



ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

Woy Woy Peninsula Parish

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (B)



The unfortunate thing about the Resurrection is most people feel that when Jesus goes up there, he stays there.

But we Christians know that Jesus has never really left us.

If the person of Jesus that the disciples grew to know so well enters into eternal life and glory, the coming of the Holy Spirit wakens them up on Pentecost to know that the Risen Lord is with us.

And we are his hands and we are his feet and we are his voice. And we, when we forgive each other and love each other and care for each other and reach out to each other, we are continuing the mission of Jesus in the world.

Liturgy of the Word on page 4

This Sunday the 16th of May, 9.15 am Mass will be replaced with 10.00 am Mass. 5.00 pm Mass is Cancelled.



Celebrating
25 YEARS

CORDIAL INVITATION TO
THE SACERDOTAL SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATION OF

REV. FR. TIMOTHY RAJ M.S.F.S

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH WOY WOY
16 MAY 2021 : 10.00 AM

"By the grace of God, I am what I am, and his grace to me has not been ineffective" 1 Cor 15:10



The Month of May
is the Month of the
Blessed
Mother Mary

BB35
CELEBRATING
35 YEARS
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**THE YEAR
OF ST JOSEPH
& THE FAMILY
2021**

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH
CELEBRATING
75 YEARS
WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH
2021



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for May

The World of Finance

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.



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

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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. Applications need to be in ASAP so that a screener for each child can be booked and then acceptance letters will be sent out along with information about the school transition program.

Music Ministry: Volunteers urgently needed to operate the computer for the music program on the weekend masses. Training will be provided. Tel Lyn Dwyer 0417 659 526

Cleaning Roster: Kevin Glacken, Elena Egan, Maria Owen, Veronica Jordan

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

El Shaddai Prayer Group Meeting: Held between 12 & 4 on Saturday the 5th of June in the Walter Baker Hall.

Sit & Chat: 3rd Monday of every Month - 17th May. Contact Parish office if in need of transport 4341 1073.

Taize Night: 22nd of May, 7pm at Holy Cross Kincumber after the Saturday Vigil Mass. Experience chants, candlelit church and mystic icons from Taize. All are welcome.

Divine Will Cenacle: Meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of the month. The next meeting is on the 4th of June, Following the Mass and Rosary prayers in the Leo Mahon Room.

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Ministry Team Meeting:

Date: 23rd of May

Time: 6.00pm

Location: Leo Mahon room.

Anybody interested in helping with the youth is welcome to attend

Youth Gathering:

Date: 6th of June

Time: After Youth Mass at 5.00pm.

Location: Leo Mahon room.

All youth from year 5 & 6 are invited to attend and those from year 7 to 12

Contact: Kiliti Na'ati 0412731979 - sks2230grace@gmail.com

or Bernie O'Keefe 0417 698 760 - berniebok@gmail.com



We 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.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to our Youth Mother's Day raffle in support of Fr. Tim's 25th Anniversary.

JOSEPHITE COMPANIONS HAVE BEGUN MEETING

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Dates: Monday, 31st May, Thursday, 24th June OR Monday, 28th June.

Location: Leo Mahon room at Woy Woy Parish

Time: 10am to 11:30am.

Contact: Anne Bailey, annebccost@gmail.com or (02) 4341 6300.



Josephite Companions are men and women who identify with the charism of St 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.*

THE CATENIANS

DINNER INVITE

When: Thursday 20th May 2021

Time: 6:45 pm

Location: Davistown RSL

Cost: \$30ea for 2-course dinner with wine

RSVP: By Monday 17th May to Ken: 0418 656 562 -

kstewart@lacmac.com.au or Brenda: Brenda.Sweet@live.com.au - 4341 1073



The Catenians

Faith-based friendship

Guest Speaker:

The Honourable Taylor Martin MLC will speak on Nuclear Energy.

This forum allows us to meet, socialise, share experiences & support each other. It is a great opportunity to enjoy the company of likeminded friends.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME FOR YEARS 3 OR 4 (8 years of age)

Parent / Guardian Information Night:

Date: Monday 24th May.

Time: 7.30pm

Location: Walter Baker Hall, 100 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy

Contact: Parish Office 4341 1073

Attendance at the meeting is compulsory for registration of your child to the Sacramental Programme. Enrolment forms will be handed out on the night.



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.





COMMUNICATIONS

75 Years: History of St John the Baptist, Woy Woy Parish

Mass was said in the cinema at Ettalong for twenty years, until Sacred Heart Church was opened at Umina in 1964. Mass was also celebrated for a time in St Anthony's Church Hall at Patonga, and St Mary's Hall at Ettalong has been used since 1967 for Housie.

