



WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



24th July 2022

17th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME C

FEASTS & MEMORIALS

25 July—St James

26 July—Sts Joachim and Anne

29 July—Sts Mary, Martha and Lazarus

30 July—St Peter Chrysologus

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



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Luke gives more attention to Jesus' teachings on prayer than any other Gospel writer. He also mentions Jesus at prayer more than the others. In today's reading, from the beginning of Chapter 11 of his Gospel, Luke presents the core of Jesus' teaching on prayer. It consists of Jesus teaching a prayer to his disciples, a parable on the persistent neighbor, and assurances that God hears our prayers.

The disciples notice Jesus praying "in a certain place." They ask him to teach them to pray just as John the Baptist had taught his disciples. Jesus teaches them a simple version of the most famous Christian prayer, the Our Father, or the Lord's Prayer. Matthew's version shows signs of being shaped by public prayer. Luke's version is probably closer to the original form that Jesus taught. Stripped of much of the language we are used to, Luke's version seems simple and direct. We pray that God's name will be recognized as holy and that his rule over all will be established. This is followed by petitions for our needs for bread, for forgiveness, and for deliverance. Luke uses the more theological language of "sins" rather than "debts," which is used in Matthew's version.



Having taught his disciples a simple, daily prayer, Jesus goes on to reassure them that God answers prayers. First he tells a parable about a persistent neighbor who asks a friend for bread at midnight. The friend is already in bed and has no desire to disturb his family by opening the door. But because the neighbor is persistent, the sleeping man gets up and gives him all that he needs. If a neighbor is willing to help us if we are persistent enough, how could God not respond to our requests?

This teaching concludes with the reminder that if we seek, we will get a response. If a human father, with all his faults, knows how to give good gifts to his children, how much more will our heavenly Father give us? Instead of good gifts, however, Luke substitutes the word *Holy Spirit*. This foreshadows the gift of the Holy Spirit, who is central to Luke's theology and who will play an important role in the growth of the early Church after Pentecost.

The parable and the concluding teaching in this section should not lead us to think of prayer as a series of requests presented to God. Rather, as Jesus teaches in his model prayer, prayer consists in recognizing God's holiness and his rule over all things.

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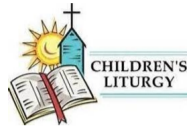
We The Woy Woy Catholic Parish acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years.

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 Timothy is finally taking leave, after 3 years!!! He will be away from 10th August until 10th September. Please respect his time off to rest and renew his physical health. Fr Geoff Bugden will fill in during Fr Timothy's absence.



 Children's Liturgy of the Word resumes 24th July during the 9:15am Mass. For more information contact Christine French 0431 765 401

PASTORAL WORKS Broken Bay If you have contributed to Pastoral Works Broken Bay during 2021-22 financial year, receipts will be available in the Gathering Area from 16th July 2022. If you prefer to have your receipt emailed, please contact the parish office.

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal **23/24.07.22**

The Appeal will be on the weekend of 23/24 July. It is our first appeal since 2019 and our local Conferences seek your support. All monies donated will be used for our Clients on the Woy Woy Peninsula. Your support will help us to provide food and other assistance. Thank You for your generosity.



 We warmly welcome those who were Baptised last weekend:
Lydia Carrodous, Archer Carroll and Ivy James



We will have a church garden working bee on Saturday 30th July from 10.00am. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

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



Catholic Youth Broken Bay together with Glorious, a group of enthusiastic and creative young adults, invite young people across the diocese to 'Praisefest: Welcome to Mercy.'

Date: Friday, 19 August from 7:00pm – 9:00pm at Our Lady of the Rosary

Parish at The Entrance.

The theme, 'Welcome to Mercy', invites each young person to delve into Christ's fountain of life regardless of past, failures, or current relationship with Christ. It also aims to connect the merciful and social justice work which students currently participate in through their schools, to the mercy that flows from Christ. The evening will include outdoor games, live music, Q&A panel, testimony and of course, a Praise Party! More information will be announced over the coming weeks.

