



# WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



**10th July 2022**

**15th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME C**

### FEAST S & MEMORIALS

10 July—Apostleship of the Sea

11 July—St Benedict

13 July—St Henry

14 July—St Camillus de Lellis

15 July—St Bonaventure

16 July—Our Lady of Mount Carmel

### MASS TIMES &

### OTHER WORSHIP

#### Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil - 5.00pm

Sunday - 7.30am, 9.15am and 5.00pm

#### Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday: Morning prayer at 8.15am

followed by the Eucharist at 8.30am

Saturdays & Public holidays - 9.00am

#### Healing Mass

First Friday of the month during Mass at

4.00pm

#### Reconciliation/Confession

Friday -9.00am

First Friday of the month - 3.30pm

Saturday - 9.30am and 4.30pm

Sunday - 7.00am

#### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday evenings from 7pm - 8pm

#### Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Mon, Tues, Thurs—8.30am—3.00pm

Wed and Friday 8.30am - 4.00pm

#### Divine Will Cenacle

Thursdays 9.15am -10.30am



**AM I BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOUR?** As Jesus continues his journey to Jerusalem, he is confronted by a scholar of the law who wants to test him. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Jesus is asked about the greatest commandment. Here, in Luke's Gospel, the lawyer asks what we must do to inherit eternal life. In the other two Gospels, Jesus answers the question by quoting [Deuteronomy 6:5](#), on loving God with all your heart, and [Leviticus 19:18](#), on loving your neighbor. Here Jesus asks the expert to answer this question, "What is written in the law?" The man is caught and responds with Deuteronomy 6:5. This verse is one of the most important prayers in Judaism, and it was said twice a day in Jesus' time. Love of God and love of neighbor are what is required for eternal life. Jesus' response is simple, "Do this and you will live."

Having been shown up by Jesus, the lawyer tries another question: Who is my neighbor whom I must love like myself? In the society of Jesus' time, with its distinctions between Jews and Gentiles, men and women, clean and unclean, this was a trick question. Jesus responds with one of the most beautiful of all the parables, the Good Samaritan. It is found only in Luke's Gospel.


The road from Jerusalem to Jericho descends 3,300 feet in just 17 miles. Its narrow passes and rocky terrain made it an easy place for bandits to wait for travelers. The traveler in this parable is identified only as "a certain man." Luke uses this phrase in many of his parables so that the audience, Jew or Gentile, could identify with the man. After the attack, the man is left for dead, naked and bleeding on the side of the road. A priest comes along, but rather than helping, as one might expect, he moves to the other side of the road. Another religious person comes along, a Levite who assists in the Temple. His reaction is the same as the priest's. Both of them choose to not even find out if the man is alive. A third person comes along. The listeners would probably expect him to be an Israelite. This would make the parable a criticism of the religious leadership. Instead he is a Samaritan, an Israelite's most hated neighbor. Samaritans were descendants of Jews from the northern part of the country, who had intermarried with Gentiles and did not worship in Jerusalem. The Samaritan not only goes over to the injured man but cleans his wounds, puts him on his own animal, takes him to an inn to recover, and promises to pay all his expenses. The hated enemy is the compassionate neighbor in this parable.

Jesus has demolished all boundary expectations. It is not social definitions such as class, religion, gender, or ethnicity that determines who is our neighbor. A neighbor is a person who acts with compassion toward another. The point becomes not who deserves to be loved as I love myself, but that I become a person who treats everyone with compassion.

When Jesus asks the lawyer who was the neighbor in the story, the lawyer can't bring himself to say it was the Samaritan. All he says is that it was "the one who treated him with mercy." Jesus' response was similar to that of the first discussion: "Go and do likewise." The lawyer, and we, know what is right. The key is to do it.

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*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.*

# COMMUNITY NEWS



Fr Lourduwamy is finishing his mission with us at St John the Baptist on 15th July, before taking up his new mission. We will celebrate his time with us, at 9.15am mass on Sunday 10th July, followed by a community morning tea . Please join us to thank him for his service to our parish community and wish him all the best for his future missions.

Fr Timothy will present Brown Scapulas at 9.15am mass on 17th July. Anyone wanting to register, please contact Emma Baker on 0404 339 668



Children's Liturgy of the Word is now in recess for the School holidays and will resume 24th July during the 9:15am Mass. For more information contact Christine French 0431 765 401



**We warmly welcome those who were Baptised last weekend:**  
*Francesca Greig, Matilda Qalulu, Freddie Weeks, Arn Donnelly and Bronte Brown*

A pair of glasses was left in the Piety Stall last Saturday.

We also have an assortment of lonely earrings. If you think they may be yours, please contact the parish office on 4341 1073



Congratulations to Carl and Myree Bliim, who celebrated 70 years of marriage on 4th July 2022.



**Pease pray for our Youth and Leaders.**  
 10th July – Due to most families enjoying the school holidays away we **will not** have youth this Sunday. **Our next meeting will be on the 24th July .**

Please let Kiliti on 0412 731 979 or Oliver on 0430 302 086 know if you need further information. God bless.



## Peter's Pence Collection – 3 July 2022

Your donations express solidarity with those most in need. With your support, the whole Church can continue – in the words of Pope Francis – “to walk, to search for, visit, meet, listen to, share with and stop at those most in need”.

Funds assist projects including emergency help to those in need due to natural disasters, communities impacted by COVID, war, oppression and disease. Our generosity allows the Holy Father to respond to those suffering with love and compassion. **Thank you for your generosity.**

Last year, the Peter's Pence appeal in Australia was largely cancelled due to COVID-19 and your support this year is gratefully received by the Holy See.

