



# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## “Remain In Jesus' Love”



**Responsorial Psalm Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4**

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

**Alleluia Jn 14:23**

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## The Month of May is the Month of the Blessed Mother Mary By Sr Jennifer Canillas

One of the earliest memories of my childhood is of seeing my mother kneeling in front of her small altar with a beautiful statue of a lady. One night I asked her about the lady to whom she was praying and she patiently explained to me, “This is the Blessed Mother Mary, the mother of Jesus, my mother and yours, too.” I had heaps of questions for my mum and towards the end of our conversation she taught me how to pray the “Hail Mary.” And every night afterwards I would join my mother in praying to Our Lady, her Mother and mine, too.



Read the full message here:

[www.bbcatholic.org.au/news-events/latest-news/the-month-of-may-is-the-month-of-the-blessed-mother-mary](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/news-events/latest-news/the-month-of-may-is-the-month-of-the-blessed-mother-mary)

## Happy Mothers Day!

Loving God, we thank you for all the mothers in the world, Bless them so that they may always give life and nourishment to their children through their firm faith, generous and selfless love, good example and constant concern from their bodily and spiritual health. Grant that we, their children, may honour them always with a spirit of profound love, respect and thanksgiving. Through Christ our Lord, Amen



The Office for Safeguarding places a special devotion to the blessed mother under the title “Mary who unties Knots”. In celebration of Mothers Day you may like to learn about and pray the Novena to Mary who unties Knots.

Link here - <https://m.theholysary.org/maryundoerknots/>

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# ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH NEWS

## PARISH NEWS

**Sunday the 16th of May, 9.15 am Mass will be replaced with 10.00 am Mass. 5.00 pm Mass will be cancelled.**

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

**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). 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.

**Divine Will Cenacle:** The next monthly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 6th May in the Leo Mahon Room.

**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:** 14th May Christine French, Kathleen Cullen, Cheryl Sillick, Laila Dawe

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

**El Shaddai Prayer Group Meeting:** The next El Shaddai meeting will be 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.

**Berrima Bus Trip:** 13th May 2021. Outdoor Mass, please bring your own chair/seat, warm clothing, food and umbrella. Depart church car park 7.30am / Expect to return by 8.00pm. If you are running late on the day, call Rosie on 0421 780 957. SUBJECT TO COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS.

## YOUTH NEWS

Youth Ministry Team will hold their next meeting on the 23rd of May at 6.00pm at the Leo Mahon room. Anybody interested in helping with the youth is welcome to attend. Youth Group members are asked to attend our gathering on the 6th of June at The Leo Mahon room 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 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.

**Please contact Kiliti Na'ati 0412 731 979 / [sks2230grace@gmail.com](mailto:sks2230grace@gmail.com) or Bernie O'Keefe on 0417 698 760 / [berniebok@gmail.com](mailto:berniebok@gmail.com)**

## JOSEPHITE COMPANIONS HAVE BEGUN MEETING

All are welcome! We will meet once a month in the Leo Mahon room at Woy Woy Parish from 10am to 11:30am. The next dates are Thursday, 13th May OR Monday, 31st May, then Thursday, 24th June OR Monday, 28th June. We will set further meeting dates once we know what is suitable to most people.

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*.

**If you are interested in knowing more or joining our group, please contact Anne Bailey, [annebccoast@gmail.com](mailto:annebccoast@gmail.com) or (02) 4341 6300.**



## THE CATENIANS

You are invited to dinner, Thursday 20th May 2021 at Davistown RSL. 6:45 pm for 7:15. Our 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. A 2-course dinner with wine is \$30ea. Please RSVP Monday 17th May, to one of the following.

**Ken: 0418 656 562, [kstewart@lacmac.com.au](mailto:kstewart@lacmac.com.au), Parish 4341 1073, [Brenda.Sweet@live.com.au](mailto:Brenda.Sweet@live.com.au)**



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## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

We are about to start a programme to prepare baptised Catholic children who are currently in Years 3 or 4 and have reached the age of discretion (normally about 8 years of age) for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The parent or guardian who will accompany the child through the programme is required to attend an information night on Monday 24th May, at 7.30pm in the Walter Baker Hall, 100 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy. Enrolment forms will be handed out on the night. Attendance at the meeting is compulsory for registration of your child to the Sacramental Programme.

**For further enquiries please call the Parish Office on 4341 1073.**



## 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.*



## COVID-19 UPDATE MAY 2021

**Restrictions come into effect from 5:00pm AEST 6th May 2021.**

People in the Greater Sydney area will be restricted to having **no more than 20 people in the home**, until 12:00am on Monday.

