



St John the Baptist Catholic Church

Woy Woy Peninsula Parish



Third Sunday of Easter, Year B



A man showed up at Church with both his ears painfully blistered. After the service, his concerned pastor asked, “What in the world happened to you?” The man replied, “I was lying on the couch yesterday afternoon watching a football game on TV and my wife was ironing nearby. I was totally engrossed in the game when she left the room, leaving the iron near the phone. The phone rang and keeping my eyes glued to the television, I grabbed the hot iron and put it to my ear.” “So how did the other ear get burned?” the pastor asked. “Well, I had no more than hung up and the guy called again.” Here is a man who was focused. He was so caught up in watching the game, he did not know what he was doing. In our Gospel lesson for today the disciples of Jesus have lost their focus. They are confused and weary. They need a break.

Dear friends! Easter is too big a feast to celebrate just one day. We celebrate it for fifty days, and then we continue to celebrate it every Sunday when we gather in faith to meet our risen Lord in the Eucharist. Our gospel today takes us back to Easter Sunday. In the afternoon of Easter Sunday, Jesus appeared to two of his disciples. They were walking away from Jerusalem, discouraged, and depressed over Jesus’ death. Jesus walked with them, talked to them about the scriptures, and when he broke bread with them, they recognized him. They came running back to the upper room to tell the others. When they got there, they were told Jesus had appeared to Peter and then suddenly Jesus appeared to all of them.

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.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY



**Lucas Fink
Claudia-Jeanne Liley
Georgia Martin
Ella Maisey**

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: 23 April: Rano Spiteri, Amanda Gray, Warren Sparrow, Tom 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.

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

Peace

Keep your heart in peace. Beware of hurry, anxiety, and bitterness of heart, because they cause the ruin of devotion. (Spirit of SFS, all for love of God.)

CELEBRATING 75 YEARS:

Help us celebrate, kindly place your celebratory suggestions in the marked box. We look forward to hearing from you.

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.



Youth News

St. John the Baptist Youth Ministry Team will hold their next meeting on the 18th of April at 6.00pm 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 for further enquiries.

Kiliti Na'ati

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Good Shepherd Sunday



World Day of Prayer for Vocations

I am the gate of the sheepfold. Anyone who enters through me will be safe. Jn 10:1-10

April 25, 2021

Vocation Sunday

vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au

<https://www.facebook.com/BrokenBayVocationsMinistry/>

ph: 0418 522 449

Prayer for Vocations to The Priesthood – Diocese of Broken Bay

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, O Lord, that we may be holy.
In your mercy, guard and strengthen us
to be disciples who witness to the Good News of Jesus.

Call forth from our community of the Church
generous and loving shepherds after your own heart.
May they be zealous preachers of the Word;
faithful teachers of the Truth;
and devoted servants at the Altar.

Fill their hearts with love for you and your creation;
open their minds to a lifetime of learning;
and make them humble servants of your holy people.

For you, O God, are kind and merciful, and to you we offer glory,
in your holy Church, now and forever. AMEN.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Peter said to the people: "The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and denied in Pilate's presence when he had decided to release him. You denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses. Now I know, brothers, that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did; but God has thus brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer. Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away."

Responsorial Psalm

4:2, 4, 7-8, 9

R. (7a) Lord, let your face shine on us.

When I call, answer me, O my just God,
you who relieve me when I am in distress;
have pity on me, and hear my prayer!

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

Know that the LORD does wonders for his faithful one;
the LORD will hear me when I call upon him.

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

O LORD, let the light of your countenance shine upon us!
You put gladness into my heart.

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

As soon as I lie down, I fall peacefully asleep,
for you alone, O LORD,
bring security to my dwelling.

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

Reading 2

1 Jn 2:1-5a

My children, I am writing this to you so that you may not commit sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one. He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world. The way we may be sure that we know him is to keep his commandments. Those who say, "I know him," but do not keep his commandments are liars, and the truth is not in them. But whoever keeps his word, the love of God is truly perfected in him.

Alleluia

Cf. Lk 24:32

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us;
make our hearts burn while you speak to us.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Lk 24:35-48

The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way,
and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you."

But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost.

Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled?

And why do questions arise in your hearts?

Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself.

Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones

as you can see I have."

And as he said this,

he showed them his hands and his feet.

While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed,

he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?"

They gave him a piece of baked fish;

he took it and ate it in front of them.

He said to them,

"These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you,

that everything written about me in the law of Moses

and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled."

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.

And he said to them,

"Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer

and rise from the dead on the third day

and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name

to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

You are witnesses of these things."



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:

All training will be provided.



Eucharist Ministers in the Community	Phoebe Glacken	4341 6324
Bus Drivers	Vince Wiegold	4341 1073
Catechists	Michael Tebbutt	0407 218 677
Church Cleaners	Christine French	4342 4548
Readers	Dorothy Fulton	4341 7610
Music Ministry	Lyn Dwyer	4341 1071

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.

Position Vacant:

Parish Administrative Assistant
Part-time, 12 hours per week
2 days (8.30am – 3.00pm Wednesday and Friday)

Can you see yourself as a welcoming face of Woy Woy Catholic Parish?

The Parish is seeking an Administrative Assistant for our busy office. The role provides administrative support in the areas of visitor and telephone reception, communications, records and archives maintenance, general administration, meeting and event organization, compliance, and simple financial processes such as credit card and direct debit processing.

If you have previous office administration experience and this role interests you, please email a cover letter and CV to recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au or see the full advertisement at www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions-vacant

Applications close Friday, 7 May 2021

This role will be subject to a WWCC and National Police History Check.



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POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL

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REGIMES AND EVEN IN
DEMOCRACIES IN CRISIS.**

Keep Us In Your Prayers

OF YOUR CHARITY PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF:



Remembrance: Fr. Michael McCarthy , Sergei de Souza.

Anniversary: Bob Scholter, Carlos Fratti, Geertruida Voormeulen.

Recently Deceased: Irene O'Neill

Sick: Terence Walsh, 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.

In Memory:

Fr. Michael McCarthy who was curate in our parish from the late 1960's to early 1970's passed away Wednesday April 7 after a long illness. During his career he was Director of Catholic Immigration for the Sydney Archdiocese and Parish Priest of Oatley Parish. He spent many years as a resident of Lulworth House in Potts Point, the final residence of ALP luminaries of the past. RIP Fr. Mac.



MASS *Times*

Monday - Friday

8.15am Morning Prayer
8.30 am Mass
Followed by Rosary

Saturday

8.45am 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

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"He must increase, I must decrease"

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

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Triona Meagher



CONFESSION *Times*

Friday

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

Saturday

9:30 am & 4:30pm

Sunday

7am

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