Please give generously to the **Peter's Pence collection occurring at Masses on weekend of 10 July 2022.** Or jump online to donate at our parish website using the reference “Peter's Pence”.

## CLEANERS 15 July 2022:

Elena Egan  
 Tom French

Maria Owen  
 Reg Harrington

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



Today is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we rely on for daily living. Even during a pandemic, seafarers continue to bring into our ports products that sustain our population and economy. The Appeal today is for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. To assist this ministry, please send your donations to:

<https://stellamarisaustralia.org/sea-sunday-appeal/>

## Cash Housie !!!

Saturday nights 7.30pm  
 50 games at Peninsula Community Centre  
 93 Mc Masters Rd Woy Woy.

**Proceeds benefit our parish.**

For more information, please contact Robert Graham on 0427 990 818



## READERS for 16-17 July 2022:

Sat 5pm — Jane Rutherford & Paul Rutherford  
 Sun 7.30am — Veronica Jordan & Isaak Giunter  
 Sun 9.15am — Dawn Torrens & Olga Mhilli  
 Sun 5pm — Kristina Aitken & Lorena Lalor

## SERVERS for 16-17 July 2022:

Sat 5pm—Paul Cavanagh & Vincent Cavanagh  
 Sun 7.30am—Jose Torres & Paul Nolan  
 Sun 9.15am—Bob Wilson & Joesie Cameron  
 Sun 5pm —Pio Savea

## VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

- ◆ We are looking for volunteers to clean the bus once a month
- ◆ Volunteers to maintain the garden on a regular basis
- ◆ Senior Servers are always needed
- ◆ Welcomers are sought to greet parishioners and visitors for each weekend Mass

**How can YOU support OUR parish??? Please let us know—4341 1073**



# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## Reading 1: Dt 30:10-14

Moses said to the people: "If only you would heed the voice of the LORD, your God, and keep his commandments and statutes that are written in this book of the law, when you return to the LORD, your God, with all your heart and all your soul. "For this command that I enjoin on you today is not too mysterious and remote for you. It is not up in the sky, that you should say, 'Who will go up in the sky to get it for us and tell us of it, that we may carry it out?' Nor is it across the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross the sea to get it for us and tell us of it, that we may carry it out?' No, it is something very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts; you have only to carry it out."

## Responsorial Psalm: Ps 68 (69):14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37

R. Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live

## Reading 2: Col 1:15-20

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things he himself might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile all things for him, making peace by the blood of his cross through him, whether those on earth or those in heaven.

## Alleluia: Cf. Jn 6:63, 68

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life;  
you have the words of everlasting life.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

## Gospel: Lk 10:25-37

There was a scholar of the law who stood up to test Jesus and said, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read it?" He said in reply, "*You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.*" He replied to him, "You have answered correctly; do this and you will live." But because he wished to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. Likewise a Levite came to the place, and when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight. He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn, and cared for him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction, 'Take care of him. If you spend more than what I have given you, I shall repay you on my way back.' Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?" He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."



**The Good Neighbour**  
Adapted from Luke 10: 25-37

**JULY 22ND, 2022 6PM**  
HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS  
&  
**DISCERNMENT EVENING**  
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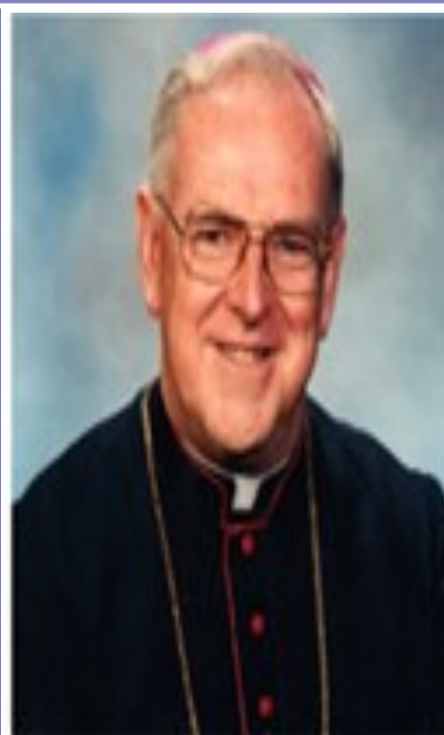


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6 PM ADORATION & EXPOSITION OF  
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & PRAYER  
FOR VOCATIONS.  
7 PM DINNER & TALK.



Join Us To Celebrate  
Bishop David Walker  
60th Ordination Anniversary  
Wednesday, 20th July 2022  
Mass @ 7:30pm Followed By Supper  
Harrington Hall, 94 Archer Street  
Our Lady Of Dolours Parish, Chatswood

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

**Recently deceased:** Nola McKeon

**Anniversary:** Allan Ryan, Peter Edward Brien, Robert George Uminski, Andrew Lee Seong-Soon, Brian McPhee

**Remembrance:** Bugeja, Catania and Grima families, Doris Galea

**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, 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, Janice Green, Robert Parker, Maureen Wardrop, Ros Harbig, Georgie Brigdale, Sue Campbell, Bobby Brame, Kerrie Roberts, Lauren Alchin, Bruce Yip, Ada Primrose Murphy, Cathy Eades, James Matthews, Clare Gleeson, Doreen Arahill, Theresa Mitchell, Anita Servi, Jean Pierre, Michael Tannous, Charles Lawson, Marsha Burzynski, Emma Mitchell, Vince Weigold, Lola DeSouza, Cathy Hennessy, Bev Purser, Joseph King, Maureen Fotheringham, Jim Cooper



### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for July:

#### **Elderly**

*We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.*

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

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