

WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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

5th December 2021
SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT—Year C

FEAST DAYS

- 7 Dec—St Ambrose
- 8 Dec—The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 9 Dec—St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
- 10 Dec—Our Lady of Loreto
- 11 Dec—St Damasus

PARISH CONTACTS

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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: Confession 3.30pm
Healing Mass 4pm

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

**CELEBRATING
75 YEARS**
WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH
2021



75th Anniversary Celebrations

Come one, Come All!!!

We are continuing our plans to celebrations as a

Parish Community on Sunday 19th December, 2021 following 9.15am mass.

We can confirm Very Rev Dr David Ranson, Vicar-General of Diocese of Broken Bay, will be here for our Thanksgiving Eucharist. This will be followed by celebrations in the church car park.

A commemorative booklet is currently being finalised for printing and will be shared with our Parish community during our celebrations. 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.



Show us your talents!!!

It's time to put up our Church

Christmas Nativity scene and decorations for 75th Anniversary.

Volunteers are called to assist on Sunday

12th December, following 9.15am Mass. Many hands will help the task be completed in no time and what a wonderful way to celebrate with your parish friends!!!



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COVID-19 REGULATIONS



WE REMIND YOU THAT: Electronic check-in is **mandatory**, as is **sanitising, mask wearing** and **physical distancing** - please ensure you are seated 2m² 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.
- ◆ A reminder that all groups will continue to meet online [if possible] until December 15.

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.

The History of the Advent Wreath—Part II

REV. WILLIAM SAUNDERS

In family practice, the Advent wreath is most appropriately lit at dinner time after the blessing of the food. A traditional prayer service using the Advent wreath proceeds as follows: On the First Sunday of Advent, the father of the family blesses the wreath, praying: O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth Thy blessing upon this wreath, and



grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from Thee abundant graces. Who livest and reignest forever. Amen.” He then continues for each of the days of the first week of Advent, O Lord, stir up Thy might, we beg thee, and come, that by Thy protection we may deserve to be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins and saved by Thy deliverance. Who livest and reignest forever. Amen.” The youngest child then lights one purple candle.

During the second week of Advent, the father prays: O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son, that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds. Who livest and reignest forever. Amen.” The oldest child then lights the purple candle from the first week plus one more purple candle.

During the third week of Advent, the father prays: O Lord, we beg Thee, incline Thy ear to our prayers and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy visitation. Who livest and reignest forever. Amen.” The mother then lights the two previously lit purple candles plus the rose candle.

Finally, the father prays during the fourth week of Advent, O Lord, stir up Thy power, we pray Thee, and come; and with great might help us, that with the help of Thy grace, Thy merciful forgiveness may hasten what our sins impede. Who livest and reignest forever. Amen.” The father then lights all of the candles of the wreath.

Since Advent is a time to stir-up our faith in the Lord, the wreath and its prayers provide us a way to augment this special preparation for Christmas. Moreover, this good tradition helps us to remain vigilant in our homes and not lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas.



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**

Hour of Grace will be held 12noon -1pm, Wednesday 8 December, St John the Baptist, Woy Woy Church.

An hour of personal prayer in which to place all your requests before the Lord Jesus on this final day of the Year of St Joseph.



Catechist Corner

THE FOOTSTEPS OF THOSE WHO BRING GOOD NEWS ARE A WELCOME SOUND. SO FAITH COMES FROM WHAT IS PREACHED, AND WHAT IS PREACHED COMES FROM THE WORD OF CHRIST.

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 access the bulletins search <https://thekidsbulletin.com/> To access free online Children's Liturgy of the Word videos search [Heidi Witte YouTube](#)

MISSION and VISION

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

READERS for 11/12 December 2021:

Sat 5pm—Lola De Souza & Jane Rutherford

Sun 7.30am—Veronica Jordan & Mabel Torres

Sun 9.15am—Killiti Na'ati & Emma Baker

Sun 5pm—Peter Smith & Lorena Lalor

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

SERVERS for 11/12 December 2021:

Sat 5pm—Jeff Freeman & Joel Bajo

Sun 7.30am—Peter French & Rae Busby

Sun 9.15am—Steve Hopley & Jenny Fitzgerald

Sun 5pm—Greg Lalor

CLEANERS for 10 December 2021:

Warren Sparrow

Peter Smith

Elena Egan

Maria Owen

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading I: Bar 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God forever: wrapped in the cloak of justice from God, bear on your head the mitre that displays the glory of the eternal name. For God will show all the earth your splendor: you will be named by God forever the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship. Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights; look to the east and see your children gathered from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that they are remembered by God. Led away on foot by their enemies they left you: but God will bring them back to you borne aloft in glory as on royal thrones. For God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low, and that the age-old depths and gorges be filled to level ground, that Israel may advance secure in the glory of God. The forests and every fragrant kind of tree have overshadowed Israel at God's command; for God is leading Israel in joy by the light of his glory, with his mercy and justice for company.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6.

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Reading II: Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

Brothers and sisters: I pray always with joy in my every prayer for all of you, because of your partnership for the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus. God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Alleluia: Lk 3:4, 6

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.



Gospel: Lk 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert. John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah: *A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."*

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.



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

Recently deceased:

Anniversary:

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 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

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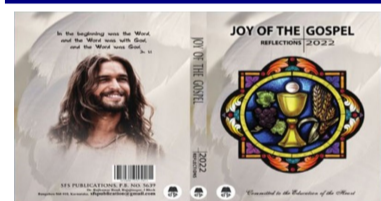
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Thank you



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