**Mask-wearing** at indoor places will be compulsory for the next three days, including on public transport, the supermarket and any other indoor event.

There will also be **no singing or dancing in indoor venues**, including places of worship and entertainment venues. Weddings will be exempt, as will dancers or singers who are performers in a show.





# COMMUNICATIONS

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

The church was used as a school from 1922. Sisters of St Joseph, who had arrived at Kincumber as early as 1887, commuted daily from Gosford by train until a house was bought in Victoria Road in the 1930s and became a convent for three resident Sisters. The school gradually grew on the limited space around the church and presbytery, until it was rebuilt on its present site at Woy Woy South in 1979.



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

**Dear Parishioners,** In May Father Timothy will be celebrating the Silver Jubilee of his ordination into Priesthood. 25 years of dedicated loyal service of spreading the message of Christ's love. As a Parish Community we are going to celebrate and acknowledge his wonderful work, especially what Father Timothy has brought to our community. On May 16th at 10 am there will be a Mass followed by refreshments in The Walter Baker Hall (there will be no 9.15 am or 5.00 pm masses on that day). There will be a book on the table in the gathering area where you can write personal messages to Father Timothy.  
Parish Pastoral Council



**The Diocesan Mass Count** takes place over four weekends in May and once again, we thank you for your generous assistance. 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.

The 2021 Count will take place on the weekends of **8 & 9 May, 15 & 16 May** and **22 & 23 May**.



## CHARITABLE WORKS FUND APPEAL 2020/2021 FINANCIAL YEAR

Progress towards meeting our allotted amount to go to the charities:  
**\$15,240.71** to meet our allotted target for June 30. Thank you so much for your generosity.



Tickets will be on sale on

**Sat 8th May**  
**5pm Mass.**  
**Sun 9th May**  
**9.15am Mass.**

*The lucky winner will be drawn on Mother's Day on Sunday 9 May at 9.15am Mass.*

All contributions will be donated towards the 25th year Jubilee.



## CHARITABLE WORKS FUND – May Appeal Final Round

Please give generously to the final CWF appeal of the Financial Year 2020/21. Donations are 100% tax deductible and support five charities:

All donations are gratefully received

### You can donate in three ways:

- 1) Complete the CWF collection envelope in your pew;
- 2) Online at [www.bbcatholic.org.au/give](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/give)
- 3) Or scan the QR code.



**Thank you for your contributions towards the pastoral works of the Church. God Bless.**

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.

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

**Recently Deceased:** Rose Doherty

**Anniversary:** Dora Vera, Tom Fauvette, Norma Peterson, Alfred & Leo Begaja, Pieter & Adele Degeling, Bob Scholte, Carlos Fratti, Robert Dennis Clifford

**Remembrance:** Sergei de Souza.

**Sick:**

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.

## VOLUNTEERS

### 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:

### Eucharist Ministers in the Community

<b>Phoebe Glacken</b>	<b>4341 6324</b>
<b>Bus Drivers Vince Wiegold</b>	<b>4341 1073</b>
<b>Catechists Michael Tebbutt</b>	<b>0407 218 677</b>
<b>Church Cleaners Christine French</b>	<b>4342 4548</b>
<b>Readers Dorothy Fulton</b>	<b>4341 7610</b>
<b>Music Ministry Lyn Dwyer</b>	<b>0417 659 526</b>

### 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

(1st Friday of the month)  
9:00 am  
3:30 pm

#### Saturday

9:30 am  
4:30 pm

#### Sunday

7:00 am

### PARISH OFFICE

#### Open Mon, Tue, Thu

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

#### Wed & Fri

9:00 am - 3:30 pm

**Phone:** 02 4341 1073

**Email:** woywoyparish@bbcatholic.org.au

### OUT OF HOURS EMERGENCY

0438 631 327

#### Administrator

Fr. Timothy Raj M.S.F.S.

#### Assistant Priest

Fr. A Lourduswamy M.S.F.S.

#### Parish Secretary

Triona Meagher

### CONTACT US

Corner Blackwall and Victoria Roads,  
Woy Woy  
Ethel Cox Parish Centre  
100 Blackwall Road, Woy Woy  
54 Victoria Rd  
PO Box 264  
Woy Woy NSW 2256



## ADVERTISE

Contact Parish office 4341 1073 to place your Ad.

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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. Approval applicants only. Lending criteria apply. Amanda Lawer is a member of the Financial Planning Institute of Australia (FPA) and is a member of the Australian Credit Licensee (ACL) 408042 (SNO) holding Liberty Finance Pty Ltd (ABN 63 077 246 963) which owns Liberty.

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