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"He must increase, I must decrease"

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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;

Sunday 7am.

Keep Us In Your Prayers OF YOUR CHARITY PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF:

Remembrance: Frank, Mary & Katerina Justic .

Anniversary: ELEUTERIA & Ireneo Algejga, Dudley Juratowitch

Recently Deceased: Luis Emilio Garrido

Sick: 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.



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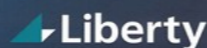
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*For St John's parishioners or their friends who settle a home loan by 30 April 2020. Amanda will donate \$300 to a local community centre. Approved applicants only. Lending criteria apply. Amanda Lawer has access to a panel of lenders through Liberty Network Services Pty Ltd (ABN 45 51 158 428) Australian Credit Licence 4080423 (LND) including Liberty Financial Pty Ltd (ABN 55 077 248 983) which owns LNS.

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WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH
St John the Baptist Catholic Church



Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
28th March 2021, Psalter Week 2, Year B



You might have heard of a story about a husband and a wife who had quarrelled. It had been a high-pitched quarrel, each digging heels in to preserve the position each had vehemently taken. Emotions ran high. As they were driving to attend a family wedding in a distant city, both were nursing their hurt feelings in defensive silence. The angry tension between them was so thick you could cut it with a knife. But, then the silence was broken. Pointing to a donkey standing in a pasture out beside the road, the husband sarcastically asked, "Relative of yours?" The wife quickly replied, "Yes, by marriage!" In modern communication, the ass is a symbol for awkwardness, dumbness, blundering ineptness, non-sophistication.

Yet, an ass plays a key role in the drama of Palm Sunday at which we're looking today.

Today's Mass began with a festive and a celebrative kind of mood. Yes, today is called Palm Sunday, and at the beginning there was the procession with palms to commemorate the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.

The celebrative procession with palms gave way to a solemn mood where we heard of betrayal and denial, agony and pain. Palm Sunday is also called Passion Sunday. In short, we can say that the mood in today's Mass went from "palm to pain". And with that, we also enter into Holy Week and we can also say that "the pain is increasing" until it reaches its climax on Good Friday in a painful death on the cross. Yes, from this Sunday to the next Sunday, we will be confronted with a mixture of emotions – of joy and sorrow; glorious entry and humiliating exit; life and death.

Yes, we move from palm to pain. Yet it does not stop just there. Because pain and suffering and death do not have the last say and neither do, they determine the final outcome. The final outcome is always in the hands of God who will be victorious, and in Jesus Christ who has conquered sin and death. It is in the humble palm branch that we see the unfolding of pain and suffering and death. Yet it is also a sign of the victory and glory to come. As it is, this palm branch will slowly dry up in the days to come. It will turn from green to a brownish colour. In the end, it will just be a dried up stiff branch. Yet in the future, this palm branch together with the other palm branches will be collected and burnt and made into ashes for Ash Wednesday's imposition of ashes. So what was thought to be dead and useless will be given a new purpose and a new meaning. Yes the ashes take on a new meaning and a new purpose and they become a sign of our repentance and conversion. The same way life is like a cycle of ups and downs. And as it is always said, what goes up must come down, and what goes down must come up. Hence, we can say that nothing stays up always, and nothing stays down always. Today's liturgy has two opposite and contrasting moods. We began the liturgy with the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. The crowds spread their garments on the road and shouted: Hosanna in the highest! (Praise God and his Messiah, we are saved) As we recalled that gospel scene, we too waved the palm branches in remembrance of that glorious moment when Jesus entered the city of Jerusalem.

But as we move on into the liturgy, the mood begins to swing drastically. From "Hosanna in the highest", we hear of human drama in the darkest and lowest. We hear of betrayal, desertion, abandonment, and crucifixion. Within a span of an hour, we hear of glory tumbling down into agony. And in that cycle of glory and agony, we are invited to see our lives in that one week of the life of Jesus. We too had our days of glory when we walk with sunshine confidence and everything seems to be going right and under control. But within a week, or even a day, or even in a matter of hours, things start crumbling and tumbling down. And this is where we are invited to share in that moment of glory-to-agony experience of Jesus. The readings prepare us for what is to come on Good Friday. At the same time, the readings also prepare us for our own Good Fridays when we feel the agony of a sudden serious illness, the death of a loved one, the loss of a friendship, failure and disappointment, heartaches and distress. Yes, in a short time and maybe even overnight, we plunge from glory to agony, and fall into the darkness of the tomb. The gospel also ended with Jesus buried in the tomb. But with Jesus we wait. Because what goes down must come up. Agony will be turned into glory. But we must wait. With faith and hope in the power and love of God, we wait till the agony of darkness will give way to the glory of light. Amen.

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.

Daylight Savings Ending :

4th April 2021 3am. Don't forget to wind your clocks back!

