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"He must increase, I must decrease"

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**Remembrance:** Sergei de Souza.

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### St John the Baptist Church

Cnr Blackwall and Victoria Roads, Woy Woy

**Parish Office:** Open Mon, Wed & Fri 9.30 am - 4.00 pm  
and Tues & Thu 8.30 am - 3.00 pm

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#### Mass Times:

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;  
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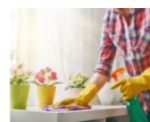
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# St John the Baptist Catholic Church

## Woy Woy Peninsula Parish



## 2nd Sunday of Easter, Year B

**Dear friends!** Once an elderly pastor looked over his large congregation on Easter morning and wished them at the end of the Mass with this announcement: *'My friends, realizing that I will not see many of you until next Easter, may I take this opportunity to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!'* The difference in the size of the congregation on Easter Sunday and on the other Sundays of the year is very noticeable. Many of our Christians as far as church attendance is concerned, have indeed become Christmas and Easter Christians; you see a lot of new faces on these days, like a certain man who was criticizing his pastor. *"I have attended this church for three years" he says "and each time the homily is always on the same topic. Doesn't he have something else to talk about?"* Yes, this man has been attending the church for three years alright; but he only attends on Christmas and Easter Sundays and he always hears a homily on birth and resurrection of Christ. Why are many well-meaning Christians so uncommitted to attending regular, Sunday church services? The answer can be given in one word: 'doubt' or crisis of faith. People today, like people of all times do have a hunger for God. They are in search for the meaning of life. But they doubt whether the answer to these existential questions can be found within the four walls of the church. For this reason, they are more disposed to spend time in social action, in work, and in intellectual pursuit rather than in church worship. Today's gospel gives us an example of a man who felt exactly like that. His name is Thomas. The second Sunday of Easter always presents us with the gospel of doubting Thomas. Thomas must have been upset with himself as well as with other disciples. He manifested such a grand heroism, 'let us go with him that we may die with him' when Jesus said that he is going to Jerusalem. But when Jesus was dragged off, Thomas as well as the other disciples ran away in the garden of Gethsemane: more concerned with saving his own skin than being with Jesus. When Thomas heard the stories of the resurrection of Jesus, he could not bring himself to believe the other disciples. So, he said, "Unless I see the holes that nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe". When he saw Jesus and Jesus invited him to see if it were really him, Thomas immediately responded "my Lord and my God". Since the disciples were Jews, they would attend synagogue services on the Sabbath (Saturday) and on Sunday they would assemble as believers in Christ. Since they gather in His name, Jesus would appear to them as he had earlier promised them: "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them" (Mt 18:28). In this way Sunday became known as the day of the Lord, the day Christ comes to meet and strengthen his people, the special day of Christians worship. So, today's gospel is describing the 1st Christian worship following the resurrection of the Lord. The disciples gathered for Sunday service and what do we notice in today's gospel? Thomas is not there. Where is Thomas? You can see that Thomas is like one of these modern-day Christians who do not go to church regularly on Sundays. Such people are not there in church when Jesus comes to meet his people and to strengthen them in their faith. As a result, they remain with their doubt. Initially all the disciples had their doubts. But because of their encounter with the risen Lord in Sunday worship their doubt was turned into faith. Thomas missed that experience. But being a wise man, Thomas resolved, never again to miss the Sunday gathering of believers. The gospel reading continues, "eight days later, (i.e., the following Sunday) the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them and Jesus came and stood among them (Jn 20:26). This time Thomas had his own share of the resurrection experience. Immediately his doubt changed into faith, he fell and worshiped, saying, "My Lord and my God!" (v.28). Now ask yourself, what if Thomas had stayed away from church saying, "prove it' prove it to me that Jesus is risen and then I will come" would it be possible to prove it to him by arguments alone? Sometimes the best argument you can give to someone out there who is in doubt and does not believe, is a sentence in three words: "come and see". Come in and let the Risen Lord who is here with us in Sunday worship, the Lord who is here in his word and in the Eucharist, let him himself speak to you and touch your heart and then you will doubt no longer but believe. The answer to our religious questions and doubts is not out there but is right in here. When you are in doubt, think of doubting Thomas and learn from his experiences.

**"O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!"**

Author: <https://johnmsfs.wordpress.com/author/johnmsfs/>

*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 News:**

**High School Enrolments:** Starting 11th April, Fr Timothy will meet parents and children on Sundays between 8:30am & 9:15am to have their Parish Reference Forms signed.

**Cleaning Roster:** 9<sup>th</sup> April - Elena Egan, Maria Owen, Veronica Jordan, Christine French.

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

**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).

**Parish Movie Night:** Many thanks to all who attended the Lenten Movie screening. \$231.55 was raised for the Parish.

**Divine Will Cenacle:** The next monthly meeting is scheduled on Thursday, 6th May in the Leo Mahon Room after the morning mass. All welcome.

**Catechist Meeting:** Thursday 15th of April 9.30am—10.30am

**JOSEPHITE COMPANIONS MEETINGS BEGIN SOON**

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. Come on either Thursday, 22nd April OR Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May, then Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> May OR Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> 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,

**The Catenians**

**INVITATION**  
**to Brisbane Water Catenians Meeting**  
**THURSDAY 15TH APRIL**  
 Davistown RSL, 19 Murna Road, Davistown.  
**SPEAKER: John Formosa, The Shroud of Turin**  
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**MEETING** at 7.15pm  
**DINNER & SPEAKER** at 7.30pm  
**RSVP** by 13th April  
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**Youth News**

St. John the Baptist Youth Ministry Team will hold their next meeting on the 18th of April at 7.00pm at the Leo Mahon room. Anybody interested is welcome to attend.

Youth Group members are asked to attend our gathering on the 2nd of May at The old church hall after Youth Mass at 5.00pm. All young people from year 5 & 6 are invited to attend and those from year 7 to year 12.

We still invite youth leaders for training and to help out with the running of youth activities. Anybody 18+ is welcome - from school leavers to university students to young married couples

Please contact Kiliti Na'ati 0412731979/sks2230grace@gmail.com or Bernie O'Keefe on 0417 698 760/ [berniebok@gmail.com](mailto:berniebok@gmail.com) for further enquiries.

Kiliti Na'ati

**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.

**Reading 1**

The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common. With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24**

**R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.**

Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever." Let the house of Aaron say, "His mercy endures forever." Let those who fear the LORD say, "His mercy endures forever."

**R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.**

I was hard pressed and was falling, but the LORD helped me. My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my saviour. The joyful shout of victory in the tents of the just:

**R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes. This is the day the LORD has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it.

**R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.**

**Reading 2**

**1 Jn 3:1-8**

Beloved: Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood. The Spirit is the one that testifies, and the Spirit is truth.

**Alleluia**

**Jn 20:29**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord; Blessed are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel**

**Jn 20:19-31**

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.



**Get The Newsletter:**

For those Parishioners who have not been receiving the Parish newsletter via email contact the Parish Office to be added to the mailing list.

[woywoyparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:woywoyparish@bbcatholic.org.au)

**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:*



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Bus Drivers	Vince Wiegold	4341 1073
Catechists	Michael Tebbutt	0407 218 677
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