

# WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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

**12th December 2021**  
**THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT—Year C**

## FEAST DAYS

13 Dec—St Lucy

14 Dec—St John of the Cross

## PARISH CONTACTS

### Administrator

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

### Assistant Priest

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

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Triona Meagher

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## MASS TIMES & OTHER WORSHIP

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

Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament: Thursdays 7—8pm



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.**

**There will be a Sausage Sizzle and games for the kids! We ask  
parishioners to bring a plate of 'finger food' to share with each  
other. It's going to be lots of fun and wonderful to be able to  
come together again in person.**

**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!!!**

**We also need volunteers to help tidy up the church grounds  
in readiness for our celebrations**



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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 2m<sup>2</sup> 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.*





**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](mailto: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**

## OUR CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

### December 24<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Eve

5:30 pm - SJB School Oval

*21a Dulkara Rd, Woy Woy*

8:00 pm - Church

10:00 pm - Church

### December 25<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Day

7:30 am - Church

9:15 am - Church

### December 26<sup>th</sup>: Boxing Day

7:30 am, 9:15 am, 5:00 pm

### December 27<sup>th</sup>: Public Holiday

9:00 am

### December 28<sup>th</sup>: Public Holiday

9:00 am

### December 31<sup>st</sup>: New Year's Eve

6:00 pm (Adoration)

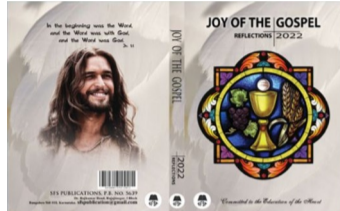
7:00 pm

### January 1<sup>st</sup>: New Year's Day

9:00 am and 5.00pm

Please note The 2ND Rite of Reconciliation is available at four Central Coast parishes next week:

- *St Patrick's, Gosford* - Tuesday 14th December at 7.00pm
- *Our Lady of the Rosary, Wyoming* - Wednesday 15th December at 7.30pm
- *Star of the Sea, Terrigal* - Thursday 16th December at 7.00pm
- *St John the Baptist, Woy Woy* - Friday 17th December at 7.00pm



***Our copies of "Joy of the Gospel 2022—Reflections" have arrived and are available at the Piety Stall for \$15***

Christmas Masses are generally much busier than other services held throughout the year.



We would be very grateful if you could volunteer to help our Wardens with Collections, Offertory Procession or any other small tasks needed to make our Christmas Masses special.

Thank you

## **Youth Ministry News**

Greetings to all Youth Leaders, Parents and Members. Due to the ongoing restrictions with the uncertainty of who is vaccinated and not vaccinated and the risk involved - our Youth Thanksgiving Gathering for this Sunday the 12th has been cancelled. I apologise for any inconvenience.

Where do we go from here?

Oliver Shepherd has volunteered to help direct the Youth Ministry Team with Leaders to lead the youth. Recruitment will start soon for a Team to actively run youth group activities. There will also be an Advisory Youth Group Committee to support and advocate the ongoing youth ministry and their activities. Anybody interested in this committee is welcome to apply, especially those who have youth ministry experiences. Those who are interested in nurturing and empowering young people to become disciples of Jesus Christ today, foster personal and spiritual growth of our sons and daughters. And to draw them to actively participate in the ministry of the Church. Have a blessed advent.

Please contact Oliver Shepherd 0430 302 086 or Kiliti Naati on 0412731979 for more information.



**This Sunday's 9.15am mass will be a memorial mass for Peter Paul Raj (Fr Timothy's brother). Please pray for his rest.**



## **Catechist Corner**

*INTERESTED IN HEARING MORE ABOUT THE WORK OF OUR CATECHISTS?*

PHONE DOROTHY FULTON 0400 190 040

### **MISSION and VISION**

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

### **READERS for 18/19 December 2021:**

**Sat 5pm—Jane & Paul Rutherford**

**Sun 7.30am—Isaak Giunter & Phoebe Glacken**

**Sun 9.15am—Olga Mihilli & Choir**

**Sun 5pm—Ann Hall & Peter Smith**

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

### **SERVERS for 18/19 December 2021:**

**Sat 5pm—Paul Cavanagh & Vincent Cavanagh**

**Sun 7.30am—Peter French & Paul Nolan**

**Sun 9.15am—Bernie French & Joesie Cameron**

**Sun 5pm—Laurie Jarvis**

### **CLEANERS for 17 December 2021:**

**Reg Harrington**

**Tom French**

**Linda Potestas**

**Christina Thorson**

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

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# LITURGY OF THE WORD

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## **Reading I: Zep 3:14-18a**

Shout for joy, O daughter Zion! Sing joyfully, O Israel! Be glad and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has removed the judgment against you he has turned away your enemies; the King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst, you have no further misfortune to fear. On that day, it shall be said to Jerusalem: Fear not, O Zion, be not discouraged! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior; he will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love, he will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals.

## **Responsorial Psalm: Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6.**

R. Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

## **Reading II: Phil 4:4-7**

Brothers and sisters: Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

## **Alleluia: Is 61:1 (cited in Lk 4:18)**

### **R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring glad tidings to the poor.

### **R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## **Gospel: Lk 3:10-18**

The crowds asked John the Baptist, "What should we do?" He said to them in reply, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He answered them, "Stop collecting more than what is prescribed." Soldiers also asked him, "And what is it that we should do?" He told them, "Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages."

Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people.



Patricia McPhee passed away in Gosford Hospital on Saturday 4 December 2021, aged 81. Pat was the parish secretary here at St John the Baptist Parish for nearly 20 years and also led the music for mass with the Folk Group. Pat also enjoyed being part of the parent community at St John the Baptist Primary School where she was President of the P&F and was a committee member for St Vincent de Paul.

Pat is survived by her husband Tony, and children Stephen, Caroline and Peter.  
Her daughter Elizabeth sadly passed away in 2017.

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**A service of Lessons and Carols  
Brisbane Water Ministers Association  
7.00 pm Saturday 18th December  
2021**

**St John the Baptist Catholic Church  
Woy Woy**

This is a joint Ecumenical service with

**Anglican    Baptist  
Lutheran    Roman Catholic  
Salvation Army    Uniting**

***All welcome!***

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

**Recently deceased:** Kathleen Patricia McPhee, Phyllis Dingley, Maria Sapri, Fr John Walsh SM, Colleen Cresswell, Peter Paul Raj

**Anniversary:** Ann Culmer, Bronia Clara Leonard, Jerzy Antoni Uminski

**Remembrance:** Peter Whiteman, Bianca Tignani, Anne Phelan

**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

You can also donate via Bpoint, which will take you to our Website for secure online payments.

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