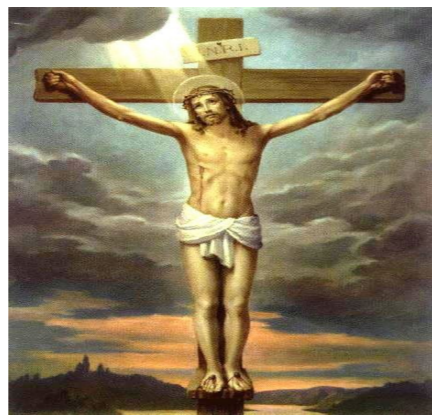
Parish News:

RCIA: This weekend our Catechumens and Candidates will receive their final scrutiny before their Initiation on Holy Thursday. Please keep them in your prayers

High School Enrolment: Starting 11th April, Fr Timothy will meet parents and children between 8:30am - 9:15am to have their Parish Reference Forms sign.

Cleaning Roster 31st March - Peter Smith, Pam Hickey, Linda Potestas, Cheryl Sillick. Please note, Wednesday before Easter.

Divine Will Cenacle: During Lent we will meet every Thursday following Morning Mass and Rosary. Please bring the book "The hours of the Passion".



Prayer for Justice and Peace in Myanmar

Jesus is known by many names, including Prince-of-Peace (Isaiah 9:6). As Isaiah goes on to say "He will reign on David's throne and over all his kingdom; he will establish and uphold it with justice and righteousness" (Is 9:7). Jesus is a peacemaker: he shows us how to live in right relationship with ourselves, with each other, with God, and with the whole of God's creation.

The Reign or Dominion of God is not just a future event for which we simply wait. It is already present and active among us. God invites us to participate in its unfolding until, in the fullness of time, God brings it to completion. We don't just wish for a peaceful world, peaceful communities and peaceful families – we are called to live in a way that brings these things into being.

It is a way of making the kingdom of justice, love and peace announced by the Prince of Peace manifest in the world.

Readings:

Entrance Reading - John 12: 12-16

First Reading - Isaiah 50: 4-7

Second Reading - Philippians 2: 6-11

Gospel Acclamation - Philippians 2: 8-9

Gospel - Mark 14:1-15; 47

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, 3rd May, then Thursday, 13th May OR Monday, 31st 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, annebccost@gmail.com or (02) 4341 6300.

Parish Collections:

1st collection goes to the Clergy Remuneration Fund for the financial support of the priests.

2nd Collection goes towards all the pastoral and operating expenses of the Parish; phones/photocopier, electricity, insurance, rates, priests' vehicles, staff wages, Presbytery, Church and ground maintenance to name a few.

You can donate via weekly envelopes or by the following methods.

Bpoint, which will take you to our Website for secure online payments.

<https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/woywoyparish>

You can also donate via Tap and go in the church (this goes to 2nd collection) or credit card. You can pick up a pledge form from the gathering space or request one from the Parish Office.

If you would like to make a donation to the Parish via electronic transfer please contact the Parish Office for the account details.

Thank you for your generous contribution.

Please consider putting the majority of your donations in the 2nd collection as this is where it is the most needed.

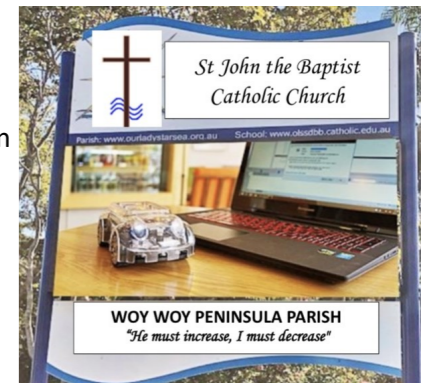
New project:

Our next venture will be a new electronic signboard. As you know our old one has been out of action for a long time This was due to the components being so outdated that we couldn't get parts for it to be repaired.

We are in the process of arranging a brand new one that will be elevated above the wall at the pedestrian gate. As you can imagine the new one will be a big expense (\$22,000), so if you are interested in making a donation please see Fr Timothy or the Parish Office.

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This is a loose idea on when the signboard will look like.



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.

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:



Eucharist Ministers in the Community	Phoebe Glacken	4341 6324
Bus Drivers	Vince Wiegold	4341 1073
Catechists	Michael Tebutt	0407 218 677
Church Cleaners	Christine French	4342 4548
Readers	Dorothy Fulton	4341 7610

All training will be provided.

Holy Week 2021

Holy Thursday

7pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday

9am - Stations of the Cross - Church

10am - Stations of the Cross
SJB Primary School
21a Dulkara Rd South
Woy Woy

12pm - Last Seven Words of Jesus

3pm - The Lord's Passion

Easter Saturday

8am - Devotion to Mother of Sorrows

7pm - Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday
7:30am, 9:15am

Easter Monday
9:00am

Lenten Movie:

In observance of the Lenten week the Sacred Heart of Jesus Devotees would like to invite you to come along and join us in the screening of **Heaven is for real**, a movie based the real life events of a young boy who experienced meeting Jesus in heaven.

This event will take place on the 31st March in the Walter Baker Hall. A light supper will be provided from 5pm and the movie will start at 6pm. And Transport can be provided for those in need of a lift.

To book your spot there is a folder in the gathering area or contact the Parish Office. Gold coin donation will go towards the purchase of the new TV screens.

This is a great family orientated movie so please bring the children along .

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