

# WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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

**21st November 2021**  
**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

## FEAST DAYS

21 Nov: Our Lord JESUS  
CHRIST, KING of the  
UNIVERSE

21 Nov: Dedication of our new  
St John the Baptist church

22 Nov: St Cecilia

24 Nov: St Andrew Dung-Lac

25 Nov: St Catherine of  
Alexandria

## PARISH CONTACTS

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### MISSION and VISION

Bringing Jesus Christ to ALL  
through:

Worship and Liturgy;

Outreach;

Our Parish School;

Hospitality;

Adult and Child Faith Formation

## The "Power" of Jesus Christ

But in what does this "power" of Jesus Christ the King consist? It is not the power of the kings or the great people of this world; it is the divine power to give eternal life, to liberate from evil, to defeat the

dominion of death. It is the power of Love that can draw good from evil, that can melt a hardened heart, bring peace amid the harshest conflict and kindle hope in the thickest darkness. This Kingdom of Grace is never imposed and always respects our freedom. Christ came "to bear witness to the truth" (Jn 18: 37), as he declared to Pilate: whoever accepts his witness serves beneath his "banner." . . . Every conscience, therefore, must make a choice. Who do I want to follow? God or the Evil One? The truth or falsehood? Choosing Christ does not guarantee success according to the world's criteria but assures the peace and joy that he alone can give us. This is demonstrated, in every epoch, by the experience of numerous men and women who, in Christ's name, in the name of truth and justice, were able to oppose the enticements of earthly powers with their different masks, to the point that they sealed their fidelity with martyrdom.

— Pope Benedict XVI, on the feast of Christ the King, Nov. 22, 2009



*The Advent Season is all about reflecting on how we can prepare our hearts and homes for Christ's birth in the world as it is today. It is a time for faith communities and families to remember, through prayer, reflections, special music, and good deeds what the true meaning of Jesus' birth is.*

*Advent means "coming," and during the season, Christians prepare for Jesus' coming. The four Sundays preceding Christmas, which is when Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, are recognised for four virtues. The candles on the Advent wreath symbolize hope, love, joy and peace.*

**The four traditional advent themes for the four advent Sundays are:**

- God's people - The Candle of Hope. Hope is like a light shining in a dark place. ...
- The Old Testament prophets - The Candle of Peace. ...
- John the Baptist - The Candle of Love. ...
- Mary the mother of Jesus - The Candle of Joy.

  
**COVID-19  
UPDATE**

## COVID-19 REGULATIONS

**WE REMIND YOU THAT:** Electronic check-in is mandatory, as is sanitising and physical distancing - please ensure you are seated 2m<sup>2</sup> from anyone outside your family bubble, and you stand on the stickers provided when queueing for Communion.

♦ It is your responsibility not to enter the church if you have a fever, cough, sore throat or shortness of breath.

♦ If you wish to take Communion on the tongue, please ensure that you are at the end of the priest's queue.

*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.*

**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](mailto: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**



### **COMMISSIONING OF MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST AT ALL MASSES 20-21 November 2021**

Ministers of the Eucharist, both new and existing are to receive their commissioning at the Mass they are attending on weekend, November 20/21. Commissioning will take place in the presence of the congregation that you serve in your parish, and we thank you for giving of your time generously.



### **75th Anniversary Celebrations**

We are continuing our plans for some wonderful celebrations for this day, and more details will be shared shortly.

Thank you to those who have sent through their stories and photos. They are much appreciated.

A commemorative booklet is currently being finalised for printing and sharing with our Parish community. It will remain a great story of St John the Baptist Woy Woy history for decades to come.

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.



## **Catechist Corner**

**“The Harvest is Great but the Labourers are few.”**

**Consider becoming a Catechists helper**

**Here is the link to adult SRE Learning From Home lessons.**

<https://www.cress.org.au/learning-from-home-sre-lessons/>

**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.

**Attention all kids!**

To access the bulletins search <https://thekidsbulletin.com/>

To access free online Children's Liturgy of the Word videos search [Heidi Witte YouTube](#)

### **MASS TIMES**

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 Healing Mass 4pm

### **Readers for 13/14 November 2021:**

**Sat 5pm—Lola DeSouza & Jane Somerville**

**Sun 7.30am—Jose Torres & Phoebe Glacken**

**Sun 9.15am—Michael Dixon & Olga Mhilli**

**Sun 5pm—Lorena Lalor & Kris Aitken**

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

## **CONFIRMATION**

**Parents and carers please note that the Sacrament of Confirmation is now scheduled for two sessions on Sunday 28th November— at 1pm and at 3pm. Please contact the office if you and your child are unable to attend on this date.**



### **CONTACT US**

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# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## Reading I: Dn 7:13-14

As the visions during the night continued, I saw one like a Son of man coming, on the clouds of heaven; when he reached the Ancient One and was presented before him, the one like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship; all peoples, nations, and languages serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed.

## Responsorial Psalm: Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5

R. The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

## Reading II: Rv 1:5-8

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, who has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen. Behold, he is coming amid the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him. All the peoples of the earth will lament him. Yes. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "the one who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."



## Alleluia: Mk 11:9, 10

### R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! ☩

### R. Alleluia, alleluia.



## Gospel: Jn 18:33b-37

Pilate said to Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?" Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here." So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

## Youth Ministry News

Where do we go from here?

It has been a while since our last get

together - as Covid 19 dictates. We are still

recovering and hopefully everyone is well and ready for the

Advent season.

We are planning to hold a Christmas Thanksgiving night for the

Youth Helpers and the youth members on the evening of the

12th December after Evening Mass.

Please book with Oliver Shepherd 0430 302 086 or Kiliti Naati on

0412731979 for Catering purposes and preparations of

program.



**PASTORAL**  
**WORKS** Broken Bay



### November 2021 Appeal

St Edmund's College is one of the five beneficiaries of Pastoral Works Broken Bay.

The College supports 120 students with disabilities such as intellectual, sensory impairment or autism, providing skills and experience for them to fully engage in life.

Your generous donations help with vital fee assistance to families in our Catholic community so that their children can access the services offered by St Edmund's.

Watch the attached short film to see the amazing impact your donations support <https://youtu.be/3r5BE26o2H4>.

To donate, complete the collection envelope in your parish, or visit [www.bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks).

**Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.**



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

**Recently deceased:** Miguel Deliverio

**Anniversary:** Thomas and Annie Peachey

**Remembrance:** Peter Whiteman

**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



**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for November:**

**People who suffer from Depression**

*We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.*

**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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Thank you for your generous contribution.

*thank you*

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