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/woy-woy/parish/history>



Special Thanks From The Youth Ministry:

I thank everyone who contributed to our Youth Mother's Day raffle in support of Fr. Tim's 25th Anniversary. We raised \$1,049 which will be presented to Fr. Tim this Sunday together with the Parish donations. I thanked Speranza, Caroline, Oliver and Rosie for their help in selling tickets - Ann, Amanda and Linda as well. *Kiliti Na'ati*



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 16-23 May 2021

This Sunday begins the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, a week where we unite with other Christians to pray that all may be one, as Jesus desires. This year's theme is **"Abide in my love and you shall bear fruit"** (John 15:5). **Let us pray:** *Gracious God, we pray for the Church, that all will be inspired to continue the quest for Christian Unity, and that our hearts be filled with the gift of Jesus' love for all. We pray that all Christian Churches may continue to show one another extraordinary kindness in guiding them towards reconciliation and unity in Christ so that they are able to bear witness to the Gospel and bear abundant fruit. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.*



The 2021 Diocesan Mass Count will take place on the weekends of: **15 & 16 May** and **22 & 23 May**.

As 2021 is a census year, this year's Mass Count will form part of the National Count of Attendance and the data will be submitted to the National Centre for Pastoral Research, via Evangelisation Broken Bay.



Have you thought about Volunteering?

We are in need of people who would like to be involved in the Parish. If you are able to help in any way contact the following Coordinators:

VOLUNTEERS

Eucharist Ministers in the Community: Phoebe Glacken

4341 6324

Bus Drivers: Vince Wiegold

4341 1073

Catechists: Michael Tebbut

0407 218 677

Church Cleaners: Christine French

4342 4548

Readers: Dorothy Fulton

4341 7610

Music Ministry: Lyn Dwyer

0417 659 526

Keep us in your prayers: Of your charity pray for the souls of

Recently Deceased: Rose Doherty, Josie Bugeja, Marie Moore, Yanett Marcia Moreno

Anniversary: Dora Vera, Tom Fauvette, Norma Peterson, Alfred & Leo Begaja, Carlos Fratti, Robert Dennis Clifford

Remembrance: Lynda Patterson

Sick: Sheila Houghton, Terence Walsh, Larry Sheil, Marie Head, Trish McLenaghan, Lisa Yeo, Marta Panczyna, Oscar James Morreti, Linda Italiano, Emma Matthews, Eileen Jones, Kathleen Bezzina, Moya Joyes, Kiliti Na'ati, Chris Mitchell, Trish Stuart, Colleen Garland, Robert Baker, Josephine Weate, Ed Hyland, Sheila Rogan, Eileen Jones, Larry Sheil, Pat Savage, Ernie Mullins, John Mitchell, Marie Dixon, 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 Chorazyczewska, Ada-Primrose Murphy, Larry Cresswell, Andrew Muggs, Roger Mitchell, Daphne McNab, Marie McNamee, Georgie Brigdale, Sue Campbell.



MASS TIMES

Monday - Friday

8:15 am Morning Prayer

8:30 am Mass

Followed by Rosary

(First Friday Mass 4:00 pm)

Saturday

8:45 am Morning Prayer

9:00 am Mass

Followed by Adoration

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday

7:30 am Mass

9:15 am Mass

5:00 pm Mass

CONFESSION TIMES

Friday

9:00 am

First Friday of the month 3:30pm

Saturday

9:30 am

4:30 pm

Sunday

7:00 am

PARISH OFFICE

Open Mon, Tue, Thu

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading I Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for "the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." When they had gathered together they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He answered them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven."

Responsorial Psalm Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

R. (6) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Reading II Eph 4:1-13

Brothers and sisters, I, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit

Reading II Eph 4:1-13 Continued

through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore, it says; He ascended on high and took prisoners captive; he gave gifts to men. What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended into the lower regions of the earth? The one who descended is also the one who ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things. And he gave some as apostles, others as prophets, others as evangelists, others as pastors and teachers, to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of faith and knowledge of the Son of God, to mature to manhood, to the extent of the full stature of Christ.

Alleluia Mt 28:19a, 20b

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Go and teach all nations, says the Lord;
I am with you always, until the end of the world.

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Gospel Mk 16:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents with their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover." So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.



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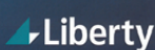


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*For St John's parishioners or their friends who settle a home loan by 30 April 2020. Amanda will donate \$300 to a local community centre. Repayment applies only. Lending criteria apply. Amanda Lawer will receive 50% of funds, through Liberty Network Services Pty Ltd (ABN 65 151 158 628) Australian Credit Licence 4080420 (NMI) including Liberty Finance Pty Ltd (ABN 61 017 248 963) which owns LMI.

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