CLEANERS 29 July 2022:

There are no cleaners rostered for 5th Friday of the month. Next group rostered for 5th August 2022

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

READERS for 30-31 July 2022:

Sat 5pm — Marie Andrews & Jane Rutherford

Sun 7.30am — Phoebe Glacken & Dorothy Fulton

Sun 9.15am — Dawn Torrens & Joesie Cameron

Sun 5pm — Peter Smith & Lorena Lalor

SERVERS for 30-31 July 2022:

Sat 5pm—Paul Cavanagh & Vincent Cavanagh

Sun 7.30am—Jose Torres Steve Hopley

Sun 9.15am—Bob Wilson & Hanaa El Khatib

Sun 5pm —Pio Savea

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

We offer our sincere condolences to all their families.



Phyllis O'Regan served as an orthopedics nurse.

Her life will be celebrated at St John the Baptist church at 11.00am on Thursday 28th July 2022

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Pope Francis has proclaimed the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated on the fourth Sunday in July each year – July 24 this year or this Sunday. The Day is marked near the feast of Sts Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.

Parishes, schools, aged care facilities and other ministries are encouraged to find creative ways to celebrate the contribution of older people to their families and communities.

The theme for this year's celebration is "In old age they will still bear fruit", taken from Psalm 92. Find prayer and liturgical resources and [Pope Francis' message](#)



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: Gn 18:20-32

In those days, the LORD said: "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great, and their sin so grave, that I must go down and see whether or not their actions fully correspond to the cry against them that comes to me. I mean to find out." While Abraham's visitors walked on farther toward Sodom, the LORD remained standing before Abraham. Then Abraham drew nearer and said: "Will you sweep away the innocent with the guilty? Suppose there were fifty innocent people in the city; would you wipe out the place, rather than spare it for the sake of the fifty innocent people within it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to make the innocent die with the guilty so that the innocent and the guilty would be treated alike! Should not the judge of all the world act with justice?" The LORD replied, "If I find fifty innocent people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake." Abraham spoke up again: "See how I am presuming to speak to my Lord, though I am but dust and ashes! What if there are five less than fifty innocent people? Will you destroy the whole city because of those five?" He answered, "I will not destroy it, if I find forty-five there." But Abraham persisted, saying "What if only forty are found there?" He replied, "I will forbear doing it for the sake of the forty." Then Abraham said, "Let not my Lord grow impatient if I go on. What if only thirty are found there?" He replied, "I will forbear doing it if I can find but thirty there." Still Abraham went on, "Since I have thus dared to speak to my Lord, what if there are no more than twenty?" The LORD answered, "I will not destroy it, for the sake of the twenty." But he still persisted: "Please, let not my Lord grow angry if I speak up this last time. What if there are at least ten there?" He replied, "For the sake of those ten, I will not destroy it."

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 137 (138):1-3, 6-8

R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

Reading 2: Col 2:12-14

Brothers and sisters: You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And even when you were dead in transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, he brought you to life along with him, having forgiven us all our transgressions; obliterating the bond against us, with its legal claims, which was opposed to us, he also removed it from our midst, nailing it to the cross.

Alleluia: Rom 8:15

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.



Gospel: Lk 11:1-13

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread and forgive us our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us, and do not subject us to the final test." And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived at my house from a journey and I have nothing to offer him,' and he says in reply from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked and my children and I are already in bed. I cannot get up to give you anything.' I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence. "And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish? Or hand him a scorpion when he asks for an egg? If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"

Australia enjoys one of the highest standards of living in the world, and we're living longer. Getting older should be fun – you have more time to do things you have always wanted to, to socialise with friends and learn new things. But you may just need a little help to maximise those opportunities, to tackle changes in health, mobility and connecting with others. Through the Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP), CatholicCare can help you to continue living independently at home, while getting practical and social support you need. Services can be tailored to best suit your needs. For more information call us today on 9488 2488 or visit www.catholiccaredbb.org.au.



Congratulations Bishop David Walker—60th Anniversary



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

Recently deceased: Nola McKeowen, Phyllis O'Regan, Clare Gleeson

Anniversary: James Alphonsus Player, Mabel Catherine Snell, Albert David Snell, Pasquale Sergei, Enrico Zappavigna, Sr Anne O'Shaughnessy, Sergei de Souza

Remembrance:

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, 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, 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, Christine Semark, Rae Busby

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

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