendants. If the man is leprous and unclean, the priest shall declare him unclean by reason of the sore on his head. "The one who bears the sore of leprosy shall keep his garments rent and his head bare, and shall muffle his beard; he shall cry out, 'Unclean, unclean!' As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself unclean, since he is in fact unclean. He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp."

Responsorial Psalm

R. In times of trouble I turn to you O Lord.

Happy those whose offence is forgiven, whose sin is forgiven.

O happy those to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, in whose spirit there is no guile.

R. In times of trouble I turn to you O Lord.

But now I have acknowledged my sins; my guilt I did not hide.

I said: "I will confess my offence to the Lord."

And the Lord has forgiven the guilt of my sins.

R. In times of trouble I turn to you O Lord.

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, Exult all you just!

O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart.

R. In times of trouble I turn to you O Lord.

Reading 2

1 Cor 10:31—11:1

Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. Avoid giving offense, whether to the Jews or Greeks or the church of God, just as I try to please everyone in every way, not seeking my own benefit but that of the many, that they may be saved. Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Alleluia

Lk 7:16

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

A great prophet has arisen in our midst, God has visited his people.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Mk 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once. He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere.

Parish News:

Face Masks: As on Friday 12th February face masks are no longer required for Masses.

Housie Volunteers: We are looking for some volunteers to be rostered on either monthly, fortnightly or weekly to assist with operating our weekly Housie session. This is a great outreach from the parish to our local community and is a significant weekly contributor to the parish finances. Experience in retail, dealing with customers or office work would be helpful, but not essential. Duties include some or all of the following (depending on your level of interest) setup/packup, helping on floor, selling tickets, completing required paperwork, calling numbers etc.. Contact Rob on 0427990818, or leave your details with the parish office.

Bus Drivers: We are still requiring volunteers to driver for weekend Mass. Please contact the Parish Office to register your interest.

Cleaning Roster: Friday 19th February - Christine French, Warren Sparrow, Jo Salter, Laila Dawe.

Thank You

A big thank you to everyone who has so kindly donated during these difficult times. Your ongoing generosity and support is incredibly appreciated.

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: No longer mandatory.

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